

# **Real Estate Branch**

Aloha Condominium Owners and Other Interested Individuals,

The Real Estate Commission wishes you a happy and prosperous New Year! The Commission continues to appreciate your desire to educate and inform yourselves regarding condominium matters. In this first email of 2024, the Commission wishes to highlight the December 2023 Hawaii Condominium Bulletin, 2023 recap of the Commission's activities, upcoming educational seminars and a legislative update.

If you missed an email, all of the topics covered in prior informational emails are available here.

## December 2023 Hawaii Condominium Bulletin

The December Hawaii Condominium Bulletin has been published. The December bulletin covers topics such as the continuation or cancellation of meetings, the Akamai Buyer, ask the condominium specialist, and a very special farewell to a retiring staff member. A link to the December 2023 Condominium Bulletin in PDF can be reached <u>here</u>.

## 2023 Recap

The Hawaii Real Estate Commission had an active 2023, hosting <u>two Condorama seminars</u>, in April and November of 2023, new brochures such as the <u>2023 Legislative Update</u>, <u>Updating the Governing Documents</u>, <u>The Condominium Registration Process</u>, <u>Developer Best Practices</u>, <u>new rulings</u> on cooperative conversions and developer communications, <u>two DCCA task forces</u> established to review alternative dispute resolution and condominium rights, and many other issues.

## Community Associations Institute Hawaii Chapter (CAI) - Educational Events

CAI Hawaii is an organization that serves the educational, business, and networking needs of associations ranging from condominiums and cooperatives to planned community associations. The Condominium Education Trust Fund (CETF) partially subsidizes a select number of CAI Hawaii condominium educational events procured by the Commission for members of registered condominium associations. These educational events are open to anyone who wishes to attend, including directors, owners, property managers, attorneys, and the general public. Please contact CAI Hawaii for attendance fees.

CAI Hawaii will be hosting a live in-person seminar "**Tips For A Successful Meeting Season**" on **Wednesday, January 24, 2024** from 12:00 PM to 1:30 PM at the <u>Japanese Cultural Center</u>. "**Ask The Consultants and Contractors**" will be held on **Thursday, March 7**, at the Hawaii Buildings Facilities and Property Management Expo, with the time to be determined. Visit CAI Hawaii's website and contact them for registration <u>here</u>. Please be aware that CAI Hawaii may change the contents, times, and dates of their educational events and host new events.

Hawaii Council of Community Associations (HCCA) – Virtual Educational Event CEB - January 2024 HCCA is a nonprofit that since October 1975 has provided educational and legislative efforts on behalf of condominiums, cooperative housing, and planned community associations. The Commission does not endorse the views or activities of HCCA and has not procured any contracts with HCCA. The Commission is merely informing interested parties of their events. Please see their website at <u>http://hawaiicouncil.org/</u> for more information.

HCCA has an upcoming hybrid educational event, both in person and via webinar, on "**Deciphering Your Condo's Financial Statements**" **on Thursday, February 29, 2024,** from 12:00 PM to 1:30 PM at the <u>Oahu Country</u> <u>Club</u>. This event may be sold out, but the Commission encourages condominium owners to regularly check <u>HCCA's website</u> for new events. Please be aware that HCCA may change the contents of their educational events and host new events.

#### Community Council of Maui (CCM) – Educational Events

CCM is a nonprofit, originally formed in 1991 dedicated to providing Maui's community associations with opportunities for networking, education, and advocacy. They hold six educational seminars annually regarding community association issues. The Commission does not endorse the views or activities of CCM and has not procured any contracts with CCM. The Commission is merely informing interested parties of their events. Please see their website at <a href="https://ccmmaui.com">https://ccmmaui.com</a> for more information.

CCM has an upcoming in-person educational event, "What does a Property Management Company do for your Association?" on February 9, 2024, from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM, at the <u>Marilyn Monroe House located at</u> <u>the King Kamehameha Golf Course Clubhouse</u>. Visit CCM's website and contact them for registration <u>here</u>. Please be aware that CCM may change the schedule and contents of their educational events and introduce new events.

#### 2024 Legislative Session

The legislative session opens on January 17<sup>th</sup> with typically thousands of bills submitted for discussion and debate on all sorts of issues relevant to the state, including condominium living. Major upcoming deadlines include first lateral, where bills assigned to more than one committee must move to their final committee and decking, where bills must be passed by assigned committees and filed with their respective chamber's clerk to continue the legislative process. You can find additional information on the Legislature's website, their legislative calendar, and search for specific bills and topics by "Subject Search." Please contact the LRB's public access room for additional assistance with the legislative process.

If you found any of this information helpful, please spread the word and invite other interested parties to subscribe to the email list <u>here</u>. Also, please visit our website at <u>http://www.hawaii.gov/hirec</u> for assistance in answering any questions concerning the Hawaii Real Estate Branch and all licensing issues.

If there are any further questions, please contact our office at (808) 586-2643, between the hours of 7:45 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Hawaiian Standard Time.

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