

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE CHARTER

WEST HAWAII ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS®

CHAIR

Appointed by the President. The Chair shall conduct meetings in accordance with Robert's Rules, keep discussion on track with the agenda, ensure all committee members are able to participate in the free exchange of ideas, and hear feedback from the Association's membership.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership comprised of REALTORS® and Sponsor/Affiliate Members, all committee members are voting members. Members who miss three (3) or more meetings may be deemed to have resigned from the committee. The President and President-Elect are ex-officio members and shall be notified of all meetings.

MEETINGS

Virtual meetings held monthly on a date and time agreed upon by the committee. Additional meetings may be called on an as-needed basis.

GOVERNANCE

Established by WHAR BOD.

PURPOSE/SCOPE

To monitor, inform membership, and advocate on county legislation and related issues which have a potential effect on real estate, business practices, and private property rights. When requested from HAR/NAR participate at the state and federal levels.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Monitor local issues impacting the real estate industry and property owners.
- Review and revise position statements as needed to be approved by the BOD.
- Develop and update a priority issues list aligned with position statements.
- Communicate position statements and priority issues list to membership and encourage engagement in issues through social media.
- Engage in dialog related to priority issues or position statements with other community organizations.
- Advocate positions on priority issues with appropriate County leadership (Council, Cabinet, etc.).
- Submit written or verbal testimony on priority issues as determined by the committee.
- Encourage and facilitate member participation through calls to action on priority issues.