RISE Together Hawai‘i

RISE *(Resilient Infrastructure for Shelter and Equity)* is a practical way to pay for **critical infrastructure needs** today, **without raising property taxes**. It gives counties a **transparent, accountable** tool to help fund roads, water and sewer upgrades, drainage, and other public improvements that support housing, strengthen communities, and prepare Hawai’i for the future.



- Invests in critical infrastructure needs
- No increase in property tax rates
- Transparent, accountable local decision-making

Why RISE

Hawai’i faces real infrastructure challenges at a time when families are already stretched. The high cost of living, the lack of housing people can afford, aging roads and utilities, and increasing vulnerability to storms and flooding all point to the same need: communities need better ways to invest in public infrastructure without endlessly shifting more costs onto taxpayers.



High cost of living: Residents are already paying much for everyday life. We cannot rely only on tax payers to shoulder every new infrastructure cost.

Affordable housing: Homes need the infrastructure around them, roads, water, sewer, drainage, and site improvements, before they can move forward.

Storms and resilience: Hawai’i’s communities are vulnerable to flooding, storms, and climate pressures, making stronger public infrastructure more urgent.

Aging infrastructure: Many roads, utilities and public systems are outdated, deteriorating, or in need of replacement and modernization.

How RISE works

RISE helps counties pay for needed infrastructure up front and repay that cost over time with the new public revenue created by growth in the area, without raising property tax rates. It is a practical, transparent way to help build what communities need.

1

County identifies an area
A county selects an area where public improvements are needed to support housing, community growth, or other local priorities.

2

County creates a public plan
The county lays out what infrastructure is needed, such as roads, drainage, water, sewer, or other improvements, and how the plan will work.

3

Infrastructure is funded up front
RISE helps communities move forward sooner by covering eligible infrastructure costs now, instead of waiting until all funds are available up front.

4

New growth helps repay the cost
As the area grows, the new property tax revenue generated there helps repay the investment over time, without increasing property tax rates.

VOTE YES ON QUESTION 2: The Hawai‘i Constitutional Amendment ballot measure

LOOK FOR AMENDMENT QUESTION 2!

Why it matters

Hawaii faces urgent needs that can’t wait: affordable housing, safer roads and bridges, reliable water systems, and stronger resilience to storms and sea level rise.

RISE creates a smart, transparent way to pay for critical infrastructure today, without raising property taxes or adding to county debt.

What it does

The Hawai‘i Constitutional Amendment gives each county the authority to use a proven financing tool to fund essential infrastructure.

It does not approve any specific project and does not raise taxes.

Counties still decide if, where, and how it’s used.

A blank vote counts as NO

If you leave the question blank, it counts against the amendment.

Question #2

Shall the Hawaii State Constitution be amended to direct the legislature to authorize the counties to issue resilient infrastructure for shelter and equity bonds to fund public improvements in designated districts, repaid solely by future growth in property tax revenues within those districts, not by increasing real property tax rates, where such bonds are excluded from the counties' debt limit and are subject to accountability and oversight requirements as may be provided by law?

- [ ] YES
- [ ] NO

What RISE can help deliver

RISE empowers counties to invest in the infrastructure that builds a stronger, more affordable, and more resilient Hawaii’s.

Affordable Housing
Build more homes people can afford by funding roads, water, sewer, and utility connections upfront.

Storm Resilience & Climate Adaptation
Strengthen shoreline, drainage, and natural defenses to better withstand storms, flooding, and rising seas.

Safe Roads & Bridges
Fix and improve critical roads and bridges to keep families safe and communities connected.

Public Facilities & Community Assets
Support schools, parks, community centers, and other facilities that improve quality of life.

Water & Wastewater Systems
Invest in reliable water, sewer, and wastewater infrastructure to protect public health and our precious water resources.

Jobs & Economic Opportunity
Create local jobs and strengthen Hawaii’s economy through infrastructure investments that benefit everyone.

What You Can Do to Help

Vote for RISE

Your support is smart, responsible, and investments in the infrastructure that our communities need without raising taxes.

Tell family & friends to vote

Spread the word about RISE. When all vote, we build stronger, more resilient communities together.

Sign up to learn more

Stay informed, receive updates, and learn how RISE works by visiting **risetogetherhawaii.org** or scan the QR code.

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