

## Hawai'i

Voters in Hawaii will elect a Governor, Lt. Governor, and state legislators in the 2018 election cycle. All 51 seats are up in the state House and 12 seats are up in the state Senate. Democrats are expected to maintain the governorship and both chambers.

### Governor

#### Republican Nominee

#### [State Representative Andria Tupola](#)

Andria Tupola has served in the Hawaii House of Representatives for four years and recently served as Minority Leader. She is running on housing, education and job growth.

Representative Tupola is proposing lowering taxes paired with making government more efficient. She has [stated](#) that the state should be more vigilant with Honolulu Harbor leasing and illegal Airbnb-type rentals evading taxes.

She wants to put more focus on communities to tackle the island's homelessness issues by creating regional teams of nonprofits, county officials, law enforcement officials, community organizers, and the homeless themselves. She favors access to financial literacy programs and life skills programs for individuals after they have transitioned to permanent housing.

Representative Tupola pledges to increase oversight of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands and to include beneficiaries in the process of recommending DHHL Commissioners. She also supports efforts to decrease the 50% blood quantum requirement for beneficiaries to house more Native Hawaiians.

Representative Tupola is calling for increased funding for both rural and charter schools. She also favors re-evaluating the weighted student formula. She supports raising teacher salaries and expanding medical benefits for staff.

She also touts traditional Republican values like lowering the corporate tax rate and deregulation.

***Trivia:** Her 2014 House race was her first foray into politics. She won and was the only candidate to unseat an incumbent in the general election.*