

HAWAII

Voters in Hawaii will elect a Governor this cycle. The Attorney General is appointed by the Governor. All 51 House seats will be on the ballot as well as half (12) the Senate seats. Democrats are expected to maintain control of the Governor's Office, Office of Attorney General, and the legislature.

Governor

Republican Nominee

[Duke Aiona](#)

Duke Aiona (R) is a former Lieutenant Governor of Hawaii (2002-2010) and previous candidate for governor. Aiona was the Republican nominee for governor for two cycles, in 2010 and 2014. Prior to public office, he served both as an attorney and a judge for the state.

Aiona has focused on addressing the [housing crisis](#) throughout his campaign. His proposed programs focus on homeownership, rather than developing more housing. Aiona has suggested requiring homebuyers to sign deeds that restricted the sale of their units at market rates.

Another issue of prominence for Aiona is [Red Hill](#). While his opponent, Lt. Governor Josh Green (D) is connecting the future relationship with the military to the work to clean up Red Hill, Aiona has been less equivocal. He says that under his leadership, the state would continue to have a positive relationship with the military despite the Red Hill crisis. However, Aiona would like to see the Navy speed up the timeline for shutting the facility down.

He has cited the Hilo Medical Center as a cause for [concern](#), stating that the issue has been kicked down the road by administrations. Apart from the medical center, he is calling for an evaluation of the entire Hawaii Health Systems Corporation as a whole.

At the close of the most recent campaign disclosure report, Aiona [reported](#) having just over \$5,300 cash on hand after raising close to \$80,000 in the election period to date.

Trivia: Aiona got his nickname "Duke," named after Dodgers center-fielder Duke Snider, from his father, James Aiona, Sr.