

HAWAII

Hawaii voters will select their nominees for governor and the state legislature. As a deep-blue state, Governor Josh Green second term is essentially secured, and the legislature is expected to maintain Democratic supermajorities in both chambers.

Governor

Democratic Nominee

Governor Josh Green

Governor Green began his career as a physician and ER doctor. He entered politics in 2004, serving four years in the state House and ten years in the state Senate. In 2018, he was elected lieutenant governor and subsequently elected governor in 2022.

Green's **Affordability** Plan (GAP) was a centerpiece of his first term. GAP doubled the earned income tax credits and increased tax credits for food and childcare. The primary goal of GAP is to reduce state income tax payments by 71% by 2031.

Green's second term priorities include expanding access to **affordable housing**, addressing chronic **homelessness**, lowering the costs of **healthcare**, and investing in **clean energy**.

Since taking office, Green has addressed the state's permitting processes to accelerate **affordable housing development**. He launched the Hawaii Affordable Housing Pipeline Dashboard to publicly track this progress. Green plans to expand his kauhale initiative to 30 villages by the end of 2026, providing over 1,500 units of housing for the homeless.

Green launched the Hawaii Healthcare Education Loan Repayment Program (HELP) designed to address the state's physician shortage and secure Medicaid coverage for palliative care.

During his tenure, Green led Maui wildfire recovery efforts, highlighting his success in housing nearly 8,000 displaced survivors and allocating billions of dollars for recovery initiatives. To prepare for future disasters, Green deployed wildfire sensors statewide.

In 2024, Green established the Climate Advisory Team tasked with developing community-informed recommendations to minimize the impacts of future climate-related disasters and to set climate goals moving forward.

Both the Cook Political Report and Sabato's Crystal Ball have labeled this race highly in Green's favor.

Trivia: Josh Green has been named Physician of the Year by the Hawaii Medical Association twice and recently received the Outstanding Government Service Award from the American Medical Association.