



DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY • COUNTY OF HAWAII

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**WATER BOARD, COUNTY OF HAWAII
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Water Board of the County of Hawai‘i will hold a public hearing at the Department of Water Supply, Hilo Operations, 889 Leilani Street, Hilo, Hawai‘i, on **February 24, 2026, at 9:45 a.m.**, for the purpose of considering and adopting an adjustment to the current Power Cost Charge, pursuant to Hawai‘i Revised Statutes, Chapter 54, Part III, as amended.

RATE CHANGE: POWER COST CHARGE

The current Power Cost Charge of \$2.98 per thousand gallons is under consideration for a possible decrease to reflect decreased power costs from all power sources. The proposed Power Cost Charge will be **at a rate of \$2.84** per thousand gallons. The approved rate will be effective the first day of the month after the establishment of the rate by the Water Board.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: The purpose of the public hearing is to afford all interested persons a reasonable opportunity to provide comments on the department's proposed Power Cost Charge. Comments may be presented orally at the public hearing or submitted to the Chairperson in writing by email (dws@hawaiidws.org), fax (808-961-8657), or by mail: 345 Kekūanao'a Street, Suite 20, Hilo, HI 96720. All testimony, regardless of time of receipt, will be part of the permanent record.

Remote Oral Testimony:

Telephone testimony may be presented by calling 1 (669) 254-5252 and entering meeting ID 161 835 3377. The Chair will unmute testifiers who call in, one phone number at a time.

Optional Alternative to Present Remote Oral Testimony:

If you would like to testify via an online video link, please email dws@hawaiidws.org at least 24 hours before the meeting to request the link. You may also email to pre-register to present telephone testimony if you wish to be called on by name or before those who have not pre-registered. Testifiers who wish to remain anonymous or have not pre-registered may still call the testimony phone number and follow the instructions listed above.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Information about all the board's public hearings are available [here](#). General information about the board is available at [About the Water Board](#).

In the event the online remote connection is interrupted during the public hearing, the hearing shall recess for up to 30 minutes to allow for reestablishing the online remote connections. If the online remote connection cannot be reestablished after 30 minutes the hearing shall be adjourned and then reconvene per the following contingency plans:

Board shall reconvene on: February 25, 2026, 9:45 a.m.
Board shall reconvene at: DWS, Hilo Operations, 889 Leilani Street, Hilo, Hawai'i

REMOTE MEETING LIVE STREAM:
https://www.facebook.com/HawaiiDWS/live_videos/

If accommodation or auxiliary aid and/or services (i.e., sign language, interpreter, large print) to participate in the hearing is required, please call (808) 961-8050.

Dated at Hilo, Hawai‘i, this 29th day of January, 2026.

WATER BOARD OF THE
COUNTY OF HAWAI‘I

By: Michael Kekela Jr.
Its Chairperson

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Hawai‘i Tribune-Herald
February 4, 2026

West Hawai‘i Today
February 4, 2026