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Hawai'i Designer Earns Appointment to National Building Board

Hinano Nahinu becomes the first representative from Hawai'i to serve on a national building industry board

HONOLULU, HI (February 24, 2026) – The Building Industry Association of Hawaii (BIA Hawaii) proudly announces the appointment of Hinano Nahinu, Owner and Founder of [Hinano Interiors](#), to the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) Professional Women in Building Council Board of Trustees. A Native Hawaiian award-winning designer, Nahinu will represent Hawaii on the national stage.

In 2024, during her tenure as President of the BIA Hawaii Board of Directors, Nahinu chartered Hawaii's first [Professional Women in Building Council](#) chapter—expanding opportunities for women leaders across the state's building industry. Her new national appointment marks a historic milestone as the first time a Hawaii resident has been named to an NAHB board.

Based in Washington, D.C., NAHB represents more than 700 state and local associations and over 140,000 members nationwide. The federation advocates for housing policy, delivers industry research, and supports professionals who build approximately 80% of new homes in the United States.

“We are incredibly proud of Hinano’s appointment to the NAHB Professional Women in Building Council Board of Trustees,” said Roseann Freitas, CEO of BIA Hawaii. “Hinano is a visionary leader who will represent our state with pride and dignity while advancing opportunities for women in the building industry in Hawaii and nationwide.”

About the Building Industry Association of Hawaii

The Building Industry Association of Hawaii (BIA Hawaii) is the voice of the construction industry and Hawaii's leading not-for-profit trade organization chartered by the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) in 1955, with more than 300 professional members across the industry including developers, contractors, suppliers, realtors, and associate companies. BIA Hawaii is a proud supporter and advocate of housing at all price points, and our members work together to build the living spaces that kama'aina call home. Together, we educate, advocate, and grow. Industry Elite Partners are Armstrong Builders, Castle & Cooke Homes Hawaii, Gentry Homes, Honsador Lumber, and HPM Building Supply. 2026 Corporate Sponsors include Hawaiian Dredging, Haloa Construction, Inspired Closets, Lung Rose Voss Wagnild, Hawaiian Electric Company, Howard Hughes Communities and Kapili Roofing and Painting.

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Hinano Nahinu

Owner and Founder of Hinano Interiors

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