

Hawai'i 2021 Redistricting: Least Change Plan

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This map achieves perfect population while following Hawai'i current district lines as closely as possible. The only area of change is southwestern O'ahu, where all of Ko Olina and portions of Kalaeloa and Kapolei were moved to District 2, as it was underpopulated by approximately 1,500 people. There are no VRA concerns with this map, as both districts are solidly majority-minority and the populations changed very little from the current map.

Hawai'i state law requires that congressional districts comply with the following principles: districts must be contiguous; must be compact, if practicable; and must follow permanent and easily recognized features where possible, and coincide with census tracts where practicable. Where practicable, districts must also avoid submerging one area in another with substantially different predominant socioeconomic interests, and no district may be drawn so as to unduly favor a person or political faction. This map complies with all of the above principles, only splitting census tracts twice to achieve perfect population balance. To follow natural features to do this, there would need to be substantial changes elsewhere on O'ahu, notably in the central region, which goes against the nature of this least change map. This is the back path towards perfect population equality while staying as close to previous lines as possible.