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Part LII

# Federal Housing Finance Board

Semiannual Regulatory Agenda

#### FEDERAL HOUSING FINANCE BOARD (FHFB)

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#### 12 CFR Ch. IX

#### Agenda of Federal Regulatory and Deregulatory Actions

**AGENCY:** Federal Housing Finance Board.

ACTION: Semiannual regulatory agenda.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Housing Finance Board (Finance Board) hereby publishes items for the Unified Agenda of Federal Regulatory and Deregulatory Actions, as required by section 4 of Executive Order 12866. The Finance Board is an independent agency in the executive branch of the Government that is charged by statute with supervising and regulating the Nation's Federal Home

Loan Bank (Bank) System and the Financing Corporation (FICO). The Bank System comprises 12 regional Federal Home Loan Banks that are each owned by their member financial institutions and that provide wholesale credit to members and certain nonmembers to be used for mortgage lending and related community lending activities. The Bank System also includes the Office of Finance, which issues Bank System consolidated obligations. FICO is a corporate entity separate from the Bank System that oversees outstanding debt issued to assist in resolving the savings and loan crisis of the 1980s. The Finance Board has an ongoing need to adopt various regulations dealing with the agency's internal administration and with Bank System and FICO issues.

This edition of the Unified Agenda of Federal Regulatory and Deregulatory Actions includes The Regulatory Plan, which appears in part II of this issue of the **Federal Register**. The Finance Board's Statement of Regulatory Priorities is included in part II.

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#### Federal Housing Finance Board—Final Rule Stage

Sequence Number	Title	Regulation Identifier Number
3994	Affordable Housing Program	3069–AB26
3995	Minimum Retained Earnings Requirement and Limitations on Excess Stock	3069–AB30

#### Federal Housing Finance Board—Long-Term Actions

Sequence Number	Title	Regulation Identifier Number
3996	Board Governance	3069–AB19
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3998	Community Support Requirements	3069–AB21
3999	Federal Home Loan Bank Anti-Money Laundering Programs	3069–AB27

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Sequence Number	Title	Regulation Identifier Number
4000	Data Reporting Requirements for the Federal Home Loan Banks	3069–AB28
4001	Federal Home Loan Bank Director Elections	3069–AB31

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#### 3994. AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROGRAM

**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Legal Authority: 12 USC 1430(j)

#### CFR Citation: 12 CFR 951

#### Legal Deadline: None

**Abstract:** The Finance Board is adopting comprehensive amendments to its Affordable Housing Program regulation.

#### Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/28/05	70 FR 76938
NPRM Comment Period End	04/27/06	
Final Action Effective	01/00/07	

#### **Final Rule Stage**

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### Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

#### Small Entities Affected: No

#### Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 3069–AB26

#### 3995. MINIMUM RETAINED EARNINGS REQUIREMENT AND LIMITATIONS ON EXCESS STOCK

**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant

**Legal Authority:** 12 USC 1422a(a)(3); 12 USC 1422b(a)(1); 12 USC 1426(a)(4); 12 USC 1436(a)

### **CFR Citation:** 12 CFR 917; 12 CFR 925; 12 CFR 930; 12 CFR 931; 12 CFR 934

#### Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: In March 2006, the Federal Housing Finance Board proposed a rule that would limit the amount of excess stock that a Federal Home Loan Bank (Bank) can have outstanding and that would prescribe a minimum amount of retained earnings for each Bank. The proposed amendments also would prohibit a Bank from selling excess stock to its members and paving dividends in the form of stock, and would restrict a Bank's ability to pay dividends when its retained earnings are below the prescribed minimum and require that a Bank declare and pay its dividends only after the close of the quarter to which the dividend relates.

#### Final Rule Stage

#### Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	03/15/06	71 FR 13306
NPRM Comment Period End	07/13/06	
Final Action	12/00/06	

### Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

#### Small Entities Affected: No

#### Government Levels Affected: None

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#### 3996. BOARD GOVERNANCE

#### **Priority:** Other Significant

**CFR Citation:** 12 CFR 915; 12 CFR 917; 12 CFR 918

Timetable: Next Action Undetermined Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 3069–AB19

#### 3997. NEW BUSINESS ACTIVITIES

**Priority:** Other Significant **CFR Citation:** 12 CFR 980

Timetable: Next Action Undetermined Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

#### Government Levels Affected: None

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#### 3998. COMMUNITY SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS

**Priority:** Other Significant

CFR Citation: 12 CFR 944

Timetable: Next Action Undetermined

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

#### Government Levels Affected: None

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#### 3999. FEDERAL HOME LOAN BANK ANTI-MONEY LAUNDERING PROGRAMS

Long-Term Actions

**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

CFR Citation: 12 CFR 979

#### Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	To Be	Determined

### Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

#### Government Levels Affected: None

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## 4000. DATA REPORTING

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### REQUIREMENTS FOR THE FEDERAL HOME LOAN BANKS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: None

#### **CFR Citation:** 12 CFR 900; 12 CFR 914; 12 CFR 915; 12 CFR 917; 12 CFR 925; 12 CFR 950 to 952; 12 CFR 955

Legal Deadline: None

**Abstract:** This rule is part of the Finance Board's reorganization of data reporting requirements for the Federal Home Loan Banks.

**Completed Actions** 

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#### Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	02/28/05	70 FR 9551
NPRM Comment Period End	04/29/05	
Final Action	06/14/06	71 FR 35495
Final Action Effective	07/21/06	

### Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

#### Small Entities Affected: No

#### Government Levels Affected: None

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#### 4001. ● FEDERAL HOME LOAN BANK DIRECTOR ELECTIONS

**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant

**Legal Authority:** 12 USC 1422(a)(3); 12 USC 1422 b(a); 12 USC 1426; 12 USC 1427; 12 USC 1432

CFR Citation: 12 CFR 915

#### Legal Deadline: None

**Abstract:** The Federal Housing Finance Board amended its rules to assist each Federal Home Loan Bank (Bank) in having a board of directors whose members possess the range of skills and experience best suited to administer the affairs of the Bank.

#### **Completed Actions**

#### Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	07/18/06	71 FR 40643
Final Action Effective	07/18/06	

#### **Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Reguired:** No

Government Levels Affected: None

Federalism: Undetermined

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