



*Hawai'i*  
**WOMEN'S LEGISLATIVE CAUCUS**  
**2017 CAUCUS PACKAGE**





# **STATE OF HAWAII**

## **WOMEN'S LEGISLATIVE CAUCUS**

### **OVERVIEW**

For over 20 years, the Hawai'i Women's Legislative Caucus has advocated for the diverse interests of women, children, and families throughout the Aloha State. Caucus membership includes all women members of the Hawai'i State Legislature which now includes 21 state legislators, fourteen State Representatives and seven State Senators.

Beginning in 2015 and formalized in 2016, the Caucus was expanded to include women members of the four county councils to join state lawmakers in promoting legislation at the state and county levels. Over the next year, the Caucus will identify opportunities and develop processes that encourage greater collaboration among state and county lawmakers.

Each year, the Women's Legislative Caucus introduces an official package of bills and resolutions in both the Senate and House of Representatives. Inclusion of measures in the package are based upon approval by a majority of the Caucus members. In 2016, almost half of the formal Caucus bills and three of the five informal Caucus bills were enacted and six of eight Resolutions were adopted. In order to broaden involvement and stimulate further engagement within the Caucus, Senators Rosalyn H. Baker and Laura Thielen, and Representatives Della Au Belatti and Lauren Matsumoto return as co-conveners for the 2017 session.



*Fuller Hall, YWCA O'ahu (July 5, 2016)(L-R): Women's Legislative Caucus members Jill Tokuda, Sylvia Luke, Lynn DeCoite, Cynthia Thielen, Della Au Belatti, Dee Morikawa, Rosalyn H. Baker, Michelle N. Kidani, Donna Mercado Kim, Laura H. Thielen, Lauren Kealohilani Matsumoto, Beth Fukumoto, and Linda Ichiyama with Governor David Ige at the 2016 Women's Legislative Caucus bill signing ceremony.*

# **2017 CAUCUS PACKAGE DEDICATION**

## **WOMEN'S MARCH ON WASHINGTON**

On January 21, 2017, thousands of women, with their partners, children, families and allies throughout the Hawaiian islands, joined with millions who marched in Washington D.C. and across the globe to stand up for the protection of women's rights, safety, health, and their families. These marches sent a bold message to local and national leaders—and to the world—that women's rights are human rights.

Born from the rhetoric and frustrations experienced by many during the 2016 election cycle, the Women's March on Washington began as an idea by Hana resident, Teresa Shook, who invited Facebook friends to march on Washington D.C. on the day after the inauguration of the president. The call for a march quickly grew to become the Women's March on Washington with an estimated three million people from across the country standing and marching together in solidarity, recognizing that America's vibrant and diverse communities are our nation's strength.

The Women's Legislative Caucus of Hawai'i is proud to dedicate this year's Caucus Package to the thousands of peaceful marchers—women, men, children, families, Native Hawaiians, kama'aina & visitors—who joined in to participate in the Women's March on Washington and in the sister marches on Hawai'i Island, Kaua'i, Maui, Moloka'i, and O'ahu to make their voices heard. An estimated 10,000 marchers participated in the marches statewide.

While much of the rhetoric of the past election cycle targeted and threatened people of all backgrounds, this diverse group of individuals—representing communities across our island state—came together to move forward in the face of such adversity. This march sent not only a bold message to elected leaders but also one of empowerment and solidarity to women everywhere. The Women's March emphasized that unified communities can create positive change from the grassroots level up.





**Many people and organizations worked together to make the Women’s March in the state of Hawai‘i a success.**

**Statewide coordinators:** Coordinators leading the statewide effort and organizing the Hawai‘i delegation that marched in Washington D.C. included Sherry Campagna, Emillia Noerdook and Michael Golojuch, Jr.

**Co-chairs on each island also led and organized the efforts to make each march a success.**

- Hilo Co-Chair: Cat Killam;
- Kona Co-Chairs: Lulie Cottle, Tanya Lee Coulter;
- Kaua‘i Co-Chairs: Emily Ebbets Goldbach, Paul Spear, LE Smith;
- Maui Co-Chairs: Robin Pilus, Cynthia Johnson, Sara Patton, Virgie Cantorna;
- Moloka‘i Chair: Christi Feeter; &
- O‘ahu Co-Chairs: Della Au Belatti, Maxine Burkett, Khara Jabola, Summer Kupau-Odo, Amy Monk, Essence Malaya Jane Ka‘iulani Sylvester, Marti Townsend, Morgen Trube, and Elizabeth “Annie” Valentin.

**Numerous supporting organizations on each island stepped up with public outreach, donations, and other in-kind contributions. The**

**following is a list of supporting organizations for the O‘ahu Women’s March and reflects the diversity of organizations that supported the marches on all the islands:**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AAUW–Hawai‘i</li> <li>• ACLU of Hawai‘i</li> <li>• AF3IRM Hawai‘i</li> <li>• Aloha Dream Team</li> <li>• Can Do Clemency Foundation</li> <li>• Ceeds of Peace</li> <li>• Community Education and Civic Engagement at KKV</li> <li>• Domestic Violence Action Center</li> <li>• Empty the Tanks Hawai‘i</li> <li>• First Unitarian Church of Honolulu</li> <li>• Friends of Hawai‘i State Commission on the Status of Women</li> <li>• Friends of Kapolei</li> <li>• Hastings &amp; Pleadwell, LLC</li> <li>• Hawai‘i Children's Action Network</li> <li>• Hawai‘i Coalition for Justice in Palestine</li> <li>• Hawai‘i Democratic Women’s Caucus</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hawai‘i Friends of Civil Rights</li> <li>• Hawai‘i State AFL-CIO</li> <li>• Hawai‘i Women in Filmmakin</li> <li>• Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies Coalition of Hawai‘i</li> <li>• League of Women Voters</li> <li>• LGBT Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i</li> <li>• Make Voting Matter</li> <li>• Midwives Alliance of Hawai‘i, National</li> <li>• Association of Social Workers - Hawai‘i Chapter</li> <li>• National Council for Incarcerated and Formerly Incarcerated Women &amp; Girls</li> <li>• Pacific Roller Derby</li> <li>• Pasifika Women Book Club</li> <li>• Patsy T. Mink PAC</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Planned Parenthood of the Great Northwest and the Hawaiian Island</li> <li>• Pretty Peacock Productions</li> <li>• Pride@Work-Hawai‘i</li> <li>• Rainbow Family 808</li> <li>• Sierra Club of Hawai‘i</li> <li>• The AiKea Movement of Unite Here! Local 5</li> <li>• The Kumu Hina Project</li> <li>• The Martin Luther King, Jr. Coalition</li> <li>• Turbin Chu Heidt: Attorneys at Law</li> <li>• Ua Ao ‘O Kapolei</li> <li>• UH Commission on LGBTQ+ Equality</li> <li>• Women's Fund of Hawaii</li> <li>• Young Progressives Demanding Action Hawai'i</li> <li>• YWCA O‘ahu</li> </ul> |
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# **2017 WOMEN'S LEGISLATIVE CAUCUS PACKAGE**

## **ACCESS TO QUALITY HEALTHCARE**

### **HB663/SB501: RELATING TO HEALTH**

Requires all limited service pregnancy centers to disclose the availability of and enrollment information for reproductive health services. Establishes privacy and disclosure requirements for individual records and information. Authorizes civil penalties and civil actions for enforcement and remedy.

### **HB664/SB502: RELATING TO IN VITRO FERTILIZATION INSURANCE COVERAGE**

Removes discriminatory requirements for mandatory insurance coverage of in vitro fertilization procedures to create parity of coverage for same-sex couples, unmarried women, and male-female couples for whom male infertility is the relevant factor.

### **HB665/SB503: RELATING TO VICTIMS OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE**

Requires health insurance coverage for case management services by licensed mental health providers for victims of sexual violence.

### **HB666/SB504: RELATING TO CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES**

Limits initial prescriptions for opioids and benzodiazepines to a maximum of seven consecutive days.

### **HB667/SB505: RELATING TO HEALTH**

Requires an opioid therapy informed consent process agreement to be executed between a patient and any prescriber of opioids within the State under certain conditions. Requires the administrator of the Narcotics Enforcement Division to develop and make available a template of an opioid therapy informed consent process agreement for use in the State. Specifies the contents of the template. Limits initial prescriptions for opioids and benzodiazepines to a maximum of seven consecutive days.

## **ADDRESSING AND REDUCING VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN**

### **HB668/SB506: RELATING TO SEX ASSAULT**

Requires annual reporting to the Legislature by the Office of the Attorney General (AG) of statistical data pertaining to the testing of sexual assault evidence collection kits. Provides certain rights to sexual assault survivors. Institutes mandatory testing requirements in accordance with AG guidelines. Requires AG to report to 2018 legislature on the progress of implementing AG guidelines.

### **HB669/SB507: RELATING TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

Removes redundant investigating and reporting requirements of the Department of Human Services and the family courts in cases where temporary restraining orders are sought for alleged domestic abuse involving a family or household member who is a minor or incapacitated person.

**To learn more about these bills and track their progress through the legislative session,  
visit [www.capitol.hawaii.gov](http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov).**

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## **WOMEN AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES**

### **HB670/SB508: RELATING TO TAXATION**

Creates the Hawaii Working Family Tax Credit, a refundable credit capped at 10 percent of the federal earned income tax credit.

### **HB671/SB509: RELATING TO EQUAL PAY**

Prohibits enforced wage secrecy and retaliation or discrimination against employees who disclose, discuss, or inquire about their own or co-workers' wages.

## **CHILDREN'S HEALTH AND SAFETY**

### **HB672/SB510: RELATING TO SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH SERVICES**

Formally establishes the Hawai'i Keiki: Healthy and Ready to Learn program within the Department of Education. Establishes a special fund and appropriates \$4,000,000 to expand and sustain the program.

### **HB673/SB511: RELATING TO CHILD CARE FACILITIES**

Requires the Department of Human Services (DHS) to publish reports of child care facility inspections and complaint investigations on DHS's website. Creates an oversight committee for implementation of and compliance with publication requirements. Requires annual reporting to the Legislature. Makes an appropriation.

### **HB674/SB512: RELATING TO CHILD CARE PROVIDERS**

Requires all child care providers subject to regulation by the Department of Human Services to obtain and maintain liability insurance as a condition of licensure, temporary permission, or registration.

## **RESOLUTION**

### **EXPANDING COMMUNITY BASED WORK FURLOUGH PROGRAMS FOR FEMALE OFFENDERS (to be introduced)**

Encourages the Department of Public Safety to continue and expand its community-based work furlough programs to assist in transitioning formerly incarcerated female inmates back into society.



# **ADDITIONAL BILLS IN WOMEN'S LEGISLATIVE CAUCUS PACKAGE**

## **HB675/SB513: RELATING TO CONTRACEPTIVE SUPPLIES**

Authorizes pharmacists to prescribe and dispense self-administered hormonal contraceptive supplies to patients, regardless of a previous prescription from an authorized prescriber. Specifies requirements pharmacists must meet prior to prescribing and dispensing contraceptive supplies.

## **HB676/SB514: RELATING TO HEALTH**

Authorizes pharmacists to prescribe and administer the human papillomavirus vaccine to persons between eleven and seventeen years of age. Specifies requirements pharmacists must meet prior to administering the human papillomavirus vaccine.

## **HB677/SB515: RELATING TO IN VITRO FERTILIZATION INSURANCE COVERAGE**

Amends insurance coverage requirements for in vitro fertilization to allow for expanded applicability.

## **HB678/SB516: RELATING TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

Allows an employee to take family leave in addition to victim leave when the leave is related to domestic or sexual violence against the employee or the employee's minor child. Requires an employee to submit certification related to domestic or sexual violence of the employee or the employee's minor child. Requires employer confidentiality of information related to domestic or sexual violence against the employee or the employee's minor child.



## **HB679/SB517: RELATING TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

Requires any state or county agency to provide domestic abuse intervention training to their personnel whose job duties require or may require intervention in a domestic abuse situation.

## **HB680/SB518: RELATING TO INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE**

Requires licensees under the board of barbering and cosmetology to complete a one-time, one-hour training program on intimate partner violence awareness and education.

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## **HB681/SB519: RELATING TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

Specifies that citizen complaints against a police officer that involve allegations of domestic abuse against a family or household member on the part of the police officer shall not be required to be in writing or sworn to by the complainant.

## **HB682/SB520: RELATING TO POLICE COMMISSIONS**

Amends the composition of the county police commissions to require that three commissioners on each police commission have backgrounds, including equality for women, civil rights, and law enforcement, for the benefit of the public.

## **HB683/SB521: RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT**

Establishes a six-week paid maternity and paternity leave policy for government employees to ensure that Hawaii's working families are adequately supported during times of needing to provide care to a newborn or bond with a new child.



## **HB684/SB522: RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES**

Strengthens the safe sleep policy for child care facilities for children less than one year of age, including requiring placement of children on their backs for sleeping and establishing notice and annual training requirements; requires such facilities to report death of such a child to the Department of Human Services.

## **HB685/SB523: RELATING TO CIVIL ACTIONS**

Allows a civil action for recovery of damages to be brought by persons subjected to sexual offenses as a minor against the person who committed the act at any time by repealing the statute of limitations. Repeals the period during which a victim of child sexual abuse may bring an otherwise time-barred civil action against the victim's abuser or an entity with a duty of care, including the State and counties.

## 2017 Easter Basket Donation Drive

Developing legislation is only one part of the work of the Women's Legislative Caucus. A tradition continues in 2017 with the Women's Legislative Caucus Easter Basket Donation Drive. In 2016, the Women's Legislative Caucus collected generous donations from legislators, staff members, and the public-at-large to create gift baskets with hygiene and other products to support women receiving services from the Institute for Human Services.



*State Capitol (April 2016): The Easter Bunny (Representative Scott Y. Nishimoto) and members of the Women's Legislative Caucus Maile Shimabukuro, Beth Fukumoto, Cynthia Thielen, Nicole E. Lowen, Lynn DeCoite, Lorraine R. Inouye, Lauren Kealohilani Matsumoto, Rosalyn H. Baker, Della Au Belatti, Lauren H. Thielen, Donna Mercado Kim, Joy A. San Buenaventura, and Sylvia Luke gathered together to celebrate the successful 2016 Easter Basket Donation Drive for the Institute for Human Services.*

In 2016, Representative Matsumoto and Senator Baker graciously opened their offices to collect donations for the drive. Donations such as basic necessities or Easter-related items were sought, and the WLC Easter Basket Donation Drive received: pots and pans, non-perishable food items, toiletries, feminine hygiene supplies, first aid supplies, cleaning supplies, school supplies, and cleaning products. The purpose of this event is to provide necessary household items to those in need and bring smiles to many faces.

**To stay up to date with the many activities of the Women's Legislative Caucus, please visit the Caucus Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/HawaiiWomensLegislativeCaucus/>**

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## Women's Legislative Caucus

### House of Representatives



**Della Au Belatti**  
*Co-convener*  
District 24

- Chair, Committee on Health
- Committees: HLT, HMS, JUD



**Lynn DeCoite**  
District 13

- Vice Chair, Committee on Agriculture
- Committees: AGR, FIN, OMH, PBS



**Cindy Evans**  
District 7

- Majority Floor Leader
- Committees: EEP, LMG, WAL



**Beth Fukumoto**  
District 36

- Minority Leader
- Committees: CPC, EEP, LMG, WAL



**Sharon E. Har**  
District 42

- Vice Chair, Committee on Education
- Committees: EDN, HLT, HED, HUS



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District 32

- Vice Chair, Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce
- Committees: CPC, EEP, WAL



**Nicole E. Lowen**  
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- Vice Chair, Committee on Energy and Environmental Protection
- Committees: FIN (Grants in Aid), EEP



**Sylvia Luke**  
District 25

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- Committees: FIN

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### House of Representatives



**Lauren K. Matsumoto**  
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District 45

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- Committees: EDN, HED, LAB, EDB



**Dee Morikawa**  
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- Chair, Committee on Human Services
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District 43

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## Women's Legislative Caucus

### Senate



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