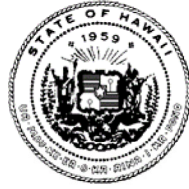


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December 24, 2024

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi, President
and Members of the Senate
Thirty-Third State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

The Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura, Speaker
and Members of the House of
Representatives
Thirty-Third State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 431
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Nakamura, and Members of the Legislature:

Enclosed is the following report submitted in accordance with section 367-3, Hawai'i Revised Statutes (HRS), on the Hawai'i State Commission on the Status of Women.

Per section 93-16, HRS, this report will be available to review electronically at the Department's website, at <https://humanservices.hawaii.gov/reports/legislative-reports/>. For questions regarding this report, contact Llasmin Chaine, Executive Director, at lchaine@dhs.hawaii.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "R. Yamane".

Ryan I. Yamane
Director

Enclosure

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REPORT TO THE THIRTY-THIRD HAWAI‘I STATE
LEGISLATURE 2025

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE
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REVISED STATUTES,
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Annual Report

Hawai'i State Commission on the Status of Women

Prepared by
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Submitted to
Hawai'i State Legislature, 2025 Regular Session
State Fiscal Year 2023-2024: July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024

In 1964, Governor John A. Burns created by Executive Order the Hawai'i State Commission on the Status of Women (HSCSW). The work of the HSCSW is detailed in section 367-1 and sections 367-3 (1) through (8), Hawai'i Revised Statutes (HRS), while county Committees on the Status of Women (CSW) duties are outlined in section 367-4. This report details statewide HSCSW and CSW events, programs, conferences, and activities during State fiscal year 2023-2024 (SFY24). Bear in mind, throughout this SFY24 HSCSW efforts were hampered and limited due to key HSCSW staff and Commissioner vacancies.

I. Hawai'i County CSW Programs, Events and Activities

- Hawai'i County CSW Community Survey
- Going Home Hawai'i Summit
- State of Hawai'i's Department of the Attorney General's Malama 'Ohana Working Group
- Hawai'i County Office of the Prosecuting Attorney's Domestic Violence Vigil
- United Nations Association Big Island Chapter's Annual Meeting
- Hilo Christmas Parade with Zonta for "16 Days of Activism"
- Opening Day at the Legislature 2024
- Family Violence Interagency Committee
- Hawai'i County Police Department's Crisis Intervention Training
- Hawai'i Community College's Domestic Violence Summit

- Holoī ā nalo Wāhine ‘Ōiwi: Missing and Murdered Native Hawaiian Women and Girls Task Force Report (Part 1) Presentation at the University of Hawai‘i at Hilo
- “Yes, She Can”: Get Out the Vote 2024
- Family Services Directory
- Human Trafficking Awareness Training (staff and parents) – Keaukaha Elementary School
- Teen Dating Violence Cards
- National Child Abuse Prevention Training
- “Real Women’s Essay” Project
- 2023 Report of Activities

II. Honolulu County CSW Programs, Events and Activities

- Commissioned Study on Family Leave in Honolulu County

III. Kaua‘i County CSW Programs, Events and Activities

- Period Products Report, Purchase, and Distribution Event with Hawai‘i Foodbank on Kaua‘i
- Breast Cancer Awareness Report & Campaign
- Domestic Violence Awareness Campaign
- Women’s History Month Awareness Campaign
- Denim Day Awareness Campaign
- Voter Registration Drive Event
- Human Trafficking Signs
- The Status of County Leadership
- Gender Equity and Equality Report & Event
- Status Annual Report for the period of July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024

IV. Maui County CSW Programs, Events and Activities

- CSW Community Survey – Supporting Women in Our Community
- Sex and Human Trafficking Outreach
- Midwifery Legislation Support

- 2024 Resource Guide
- V. University of Hawai'i Commission on the Status of Women Programs, Events and Activities
- 2024 Virtual Conference: Wāhine Mana - Empowering the Women of UH
- VI. Earned Media
- Garden Island Newspaper: <https://www.thegardenisland.com/2023/09/27/hawaii-news/kcsw-sending-feminine-hygiene-products-to-maui/>
 - County Press Release: <https://www.kauai.gov/Press-Releases/KCSW-recognizes-Breast-Cancer-Awareness-Month-public-invited-to-attend-walk-on-Oct.-2>
 - Garden Island Newspaper: <https://www.thegardenisland.com/2023/09/27/hawaii-news/wearpink-on-monday-for-breast-cancer-awareness-month/>
 - County Press Release: <https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/HIKAUAICOUNTY/bulletins/38e4c9b>
 - Spectrum: <https://spectrumlocalnews.com/hi/hawaii/news/2024/03/04/kauai-countycommittee-celebrates-women-s-history-month>
 - Kaua'i News Now: <https://kauainownews.com/2024/03/02/celebrate-female-ownedbusinesses-for-womens-history-month/>
 - County Press Release: <https://www.kauai.gov/Government/Boards-and-Commissions/KCCSW/Photos/Denim-Day>

VII. Recommendations

In order to realize the feminist goals of the HSCSW (social, economic, and political equality of the sexes) and improve the status of women and girls in Hawai'i, the following measures are needed:

- Paid family and medical leave,
- Affordable childcare and housing,
- Pay equity,
- Data sharing agreements amongst state, county and non-profit service providers, and
- Mandatory K-12 gender-based violence prevention education.