

THE SENATE
KA 'AHA KENEKOA

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COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair
Senator Mike Gabbard, Vice Chair

NOTICE OF INFORMATIONAL BRIEFING

DATE: Monday, December 8, 2025
TIME: 2:00 P.M.
PLACE: Conference Room 016 & Videoconference
State Capitol
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A G E N D A

The purpose of this informational briefing is for the Committee to receive information about the impact and legality of federal immigration enforcement efforts in Hawai'i. The briefing will address the federal administration's immigration enforcement policies and actions as they relate to Hawai'i and how they may be ignoring commonly accepted norms and violating laws.

Among other issues, the briefing will explore enforcement actions that are occurring in the State, the disregard of due process requirements and standard court or legal practices, the questioning and detention of individuals who are U.S. citizens or whose legal immigration status is clear, the suppression of free speech and the media, and pressure on state and local law enforcement to collaborate with federal immigration actions.

1. **Welcome and Introductions** (5 minutes)
2. **Overview** from Dr. Amy Agbayani, Emeritus Assistant Vice Chancellor for Student Diversity at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa and Co-Chair of Hawai'i Friends of Civil Rights (5 minutes)
3. **Presentations** (15 minutes each):
 - a. Bettina Mok, Executive Director, The Legal Clinic (TLC) - [Briefing Materials TLC](#)
 - b. Kevin J. Block, Immigration Attorney and Founder, Maui Immigration Law, LLC - [Briefing Materials MIL](#)
 - c. Liza Ryan Gill, Co-Coordinator, Hawai'i Coalition for Immigrant Rights (HICIR) - [Briefing Materials HICIR](#)
 - d. Danicole Ramos, Equal Justice Works Fellow and Immigrant Veterans Advocate, Refugee & Immigration Law Clinic (RILC) at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa William S. Richardson School of Law - [Briefing Materials RILC](#)

4. **Closing Remarks** from Dr. Agbayani (10 minutes)

5. **Questions** from the Committee (5 minutes per Member for questions and answers)

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Senator Karl Rhoads
Chair

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