

THE SENATE
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INTERIM OF 2024

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

Senator Mike Gabbard, Chair
Senator Herbert M. "Tim" Richards, III, Vice Chair

NOTICE OF INFORMATIONAL BRIEFING

DATE: Tuesday, January 14, 2025
TIME: 11:30 AM
PLACE: Conference Room 224 & Videoconference
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A G E N D A

The purpose of this informational briefing is to highlight the urgent threat climate change poses to Hawai'i. Rising sea levels, extreme weather, and ecosystem disruptions threaten homes, livelihoods, cultural practices, and vital resources. Coastal erosion endangers infrastructure and sacred sites, while changes in rainfall and temperature impact agriculture, water supply, and biodiversity. Climate change also worsens social and economic disparities, disproportionately affecting marginalized groups. Immediate action is critical as the window for effective solutions is closing.

This briefing aims to:

- Provide an overview of current climate trends and projected impacts.
- Highlight the pressing need for immediate and decisive action.
- Present actionable solutions tailored to Hawai'i's unique environment and communities.
- Foster collaboration among stakeholders to implement sustainable strategies.

Presentations by:

- Youth Voices on Climate
- Chip Fletcher, Interim Dean – School of Ocean and Earth Science and Technology (SOEST), UH Mānoa
- Kainan Miranda and Melissa Pavlicek, Care for Aina Now
- Amy Wirts, Office of Conservation and Coastal Lands

- Laura Ka'akua, Hawai'i Department of Transportation
- Kiana Otsuka, Senior Transportation Planner, Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OahuMPO)
- Stuart Coleman, Wastewater Alternatives & Innovations (WAI)
- Hawai'i State Energy Office (HSEO)
- Dr. Susan Crow, Professor – Soil Ecology and Soil Health, UH Mānoa
- Paul Bernstein, Citizens' Climate Lobby Hawai'i

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THE THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE
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Rep. Kirstin Kahaloa, Chair
Rep. Matthias Kusch, Vice Chair

NOTICE OF INFORMATIONAL BRIEFING

DATE: Monday, February 24, 2025
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A G E N D A

This informational briefing aims to present research findings and highlight concerns regarding the extensive use of Restricted Use Pesticides (RUPs) in central O'ahu and other regions across Hawai'i. The application of fumigant pesticides, such as 1,3-Dichloropropene (1,3-D) and Metam Sodium, along with other RUPs like Paraquat, poses significant threats to Hawaiian ecosystems and local communities.

Many of these pesticides are being used throughout Hawai'i despite the substantial risks they carry. Recent studies on the human health impacts of pesticide exposure reveal a growing body of evidence demonstrating a wide range of harmful effects. The American Academy of Pediatrics has become particularly concerned about the effects of even low-level exposure on children particularly during their developmental stages.

In addition to human health concerns, there is increasing research on the adverse effects of pesticides on ecosystem functions, food webs, and aquatic life. A significant concern is the role of heavy pesticide use in the widespread decline of pollinators and non-target insect species, contributing to what has been termed the "insect apocalypse." This alarming trend threatens biodiversity and the balance of ecosystems across Hawai'i.

This briefing aims to:

- Highlight the research around the impacts of RUP exposure, emphasizing the research on childhood exposure
- Share information about California's pesticide reporting and the use of that data for epidemiology studies
- Present Hawai'i RUP use data for central Oahu

- Provide background on RUP use data reporting and its needed improvements
- Provide information about the fumigant pesticides being used heavily in North Central Oahu
- Foster collaboration among stakeholders to implement protective solutions and better regulation

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COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

Senator Jarrett Keohokalole, Chair
Senator Carol Fukunaga, Vice Chair

NOTICE OF INFORMATIONAL BRIEFING

DATE: Tuesday, June 24, 2025
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A M E N D E D A G E N D A

In 2018, the Legislature passed the Hawaii Ratepayer Protection Act, directing the PUC to implement performance-based regulation (PBR), which took effect in 2021 for a five-year term. The PBR framework uses alternative regulatory mechanisms to align utility incentives with performance and policy goals. This briefing will provide an update on the framework and its implications on electrical utilities and rate payers in the future.

1. Ulupono Initiative: PBR 101
2. Hawai'i Public Utilities Commission: Status of PBR
3. Hawai'i State Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs – Division of Consumer Advocacy
4. Director of the Hawai'i State Department of Commerce and Consumer: Briefing on PUC Whistleblower Complaint Process
5. Q&A

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COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM

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Senator Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair

COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION

Senator Donna Mercado Kim, Chair
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair

NOTICE OF INFORMATIONAL BRIEFING

DATE: Tuesday, January 28, 2025
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TIMESLOT: EDT

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A G E N D A

The purpose of this informational briefing is to review and gather information on the state of Hawaii's film industry through workforce development initiatives, funding sources, and programs at the University of Hawaii.

1. Welcome and Introductory Remarks.
2. Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism- Creative Media Industries
 - Georja Skinner, Chief Officer
 - Thomas Chock, Program Specialist
3. University of Hawaii- Academy for Creative Media (ACM)
 - Chris Lee, Founder of ACM
 - Vassilis Syrmos, Vice President of Research and Innovation
 - Manette K.P. Ah Nee- Benham, University of Hawaii- West Oahu Chancellor
 - Christine Acham, Department Chair at University of Hawaii- Manoa School of Cinematic Arts.
 - Sharla Hanaoka, Associate Director at University of Hawaii-West Oahu
 - University of Hawaii Foundation
4. Closing Remarks

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COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Senator Joy A. San Buenaventura, Chair

Senator Henry J.C. Aquino, Vice Chair

NOTICE OF INFORMATIONAL BRIEFING

DATE: Tuesday, January 7, 2025

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A G E N D A

The purpose of this informational briefing is to identify where Kupuna Care funding is being spent. We will also address the current status of overdue regulations that govern the allocation and management of these funds. These regulations are crucial for maximizing the impact of Kupuna Care and ensuring its fair distribution statewide.

List of individuals/Departments that will be present:

- Executive Office of Aging: Caroline Cadirao – Director, Michelle Agsalda - Deputy AG
- Hawaii Island Office of Aging: Horace Farr – Administrator
- Maui Island Office of Aging: Rowena Dagdag-Andaya - Administrator
- Oahu Island Office of Aging: Derrick Ariyoshi - Administrator
- Kauai Island Office of Aging: Kealoha Takahaski - Administrator

Please note that each presenter will have fifteen minutes to present so that there will time for questions and answers.

Agenda:

- I. Current use of Kupuna Care Funding
 - a. Assess effectiveness of distributed funds
 - b. Fund Distribution
- II. Status of overdue regulations on using Kupuna Care funds
 - a. Current written regulations
 - b. Implementation of regulations
- III. Inter-Island Kupuna Care Update
 - a. Identify gaps in each island care needs
 - b. Island breakdown of successes/improvements

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COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Senator Joy A. San Buenaventura, Chair
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NOTICE OF INFORMATIONAL BRIEFING

DATE: Friday, January 10, 2025
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A G E N D A

The purpose of this informational briefing is to receive updates from the Hawaii State Council on Developmental Disabilities, Centers on Disability Studies, Hawaii Disability Rights Center, Developmental Disability Rights Center, Goodwill Beretania, Abilities Unlimited, Lanakila Bachelot ADH, Family Services, and the United Cerebral Palsy Association of Hawaii.

- I. Hawaii State Council on Developmental Disabilities
 - a. Daintry Bartoldus, Executive Director
 - b. Che Silvert, Legislative and Community Liaison
- II. Centers on Disability Studies
 - a. Dr. Kiriko Takahashi
- III. Hawaii Disability Rights Center
 - a. Lou Erteschik
- IV. Developmental Disabilities Division
 - a. Mary Brogan, Administrator
- V. Goodwill Beretania
 - a. Traci Tamaye
- VI. Abilities Unlimited
 - a. Natasha Nakatsuka
- VII. Lanakila Bachelot ADH
 - a. Liezl Alinsunurin
- VIII. Family Services
 - a. Grace Acuna
- IX. United Cerebral Palsy Association of Hawaii
 - a. Stephen Dantzig
- IXI. Q&A Session

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COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Senator Joy A. San Buenaventura, Chair
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AMENDED NOTICE OF INFORMATIONAL BRIEFING

DATE: Wednesday, April 9, 2025
TIME: 1:00 PM
PLACE: Conference Room ~~225~~ **016 [Changed on 04-07-25]**
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A M E N D E D A G E N D A

This briefing aims to address the April 2024 audit and concerns regarding Foster Care by Child Welfare Services (CWS). This hearing is a follow up on the November 21st, 2024 informational briefing in light of recent events. The goal is to ensure strategies to improve recruitment, and strengthen the CWS system's effectiveness.

List of individuals/Departments that will be present:

- Department of Education
- Department of Human Services: Director Yamane and ~~Deputy Director Kate~~ **[Deleted on 04-07-25]**
- Attorney General – Anne Lopez
- Department of Child Welfare Services: Daisy Hartsfield – Administrator, Elladine Olevao – CWS Brand Administrator
- Office of Wellness & Resilience

Please note that each presenter will have fifteen minutes to present so that there will time for questions and answers.

Agenda:

- I. Overview from Complaint to Permanency of a Child Abuse Case
 - a. Issues need to be addressed; Long Term Vacancy/ Shortage of Social Workers and Foster Parents
- II. Oversight Issues after permanency.
 - a. Attorney General – Constitutionality of inspections after Adoption/Guardianship
 - b. DOE – Homeschooling/Access to Mandated Reporters
- III. Update on Recruitment of NGO's, Foster Families & Social Workers
 - a. Issues regarding insurance, lack of NGO's willingness to provide oversight.
 - b. DHS plans on increasing recruitment of Social Workers, Foster Parents/Resource Caregivers.
- IV. Changes – Whether Oversight Commission Needed
- V. Questions/Federal Issues

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COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION

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A G E N D A

The purpose of this informational briefing is to follow-up with the University of Hawaii regarding:

- o University of Hawaii at Manoa, Athletics Department
- o University of Hawaii, West Oahu UOH 700
- o Capital Improvements Program (CIP) Requests
- o University of Hawaii, Cancer Center UOH 115

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COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM

Senator Lynn DeCoite, Chair
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NOTICE OF INFORMATIONAL BRIEFING

DATE: Monday, March 3, 2025
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A G E N D A

The purpose of informational briefing is to follow-up on UH Academy of Creative Media System, State Film Studio and UH's proposed Film Studio with pertinent members of the UH System and the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT):

- Dean of the College of Arts, Languages & Letters
- Retired Associate Dean of the College of Arts & Humanities
- University of Hawai'i Board of Regents Chair
- Vice President for Administration
- Vice President for Budget and Finance
- Vice President for Research and Innovation
- Chancellor or Representative for University of Hawai'i–West O'ahu
- Director of DBEDT
- Chief Officer of Creative Industries Division, DBEDT

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COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

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AMENDED NOTICE OF INFORMATIONAL BRIEFING – CANCELLATION

DATE: ~~Thursday, July 31, 2025~~
TIME: ~~10:00 A.M.~~
PLACE: ~~Conference Room 016~~
~~& Videoconference~~
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A M E N D E D A G E N D A

**[Due to unforeseen circumstances, the Informational Briefing
has been cancelled and will be rescheduled to a later date]**

~~Informational Briefing on the Rule of Law~~

~~The purpose of this informational briefing is to discuss the rule of law. The World Justice Project defines the rule of law as "a durable system of laws, institutions, norms, and community commitment that delivers four universal principles: accountability, just law, open government, and accessible and impartial justice." Recent presidential executive orders and policies raise questions about whether the current Administration is following federal law. This informational briefing will examine that question and what effect federal government actions are having on Hawai'i residents.~~

- ~~1. Welcome and Introductions (10 mins)~~
- ~~2. U.S. Representative Ed Case, Hawai'i's First Congressional District (20 mins)~~
- ~~3. Questions from the Committee — 5 minutes per member for questions and answers (25 min)~~

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A G E N D A

The purpose of this informational briefing is for the Committee to receive an update from the Department of the Attorney General about litigation where the State of Hawai'i is the lead plaintiff or part of a coalition of plaintiffs that have filed a lawsuit against the President and his administration.

1. Welcome and Introductions (10 mins)
2. Attorney General Anne Lopez, Solicitor General Kaliko'onālani Fernandes, and Special Assistant to the Attorney General Dave Day, Department of the Attorney General (30 mins)
3. Questions from the Committee – 5 minutes per member for questions and answers (25 min)

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COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

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NOTICE OF INFORMATIONAL BRIEFING

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A G E N D A

The purpose of this informational briefing is to hear from Professor Colin Moore (Ph.D. Department of Government, Harvard, 2009) about the erosion of democratic norms in the United States and how that trend is affecting and will affect the residents of the State of Hawai'i. All opinions expressed by Professor Moore are his own.

1. Welcome and Introductions (7 minutes)
2. Professor Moore's Presentation on the Erosion of Democratic Norms in the United States (30 minutes)
3. Questions from the Committee – 5 minutes per Member for Questions and Answers

[Briefing Materials](#) (if any)

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Senator Henry J.C. Aquino, Chair
Senator Chris Lee, Vice Chair

Sen. Les Ihara, Jr. Sen. Kurt Fevella
Sen. Sharon Y. Moriwaki

COMMITTEE ON LABOR

Rep. Jackson D. Sayama, Chair
Rep. Mike Lee, Vice Chair

Rep. Andrew Takuya Garrett Rep. Sam Satoru Kong
Rep. Jeanne Kapela Rep. Julie Reyes Oda

NOTICE OF INFORMATIONAL BRIEFING

DATE: Tuesday, August 19, 2025
TIME: 10:00 a.m.
PLACE: VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE
 Conference Room 309
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A G E N D A

The Hawaii Office of Community Services (OCS), Hawaii State Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, solicits public comment on the new proposed State Plan for the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Program to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) for Federal Fiscal Years 2026 and 2027 (FFY 26 and 27).

The CSBG State Plan reflects OCS's commitment to work with our Community Action Agency partners in each county to meet program goals and comply with relevant Federal and State rules and regulations in order to continue receiving this valuable resource. The CSBG program provides services to low-income and impoverished populations across the State. CSBG services and activities are delivered statewide by designated Community Action Agencies located in each county.

The public is invited to comment on the proposed CSBG State Plan for FFY 26 and 27. The proposed CSBG State Plan can be found at the OCS website, <https://labor.hawaii.gov/ocs/service-programs-index/csbg/>.

No public testimony will be accepted.

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THE THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2025

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

Senator Brandon J.C. Elefante, Chair
Senator Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair

NOTICE OF INFORMATIONAL BRIEFING

DATE: Wednesday, January 22, 2025
TIME: 3:00 PM
PLACE: Conference Room 225 & Videoconference
State Capitol
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TIMESLOT: PSM

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A G E N D A

- The purpose of this information briefing is to discuss the following reports:
 - [Hawaii Correctional System Oversight Commission Staffing Report January 2025](#)
 - [Hawaii Correctional System Oversight Commission Annual Report 2024](#)
- Agencies
 - Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation "DCR"
 - Hawaii Correctional System Oversight Commission "HCSOC" ([HCSOC Briefing Material](#))

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Senator Brandon J.C. Elefante
Chair

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COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair
Senator Brandon J.C. Elefante, Vice Chair

AMENDED NOTICE OF INFORMATIONAL BRIEFING

DATE: ~~Wednesday, February 5, 2025~~
TIME: ~~9:30 AM~~
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~~Informational briefing on Mauna Kea Stewardship and Oversight Authority~~

~~To review the 2024 Mauna Kea Stewardship and Oversight Authority Annual Report to the Legislature.~~

[THIS HEARING HAS BEEN CANCELLED 2/4/2025]

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Senator Lorraine R. Inouye
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