

**O‘ahu County Democrats
2022 eConvention Minutes
Approved May 7, 2022**

March 19, 2022

The annual O‘ahu County Democrats Convention was held on Saturday, March 19, 2022 at 8:00am via Zoom, the OCC Chair presiding and the OCC Secretary serving as recording secretary being present.

Adoption of the Credentials Report

Credentials Co-Chairs: Joe Francher & Richmond Luzar

8:25am - 207 in attendance of 258 registered.

Adopted by general consent pending a revised report.

Confirmation of Convention Standing Rules

OCC Chairperson: Lorna Takehara Strand

Doug Pyle moved to amend Rule 8 parts A, B, and C of the Convention Standing Rules to strike the deadlines for submitting separation and amendment forms on Platform, Rules, and Resolution committee proposals. Chair Strand ruled the motion out of order due to being in conflict with O‘ahu County Democrats Bylaw 13.1.

The eConvention Standing Rules were adopted as distributed by general consent.

Adoption of Convention Agenda

Convention Co-Chair: Jace Mikulanec

Jace Mikulanec moved on behalf of the Convention Committee to adopt the convention agenda as circulated. The motion was adopted by general consent.

Chair Strand announced the following appointments

Parliamentarian: Dr. William Puette

Sergeant-At-Arms: Kevan Wong

Recording Secretaries: Carlos Santana

Scribe: Jenna Takenouchi

Treasurer’s Report

OCC Treasurer: Joe Francher

Convention budget presented through screen share.

Platform Committee Report (Report included)

Co-Chairs: Ed Hasegawa & Debbie Shimizu

Debbie Shimizu moved on behalf of the Platform Committee that the proposed amendments to the Platform of the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i be recommended to the State Biennial Convention Platform Committee by the O‘ahu County Democrats with the exception of Proposal #1, which has been submitted for separate consideration with the proviso that the Secretary of O‘ahu County Committee shall have authority to correct any non-substantive errors and make conforming changes as necessary. There

were sufficient objections. The vote was conducted via a Zoom Poll stating: Shall the convention adopt the Platform Committee Report, excluding proposal #1? After debate, the motion was adopted with 147 voting YES and 13 voting NO.

The convention then proceeded to consider Platform Proposal #1. The vote was conducted via a Zoom Poll stating: Shall separated platform proposal #1 to amend the Platform of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i be recommended to the State Biennial Convention Platform Committee by the O'ahu County Democrats with the proviso that the Secretary of O'ahu County Committee shall have authority to correct any non-substantive errors and make conforming changes as necessary? After debate, the motion was adopted with 125 voting YES and 52 voting NO.

Rules Committee Report (Report included)

Co-Chairs: Elton Fukumoto & Lei Learmont

Elton Fukumoto moved on behalf of the Rules Committee that the proposed amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i be recommended to the State Biennial Convention Rules Committee by the O'ahu County Democrats with the proviso that the Secretary of O'ahu County Committee shall have authority to correct any non-substantive errors and make conforming changes as necessary.

Mara Hanson moved to suspend the rules to allow for separate consideration of Rules Committee recommendations #21 through #31 contained in the Rules Committee Report. There were sufficient objections. The vote was conducted through a Zoom poll stating: Shall the O'ahu County Democrats suspend the rules to consider proposals #21 through #31? The motion was defeated with 55 voting YES and 90 voting NO.

There were sufficient objections to the main motion. The vote was conducted through a Zoom poll stating: Shall the recommended amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i be recommended to the state convention rules committee by the O'ahu County Democrats? The motion was adopted with 144 voting YES and 20 voting NO.

Supplemental Credentials Report

Credentials Co-Chairs: Joe Francher & Richmond Luzar

10:58am - 224 in attendance of 258 registered.

Adopted by general consent pending a revised report.

Election of O'ahu County Representatives to the State Central Committee

Candidates delivered candidate speeches.

The election results are as follows:

Melodie Aduja	75
Daphne Barbee-Wooten	128
Will Caron	114
Reyn Kaupiko	88

Result: Daphne Barbee-Wooten and Will Caron are elected as OCC Reps to the SCC with the term beginning at the adjournment of the DPH State Convention.

Resolutions Committee Report (Report included)

Co-Chairs: Dennis Jung & Flora Obayashi

Flora Obayashi moved on behalf of the Resolutions Committee for the adoption in gross of the 17 resolutions as printed and circulated on the O‘ahu Democrats website (oahudemocrats.org) with the exception of Resolution 2022-07, which has been submitted for separate consideration. The motion was adopted by general consent.

The convention then proceeded to consider Resolution 2022-07. Doug Pyle moved to amend Resolution 2022-07 by striking the words “[3.Pass legislation that allows residents to vote on amending the state Constitution to establish term- limits for legislators; and]” in the Resolved clause, and renumbering the subsequent paragraphs as needed. There were sufficient objections. The vote was conducted through a Zoom poll stating: Shall Resolution 2022-07 be amended to strike the words in Section 3 of the Resolved clause and renumber the subsequent paragraphs as needed. The motion was adopted with 95 voting YES and 72 voting NO. Mimi Elliot moved for reconsideration. The vote for reconsideration was conducted through a Zoom poll stating: Shall the vote on the amendment be reconsidered? The motion to reconsider was rejected with 65 voting YES and 97 voting NO. The main motion was voted on through a Zoom poll stating: Shall Resolution 2022-07 be adopted as amended? The motion was adopted with 113 voting YES and 21 voting NO.

Convention Adjournment

The convention adjourned at 1:05pm.

O'ahu County Democrats 2022 Convention PLATFORM Committee Report

The O'ahu County Democrats Convention Platform Committee met on February 23, 28 and March 3 online via Zoom.

19 Submissions proposing changes to the Platform of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i were received.

16 of the proposals are recommended.

3 Submissions were ruled out of order for failure to comply with the submission rules.

Committee Members:

Presiding Officer: Ed Hasegawa

Scribe: Debbie Shimizu

Members: Justin Akagi, Patrick Branco, Robert Brown, Alan Burdick, Will Caron, Carolyn Golojuch, Charley Ice, Ken Inouye, Jay Ishibashi, Juanita Brown Kawamoto, Stephen Kemble, Dennis Miller, Kendra Oishi, Judy Parrish, Dylan Ramos, Helen Rauer, Pohai Ryan, Bill South, Derek Turbin, Mike Yadao

Guests: Joe Francher, Lorna Strand, Andrew Wertheimer, Lynn Otaguro, Carlos Santana, Melodie Aduja, Ken Farm, Benton Pang

Zoom Administrator: Tony Nagatani

Meeting Attendance:

February 23, 2022

Members present: Justin Akagi, Robert Brown, Alan Burdick, Will Caron, Carolyn Golojuch, Ken Inouye, Jay Ishibashi, Juanita Brown Kawamoto, Stephen Kemble, Dennis Miller, Kendra Oishi, Judy Parrish, Dylan Ramos, Helen Rauer, Pohai Ryan, Bill South, Derek Turbin, Mike Yadao.

Guests: Joe Francher, Lorna Strand, Andrew Wertheimer

Presiding Officer: Ed Hasegawa

Scribe: Debbie Shimizu

Zoom Administrator: Tony Nagatani

The meeting was called to order at 6:06 p.m. and adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

February 28, 2022

Members present: Justin Akagi, Alan Burdick, Will Caron, Carolyn Golojuch, Charley Ice, Ken Inouye, Jay Ishibashi, Juanita Brown Kawamoto, Stephen Kemble, Dennis Miller, Kendra Oishi, Judy Parrish, Dylan Ramos, Pohai Ryan, Bill South, Derek Turbin

Guests: Lynn Otaguro, Carlos Santana

Presiding Officer: Debbie Shimizu, Ed Hasegawa

Zoom Administrator: Tony Nagatani

The meeting was called to order 6:08 p.m. and adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

March 3, 2022

Members present: Alan Burdick, Carolyn Golojuch, Ken Inouye, Jay Ishibashi, Juanita Brown Kawamoto, Stephen Kemble, Dennis Miller, Kendra Oishi, Judy Parrish, Helen Rauer, Pohai Ryan, Bill South, Mike Yadao

Guests: Melodie Aduja, Ken Farm, Benton Pang
Presiding Officers: Debbie Shimizu, Ed Hasegawa
Zoom Administrator: Tony Nagatani

The meeting was called to order 6:05 p.m. and adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

The Platform committee respectfully submits the following 16 Platform proposals in Part I to the Convention Platform Committee of the DPH for adoption by the delegates of the 2022 Convention.

PART I **PLATFORM PROPOSAL**

- Proposal 1** Preamble Proposal to Replace the State Platform Preamble
- Proposal 2** Make Protecting the Environment and our Cultural Assets a High Priority
- Proposal 3** Education
- Proposal 4** Kupuna and People with Disabilities
- Proposal 5** Pursuing Our Innovation Agenda: Science, Technology, Engineering Arts and Mathematics (STEAM)
- Proposal 6** Reforming Our Criminal Justice System
- Proposal 7** Technology and Digital Equity
- Proposal 8** Transportation
- Proposal 9** Healthcare
- Proposal 10** Honoring Native Hawaiians I
- Proposal 11** Honoring Native Hawaiians II
- Proposal 12** Honoring Native Hawaiians III
- Proposal 13** Environment
- Proposal 14** Energy
- Proposal 15** Combat Climate Change, Build a Clean Energy Economy, and Secure Environmental Justice
- Proposal 16** Replace the State Platform Planks with the following

PART II **NO PROPOSALS**

PLATFORM COMMITTEE- PART I

The Platform Committee recommends that the Oahu County Democrats approve these proposals to the 2022 Convention Platform Committee of the DPH.

Proposal 1

PREAMBLE PROPOSAL TO REPLACE THE STATE PLATFORM PREAMBLE

We, the members of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, united in common purpose, dedicate ourselves to the core principles of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i.

As the people's party, it is our mission to create opportunities for free and open political dialogue in regional and district communities to promote civic engagement, political action, and community solidarity. And, as a servant of the dreams and aspirations of Hawaii's people, we acknowledge that if we wish to lead, we must listen and be open to being transformed by what we hear. Moreover, if we ask for the people's trust, we must in turn trust the wisdom of the people.

To do this effectively, we understand that we need to activate, mobilize, and empower party members, and revitalize our party for the challenges ahead in the 21st century. Through a re-energized party, we will endeavor to bring together members of the party, elected officials, interested citizens, and community leaders to build a cosmopolitan society that will manifest the Aloha Spirit at its core and in every facet of community life. As Democrats we will strive to create a better society by providing equal opportunity for all, by honoring the wisdom and courage of our elders, by cherishing our children above ourselves, and by intelligently anticipating the opportunities and perils of the future. We resolve to steer a course into the uncertain future to secure a better society guided by the traditional values of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i.

Submitted: Juanita Kawamoto, Second: Robert Brown

Proposal 2

Insert the following into Section II Legislative Priorities Action Planks, Paragraph 2 **Make Protecting the Environment and our Cultural Assets a High Priority** (starting on Page 2, Line 23 of the DPH Platform)

“advance measures to re-establish healthy Climate and Environment for humans and fellow species (including ban on use of chemicals that harm our marine waters such as oxybenzone; address climate [~~change~~] crisis[;]; guarantee the right to a clean, healthy, and livable Hawai‘i; ban use of polystyrene for food uses; protect indigenous and organic food farms from contamination; require truth in labeling on all agricultural products and 50% Hawai‘i grown to be labeled as Hawai‘i grown; advance “Buy Local” and “Blue Zone Project” and other community wellness programs; restrict marine aquarium harvesting; give priority to clean alternative energy and nature based solutions such as promoting use of compost and recycling policies and avoidance of [~~incarceration~~] incineration; restrict the use of insecticides and herbicides deleterious to the web of life and implement the State biosecurity plan to address invasive species; protect and preserve our fragile ecosystems and cultural assets by requiring environmental and cultural assessments in advance of all development; advance set asides for Native Hawaiian Cultural Reserves and Parks, and reclaim ancient trails across the island).”

Reason for proposal: Mainly to state our support for the [Hawai‘i Green Amendment](#). Also removed “change” in favor of simply “climate crisis,” inserted “clean” prior to “alternative energy” as a key qualifier, replaced “incarceration” with “incineration” as I believe it was originally meant to be, and adjusted semicolons.

Submitted: Dylan Ramos, Second: Betty Vega

Proposal 3

Addition to **Education** Plank (pages 2 &3 of the DPH Platform)

We support that higher education should be a right, not a privilege.

To increase access to financial aid resources to low-income and marginalized students, the University of Hawaii system must eliminate loans as part of its financial aid package. This change would be life-changing for students, families, and future alumni. Eliminating loans will enable future alumnus to begin their careers or continue their studies with their debts greatly reduced or eliminated. The expansion of the University of Hawaii university system is made possible through gifts, endowments, and state and federal funding. Doing away with loans is joining a select group of top-tier institutions. For example, Harvard, Princeton, Yale, and Smith College have adopted no-loan aid policies.

Submitted: Judy Parrish, Second: Nathaniel Char

Proposal 4

KŪPUNA AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES (page 6 of the DPH Platform)

[ENSURING A SECURE AND DIGNIFIED RETIREMENT]

DPH believes that it should be easier to save for retirement and prepare for unforeseen risks and expenses. We will defend the right of workers to collect their defined benefit pensions and make sure workers get priority and protection when pension plans are in distress.

[Seniors] Kupuna and people with disabilities should not have to choose between putting food on the table, keeping a roof over their heads, or buying the medication that they need to stay healthy. We strongly support funding critical programs to help seniors remain independent in their own home and communities. We are also committed to fighting the immense problem of [elder] kupuna and people with disabilities abuse, neglect, and exploitation as well as the high cost of care.

We face a long-term care crisis that prevents many seniors and people with disabilities from being able to live with dignity at home or in their communities. Most people who are aging or living with a disability want to do so at home, but face challenges finding and affording the support they need to do so. Programs that emphasize independence rather than institutionalization must be better structured to support them. We support strengthening and expanding the home care workforce, giving seniors and people with disabilities access to quality, affordable long-term care, services, and supports, and ensuring that all of these resources are readily available at home or in the community. We support government funded comprehensive long-term care insurance that takes the burden off of individuals and does not contract out long-term care to private business interests that profit by denying care.

We support "aging-in-place" and the kūpuna caregivers program to assist family members to remain employed while providing support to kupuna including services attendant to adult day care: (1) basic activities: i.e., transferring from bed to chair, moving about within the home, bathing, dressing, toileting, and eating; (2) instrumental activities: preparing meals, shopping, managing medications, laundry, using the telephone, managing money, housekeeping, and using available transportation; and (3) core services: personal care, homemaking, chores, home-delivered meals, adult day care, case management, assisted transportation, regular transportation, attendant care, and other important services. We encourage policies and programs that support "active aging" for kūpuna including, but not limited to, (1) health care practices that promote physical, emotional, mental, nutritional, and medical fitness; (2) financial fitness measures that provide tools and programs for financial health; (3) intergenerational equity; (4) elimination of ageism and elderly discrimination; and (5) enhancement of important social roles and purposes for kūpuna.

Submitted: Melodie Aduja; Second: Alan Burdick

Proposal 5

Insert the following into Section III Overarching Principles, Subsection A Education and Economic Wellbeing, Plank titled “**Pursuing Our Innovation Agenda: Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics (STEAM)**,” (final paragraph starting on Page 7, Line 50: of the DPH Platform)

“DPH supports the University of Hawai‘i in its mission to increase awareness in science, technology and exploration to better understand our place in the universe and inspire and educate generations of young people in Hawai‘i to pursue a career in science. At the same time, DPH recognizes the responsibility of Hawai‘i colleges and universities to foster respectful and ethical changemakers who value and promote *aloha ʻāina* through their work, as well as the responsibility of the institutions themselves to ethically steward the lands they impact.”

Reason for proposal: To use the debate over Maunakea and TMT as an example, people on all sides agree that UH’s management of the mountain has been inadequate to say the least. This amendment attempts to speak to that issue by demanding ethical education and land management.

Submitted: Dylan Ramos, Second: Betty Vega

Proposal 6

Insert the following into Section III Overarching Principles, Subsection A Education and Economic Wellbeing, Plank titled “**Reforming Our Criminal Justice System**,” (paragraph starting on Page 8, Line 46 of the DPH Platform)

“We encourage the Federal government to remove cannabis from the list of “Schedule I” Federal controlled substances and to appropriately regulate ~~[it providing reasoned pathway for future legalization]~~ and legalize it for medical and adult recreational use. We support policies that will allow more research on cannabis, as well as reforming laws to allow legal cannabis businesses to exist without uncertainty. We support restorative justice, including appropriate record expungement, for persons convicted of cannabis possession, use, and related charges that would presumably not exist under legalization.

We have been inspired by the movements for criminal justice that directly address the discriminatory treatment of Native Hawaiians, Pacific Islanders and other disadvantaged ethnicities to rebuild trust in the criminal justice system. We require that ~~[convicted Native Hawaiians, Pacific Islanders and all other races and ethnicities who reside within the State of Hawai‘i remain incarcerated in the State of Hawai‘i]~~ residents of Hawai‘i, if convicted and incarcerated, remain incarcerated in Hawai‘i, especially those of Native Hawaiian and Pacific Island descent.”

Reason for proposal: The cannabis-related amendments are self-explanatory. They were inserted here as opposed to the plank about drug policy because they relate to the criminal justice system.

The proposal shown in the second paragraph is just a matter of syntax and re-phrasing "convicted Native Hawaiians."

Submitted: Dylan Ramos, Second: Betty Vega

Proposal 7

We propose substituting the following plank for the **TECHNOLOGY** plank of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i 2018 Platform (page 10 of the DPH Platform):

[TECHNOLOGY

~~We recognize that the responsible use and development of technology in all its manifestations offers 25 immense potential for our community. We encourage research, development, and educational programs to 26 promote technological proficiency and innovation. We support Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and 27 Mathematics (STEAM) initiatives in our public, private and charter schools as these prepare the next 28 generation to address the needs of our state. 29 30 We maintain that State and local government databases should be integrated to promote efficiency in 31 government. We support both net neutrality to ensure free and open access to the internet, and the 32 protection of personal data as a personal right.]~~

TECHNOLOGY AND DIGITAL EQUITY

We believe that digital access is a critical and essential service necessary for many aspects of our economy and community life. We support achieving digital equity to ensure that all of Hawaii's residents, from *keiki* to *kūpuna*, have the information technology capacity needed to participate fully in our society, democracy, and economy, including civics, social and cultural activities, employment, lifelong learning, and for access to essential services.

We support access to high-quality internet and training to use technology for all of Hawaii's residents, and support efforts to ensure their ability to use digital resources to be connected and successful in their lives. We support efforts in government and industries to achieve digital access and the availability of services and resources to all residents and communities, as these efforts are beneficial to our people and communities, and the future of our economy and state.

We support both net neutrality to ensure free, open access to the internet and the protection of personal data as a personal right. We recognize that technological innovation may have unintended consequences and believe in practices that promote technology ethics among creators and developers as well as ethical uses of their products by the public. We support legislative action and regulation in pursuit of that same goal.

Submitted by:

Maker: Lynn Otaguro; Second: Nathaniel Char
Digital Equity Committee

Proposal 8

TRANSPORTATION (page 10 of the DPH Platform)

We support a policy that expands accessibility to beaches by allowing items, such as surfboards and canoe paddles, on public transportation, such as Honolulu's TheBus.

Submitted: Judy Parrish; Second: Nathaniel Char

Proposal 9

HEALTHCARE (page 11 of the DPH Platform)

~~[We believe that]~~ Healthcare is a right, not a privilege, and our healthcare system must put people before profits. The high costs of insurance and insufficient coverage mean that many people do not have access to the care they need, which creates devastating social costs that are also a significant economic burden to the State.

Therefore, we support robust funding of the Hawai'i Health Authority (HHA) or other State Health Agency to design a statewide, unified, cost-effective healthcare system that includes comprehensive healthcare services for all, and then submit that design to the legislature for evaluation.

Such a universal, comprehensive healthcare system would: (1) Unify the delivery of healthcare in Hawai'i by establishing a single network, benefit structure, reimbursement system, drug formulary, and prior authorization policies; (All state-regulated payers would be required to pay into this unified system, including Medicaid, Medicare Advantage, and health insurance provided by the state and counties, and commercial health insurance plans funded by employers and individuals.); (2) provide parity of mental and physical health coverage; (3) provide cost-effective regulation of comprehensive health care delivery systems with an administrative overhead of less than 3%; (4) include and protect all women's healthcare needs including reproductive rights and the healthcare needs of the LGBTQIA community; (5) provide preventative health programs; (6) provide long-term care, dental, and vision care; and (7) provide healthcare to Compact of Free Association (Federated States of Micronesia, the Marshall Islands, and Palau) (COFA)) citizens and other non-citizens lawfully residing in Hawai'i on an equal basis with US citizens and permanent residents.

We urge Hawai'i's Medicaid Program to join an existing multi-state prescription drug discount purchasing group as Medicaid, and then, via the HHA's or other State Health Agency's ability to create a unified statewide system, enable delivery of that discount to all state residents.

On the Federal level, we support a universal single-payer healthcare system similar to or better than HR [676] 1976, Expanded and Improved Medicare For All, wherein all individuals residing in the United States and U.S. territories are provided with comprehensive healthcare services.

Immediate improvements must be made by restoring the full range of dental services to Hawaii's Medicaid beneficiaries, by the elimination of Direct Contracting Entities from Medicare and Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) from Medicaid, by a qualitative audit of Hawaii's

Medicaid MCOs, by elimination of improper “upcoding” of medical services, and elimination of improper listing of “ghost” service providers in insurers’ networks of providers.

Submitted: Melodie Aduja; Second: Alan Burdick

Proposal 10 : HONORING NATIVE HAWAIIANS (page 15 of the DPH Platform)

~~[Native Hawaiians are the indigenous people of Hawai‘i and deserve a just relationship with the State and Federal Governments. We support the growth of Native Hawaiian farming, agricultural and healing practices. We value and wish to foster the preservation of our host culture. We support the efforts of Native Hawaiians rights to pursue self-determination. We also support their right to pursue the international rights of Native Hawaiian people.]~~

~~We acknowledge the past injustices and the misguided, harmful Federal and State policies and actions based on outdated and discredited values and beliefs that resulted in the destruction of the Hawaiian Nation’s economies, social, and religious systems, the taking of their lands, and the creation of intergenerational trauma that exists to this day. We believe that we have a moral and profound duty to honor, respect, and uphold our sacred obligation to the Hawaiian Nation State and the Hawaiian people.]~~

Self-Determination and Self-Governance

- (1) Native Hawaiians are kanaka maoli, indigenous, aboriginal people of Hawai‘i. We
- (2) support Native Hawaiian rights to self-determination to freely determine their political status and freely pursue their economic, social, and cultural development. We support their self-governance in the formation of their chosen governmental entity, to include, among others, federal recognition, restoration of the Hawaiian Kingdom, independence or the existing state of affairs. We support their government by having a just and equitable relationship with any government.

Consultation and Leadership Empowerment

- (3) We support the continued engagement and empowerment of the Native Hawaiian community in decisions related to county, state, federal, and international affairs, and *increasing the representation of Native Hawaiians in government leadership positions.*

Justice and Reconciliation with the U.S.A.

- (4) We support Native Hawaiians in their efforts to secure justice from the federal and state governments to repair the harms suffered and endured by the Native Hawaiian people and ‘āina. We support proactive actions by the federal and state governments to enhance Native Hawaiian culture, health, language, housing, education, agriculture, and jobs.

Public Land Trust and Stewardship

- (5) We urge the state to fulfill its Public Land Trust responsibilities under AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE ADMISSION OF THE STATE OF HAWAI‘I INTO THE UNION, ACT OF MARCH 18, 1959, PUB L 86-3, 73 STAT 4 and pursuant to Hawai‘i State Constitution Article XVI, Section 7, and including HRS §10-13.5, which requires that 20% of the revenue be provided annually to Native Hawaiians.
- (6) We believe that we have a moral and profound duty to honor, respect, and enforce the

state's fiduciary obligation to malama (protect and preserve) public lands, waters, air, flora, and fauna.

- (7) We urge the state to use the 'Aha Moku (generational-cultural practitioners) and implement Native Hawaiian land management practices in preserving, protecting, and sustaining Hawaii's natural and cultural resources for the benefit of present and future generations.
- (8) We support economic policies and practices that preserve and perpetuate Native Hawaiian cultural practices and the protection of Hawaii's natural resource

Submitted: Juanita Kawamoto; Second: Pohai Ryan

Proposal 11: HONORING NATIVE HAWAIIANS II (page 15 of the DPH Platform)

~~[DPH also supports efforts for self-governance and self-determination of Native Hawaiians whose values are the foundation of the Hawaiian Islands. We support proactive actions by the Federal and State governments to enhance Native Hawaiian culture, health, language, and education. We recognize and honor the contributions and sacrifices made in service to our county by Native Hawaiians.~~

~~We support the continued engagement and empowerment of the Native Hawaiian community in decisions related to county and state affairs. We support Hawaiian language immersion schools that contribute to the revitalization and continuation of the Hawaiian language and appropriate assessments that accurately reflect Hawaiian language immersion students' progress and support the Hawaiian language immersion program. We support Hawaiian-focused schools and courses that provide culturally-based education in order to maximize choices in life and work. We support educational programming and efforts that embody Hawaiian values, language, culture and history as a foundation to prepare students for success in college, career and communities.]~~

Home lands and Safe and Affordable Housing

- (1) We urge the Legislature to effectuate the Hawai'i Constitution Article XII, Section 1, the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, by appropriating sufficient funds towards Hawaiian home lands for the purpose of (1) development of home, agriculture, farm and ranch lots; (2) home, agriculture, aquaculture, farm and ranch loans; (3) rehabilitation projects to include educational, economic, political, social and cultural processes by which the general welfare and conditions of native Hawaiians are improved; and (4) the administration and operating budget of the department of Hawaiian home lands.
- (2) We support full funding of the Hawaiian Homes Commission budget and other housing programs to ensure that no Native Hawaiian is homeless, here in their homeland. We support the increase of affordable and safe housing and fight to significantly reduce homelessness on and off Hawaiian home lands, especially among Native youth, kupuna, and veterans.

Hawaiian Culture and Traditional & Customary Practices

- (3) We urge the state to protect all rights, including intellectual property rights, and those customarily and traditionally exercised by Native Hawaiians cultural and religious purposes and for subsistence, including fishing and farming.

- (4) We support the rights of Native Hawaiians to practice their culture and religious beliefs on Hawai'i lands and sacred sites and urge all governmental entities to ensure access to and protection of Native Hawaiian sacred sites and cultural resources.

Submitted: Juanita Kawamoto; Second: Pohai Ryan

Proposal 12: HONORING NATIVE HAWAIIANS III (page 15 of the DPH Platform)

~~[We support the construction and use of micro housing units on Hawaiian home lands approved by the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands and leased to Native Hawaiian beneficiaries who meet the minimum Hawaiian blood quantum requirement, notwithstanding county zoning laws. We support multi-level housing in Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) and agribusinesses for Native Hawaiians by creating ag-tech zones to promote agricultural innovation and diversify the State's agricultural systems for domestic consumption and export.]~~

~~We support Native Hawaiians in their efforts to secure justice from our Federal and State governments to repair harms endured by the Hawaiian People and the 'āina since 1893. We support the right of Native Hawaiians to self-determination, including the formation of their chosen governmental entity.]~~

Health and Environmental Justice

- (1) We support policies that address social determinants of health that adversely impact the well-being of Native Hawaiians. We support Native Hawaiian traditional and customary medicinal treatment programs, practitioners, and practices, especially in rural and Homestead communities and when treating those with drug and substance abuse and mental illness.
- (2) We support Environmental Justice for Native Hawaiians that are disproportionately affected by exposure to environmental hazards, uneven negative impacts from environmental procedures and policies, targeting and zoning of toxic and waste facilities, food deserts, and little access to and insufficient maintenance of natural spaces.

Citizen Rehabilitation and Reintegration

- (1) We support reforming the criminal justice system to address the disparate treatment of Native Hawaiians, including bail reform and restorative justice which includes Ho'oponopono. We support community programs to reduce recidivism, promote wellness, vocational training, and substance abuse treatment, and to support culturally relevant and appropriate intervention programs and services and reintegration into society.

Education and Immersion Schools

- (1) We urge the state to comply with Hawai'i State Constitution Article X, Section 4 to provide Hawaiian education programs consisting of language, culture and history in the

- public schools. We encourage the use of community expertise as a suitable and essential means in furtherance of Hawaiian education programs.
- (2) We support the strengthening of Hawaiian education programs in values, language, culture, and history in the state's public and private schools.
 - (3) We support the full funding of Hawaiian Focused Public Charter Schools and Hawaiian Immersion Schools and courses in the public schools that include Hawaiian values, language, culture, and history. We support educational assessments that recognize culturally based education in measuring student progress.
 - (4) We support educational attainment to include applied trades, trade schools, and post-high education.
 - (5) We support the reform of the Zero Tolerance policy, that has disparate treatment on Native Hawaiians, to provide culturally responsive approaches to discipline and support services

Submitted: Juanita Kawamoto; Second: Pohai Ryan

Proposal 13

ENVIRONMENT (page 17 of the DPH Platform)

~~[The Democratic Party of Hawai'i believes that the preservation and restoration of our natural environment is essential.]~~ We have the inherent right to clean land, clean water, and clean air, as recognized by the Hawai'i State Constitution and the Precautionary Principle. We support a sustainable society that utilizes the earth in such a way that future generations will benefit from the practices of our generation. We support the restoration, preservation, and protection of our native ecosystems on each island. We believe in integrated approaches, practices, and support public policies that create and maintain a sustainable way of life in Hawai'i.

We believe in supporting best management practices in sustaining our environment and in increased citizen involvement. We support programs that encourage sustainable clean, efficient, creative and environmentally friendly modes of transportation, recycling and waste reduction. The conservation, preservation and restoration of Hawai'i's natural resources are connected to the health and welfare of our people; therefore, we support the conservation and protection of our natural environment, ~~[which includes reducing]~~ to reduce our carbon footprint ~~[for the]~~ to benefit ~~[of]~~ current and future generations.

We support the protection of our 'āina against destruction by corporate, government, or military usage and expect full restoration and reparation of environmental damage. To handle current and future demands for water, we must assess the current condition of our aquifers and take appropriate actions to secure our fresh water resources.

The Navy has twenty World War Era underground bulk fuel storage tanks at Red Hill above Pearl Harbor with a capacity of 250 million gallons. These tanks are a direct threat to the drinking water of urban communities. This situation highlights the fragility of our water resources and the importance of protecting them throughout the state. We demand environmentally sound actions to preclude further risk of catastrophic releases by defueling, dismantling, decommissioning, and decontaminating the Facility as soon as possible.

We support democratic participation of citizens and residents to protect (I) valuable coastal ecosystems and reefs from misuse and (ii) beaches for public use and recreation. The Hawai‘i Coastal Zone Management (CZM) law, HRS Chapter 205A, currently provides for public participation in management of 26 coastal resources. We believe in the vigorous enforcement of our environmental laws and increased public-private stewardships and citizen involvement in protecting our resources.

We know that climate change is a real threat to our islands and the world. We strongly urge our candidates and elected officials to take immediate action to mitigate and adapt to the consequences of climate change. This includes funding adaptation measures including coastal retreat, effective participation of indigenous peoples in climate change governance, and recognition that indigenous, local, and traditional ecological knowledge is key in climate change adaptation solutions.

Cesspools throughout Hawai‘i threaten drinking water, coral reefs and the health of people who swim and surf in our island waters. They create a serious public safety issue, environmental problem and economic danger that is exacerbated by the effects of climate change. We support septic tank upgrades and wastewater sewage systems where feasible by [2025] 2035.

Submitted: Melodie Adjua; Second: Alan Burdick

Proposal 14

Insert the following into Section III Overarching Principles, Subsection C Energy and Environmental Wellbeing, Plank titled “**Energy**,” (paragraph starting on Page 17, Line 50 of the DPH Platform)

“We oppose any tax breaks to fossil fuel industries or public subsidization of the fossil fuel industry or any producer of dirty energy.”

Reason for proposal: “Dirty energy” is a little better at encompassing the types of industry we oppose subsidizing. For example, the Hu Honua project may qualify for tax credits because they purport to produce renewable energy. However, while their biomass approach may technically be “renewable,” it is also dirty energy because it depends on wood burning.

Submitted: Dylan Ramos, Second: Betty Vega

Proposal 15

Insert a new paragraph at the end of Section III Overarching Principles, Subsection C Energy and Environmental Wellbeing, Plank titled “**Combat Climate Change, Build a Clean Energy Economy, and Secure Environmental Justice**” (Page 18, after Line 35 of the DPH Platform):

“DPH emphasizes the need to secure environmental, climate, and energy justice for all citizens of Hawai‘i, especially Native Hawaiians, Pacific Islanders, and low-income neighborhoods. We promote projects that prioritize the physical, social, and cultural well-being of impacted communities.”

Reason for proposal: Contrary to the title of this plank, there was no explicit justice component mentioned in the existing language.

Submitted: Dylan Ramos, Second: Betty Vega

Proposal 16

Replace the State Platform planks with the following:

- Agriculture
Preserve and Strengthen the Future of Agriculture in Hawaii
- Arts and Culture
Support Investments in Arts and Humanities and Promotion of Arts and Culture
- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
Eliminate Barriers to Full Representation and Participation
- Disaster and Emergency Preparedness
Support Safety and Security as a Right for All Hawaii Residents
- Economic Sustainability
Support and Provide for a Strong Economy
- Education
Provide an Excellent, Free Public Education for Students at Every Level
- Environment and Energy
Protect and Preserve Hawaii's Environment and Achieve Energy Sustainability
- Government
Reform Our Government, Support Transparency in Government and Free, Fair, and Democratic Elections
- Health
Provide High Quality and Free Healthcare for Every Human Being
- Housing
Instill the Belief that Housing is a Basic Human Right
- Human Rights, Civil Rights, and Economic Justice
Protect and Restore the Civil Rights of Each Person; Support the Eradication of Discrimination; Support a Comprehensive Approach to Ending Poverty
- Kupuna and People with Disabilities
Support Policies and Programs that Promote Aging-in-Place and Active Aging for Kupuna
- Labor and Workers' Rights
Support Strong Labor Practices, Good Jobs, and a Living Wage; Support Measures to Drastically Reduce Income and Wealth Inequality
- Native Hawaiians and Hawaiian Culture
Support the Rights of Native Hawaiians and the Preservation of Native Hawaiian Culture
- Technology and Digital Equity

*Promote Digital Access as a Critical and Essential Service
for the Functioning of and Participation in Our Economy and
Community*

- Transportation
*Adopt Transportation Policies that Improve Our Quality of
Life*
- U.S. Military and Veterans' Affairs
*Support All Military Personnel and Veterans While Protecting
Our Aina*

Submitted: Kendra Oishi; Second: Dylan Ramos

PLATFORM COMMITTEE- PART II

There are no proposals that were not recommended for adoption.

REPORT OF THE O‘AHU COUNTY 2022 CONVENTION RULES COMMITTEE

Aloha O‘ahu County Convention Delegates:

We submit the following Report of the Convention Rules Committee to the 2022 O‘ahu County Democrats Convention.

Your Convention Rules Committee met on February 24, 2022 via Zoom at 6:00 p.m. and adjourned at 8:00 p.m.; on February 27, 2022 via Zoom at 12:00 p.m. and adjourned at 2:30 p.m.; and on March 1, 2022 via Zoom at 6:00 p.m. and adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

On February 24, 2022, members present at the OCC Rules Meeting were as listed below. Quorum was met with 19 members in attendance.

Elton Fukumoto	Daniel Jacob
Lei Learmont	Ken Jacob
Della Au Belatti	Marilyn Leimomi Khan
Jon Chinen	Larry Meacham
Bart Dame	Richard Oshiro (left early)
Phyllis Dendle	Aileen Wada
Michael Golojuch, Jr.	Matthew Weyer
Michael Golojuch, Sr.	Cora Yamamoto
Thomas Helper	Robert Zane
Elizabeth Holms	

Members not in attendance:

Cory Chun
Scott Matayoshi
Blake Oshiro (excused)

Zoom Administrator: Jimmy Nguyen

On February 27, 2022, members present at the OCC Rules Meeting were as listed below. Quorum was met with 19 members in attendance.

Elton Fukumoto	Ken Jacob
Lei Learmont	Marilyn Leimomi Khan
Della Au Belatti	Larry Meacham
Jon Chinen	Blake Oshiro
Cory Chun	Richard Oshiro
Bart Dame	Aileen Wada
Michael Golojuch, Jr.	Matthew Weyer
Michael Golojuch, Sr.	Cora Yamamoto
Thomas Helper	Robert Zane

Daniel Jacob

Members not in attendance:

Phyllis Dendle (resigned)

Elizabeth Holmes

Scott Matayoshi

Guest:

Lorna Strand

Zoom Administrator: Jimmy Nguyen

On March 1, 2022, members present at the OCC Rules Meeting. Quorum was met with 17 members in attendance, who are listed below:

Elton Fukumoto

Lei Learmont

Della Au Belatti

Jon Chinen

Cory Chun

Michael Golojuch, Jr.

Michael Golojuch, Sr.

Thomas Helper

Elizabeth Holmes

Daniel Jacob

Ken Jacob

Marilyn Leimomi Khan

Larry Meacham

Blake Oshiro

Richard Oshiro

Cora Yamamoto

Robert Zane

Scott Matayoshi

Members not in attendance:

Bart Dame

Aileen Wada

Matthew Weyer

Zoom Administrator: Jimmy Nguyen

Part I consists of all proposals recommended for adoption by the Committee.

Part II consists of proposals that the Committee considered and did not recommend for adoption. Proposals that were submitted but not considered by the Committee were either implicitly or explicitly withdrawn and are not included in this report.

To clearly see how the proposed amendments will impact upon the current Constitution and Bylaws, we have included an Appendix to this report that shows the amendments made to those Articles and Sections impacted with added language underlined and deleted language struck out.

Lastly, we wish to note that if the proposal to delete precincts as the basic unit of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i is adopted, it will also mean that references to Precincts will be removed from the Constitution and Bylaws, where appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,

Elton Fukumoto

Co-Chair

Lei Learmont

Co-Chair

PART I

The Convention Rules Committee recommends that the O‘ahu County Democrats adopt the following proposals for transmittal to the DPH Convention Rules Committee for consideration by delegates to the 2022 DPH Convention:

1. Amendment to DPH Constitution, Article VIII, Section 3 with Section 4 Added:

Every Democratic Party candidate for election to office, whether Federal, State or County, and every member of the Democratic Party of Hawaii should be expected to ~~shall~~ support, to the maximum extent possible, the Party Platform, Resolutions and the Constitution and Bylaws. ~~Every member of the Democratic Party of Hawaii shall support candidates who are members of the Party and request the Party’s support in the general, special or nonpartisan elections.~~

Add new Section 4: Party Support of Democratic Party Candidates. Every member of the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i shall support candidates who request the Party’s support in the general, special, or nonpartisan elections. To be eligible for such support, the candidate must be a member in good standing and must have completed the DPH Candidate Statement.

In nonpartisan races in which there is no DPH supported member as defined above, DPH members may support any candidate they believe will best be able to carry out the DPH Platform, Constitution and Bylaws and adopted resolutions.

The Democratic Party of Hawaii or any unit thereof shall not endorse any candidate in any race in which more than one Democratic candidate is running.

2. Bylaws, Article IX, Section 1, Candidate Support of Platform, Resolutions, Constitution and Bylaws

Lines 31 to 33: A candidate who fails to abide by these requirements shall not be eligible for Party support ~~endorsement~~ by the respective County Committees or the State Central Committee ~~[and is subject to reprimand by the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i].~~

3. Constitution, Article I, Section 5: Disciplinary Action.

Section 5. Disciplinary Action.

A member of the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i shall be subject to expulsion, suspension, reprimand, removal, or censure for reasons and in keeping with procedures provided in the Bylaws of the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i.

4. Bylaws Article I Section 8: Expulsion, Reprimand, or Censure 8A(1) and part of 8A(2):

Section 8. Expulsion, Reprimand, or Censure

8A. Grounds for Expulsion, Suspension, or Reprimand [~~or Censure~~]:

- (1) Mandatory Expulsion. A member of the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i shall be automatically expelled from the Party for the following reasons:
 - (a) Membership with a political party other than the Democratic Party; or
 - (b) Filing as a candidate of a political party other than the Democratic Party.
- (2) Permissive Expulsion, Suspension, or Reprimand [~~and Censure~~]. A member of the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i may be expelled, suspended, or reprimanded [~~or censured~~] for the following reasons:

5. Bylaws Article I Section 8: Expulsion, Reprimand or Censure, 8A(2)(a):

- (a) Active support or promotion of a political party or any candidate(s) of a political party other than the Democratic Party, except in nonpartisan races. Examples of active support include, but are not limited to, making monetary or in kind contributions, accepting a position in an opposition campaign, sign waving, letter writing, appearance in campaign ads, resigning from the Democratic Party to support another political party and rejoining the Democratic Party.

6. Bylaws Article I Section 8A(2)(b) through (2)(f):

- (2) Permissive Expulsion, Suspension, or Reprimand [~~and Censure~~]. A member of the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i may be expelled, suspended, or reprimanded [~~or censured~~] for the following reasons:
 - (b) Failure of a candidate for an elective office or an elected official to follow and abide by the Constitution and Bylaws of the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i, and regulations of the Party campaign committees as approved by the State Central Committee or respective County Committee.
 - (c) Violation of the Constitution or Bylaws of the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i and/or Platform of the Party.
 - (d) Violation of governmental ethics codes as adjudicated or determined by the State Ethics Commission, the County Ethics Commission, the Office of Disciplinary

Counsel, the State House, the State Senate, or the courts.

- (e) Conviction of criminal acts for which the member has been found guilty by a federal or state court of law.
- (f) Sexual Violation, Harassment, or Bullying

7. Bylaws, Article I Section 8B, Procedure, Part 8B(1) Limitations and 8B(2) Complaint:

8B. Procedure. The procedures for expulsion, suspension, or reprimand [~~or censure~~] are outlined below.

- (1) Limitations. Any complaint charging a member with cause for expulsion, suspension, or reprimand, [~~or censure~~] shall be made no later than one hundred and eighty (180) days after the discovery of the violation, except for Sexual Violation, Harassment and Bullying complaints which has no time limitation.
- (2) Complaint. Any member of the Party may file a complaint. The complaint shall be in writing. The complaint shall state the rule(s) which have been violated, if applicable; the activities alleged to have been committed, the date(s) of these activities. Each allegation shall be numbered. Each allegation shall be accompanied by evidence of such activities. The complaint shall be signed by one (1) Party member and endorsed by at least four (4) other Party members. The complaint shall be submitted to the County Secretary[.] if the issue falls within the jurisdiction of the County and/or is made against an individual; otherwise, the complaint shall be filed with the Party Secretary. It is the responsibility of the complainant to provide evidence to support the expulsion, suspension, or reprimand [~~or censure~~]. Attached to the complaint shall be a list of any witnesses and the evidence to which they can attest. Each witness will prepare an affidavit attesting to the evidence. The State Central Committee or the County Executive Committee, as applicable, may dismiss with prejudice any complaint submitted without the required evidence.
- (3) Sexual Violation, Harassment, or Bullying Complaint. The procedures for filing a complaint based on Sexual Violation, Harassment, or Bullying shall be as specified in the DPH Policy Against Sexual Harassment & Bullying approved by the SCC on Sep 4, 2021.

8. Bylaws Article I, Section 8B Procedure, 8B(3) Notice and 8B(4) Response

Added: (3) Sexual Violation, Harassment, or Bullying Complaint. The procedures for filing a complaint based on Sexual Violation, Harassment, or Bullying shall be as specified in the DPH Policy Against Sexual Harassment & Bullying approved by the SCC on Sep 4, 2021.

((3) (4) Notice. ~~The accused member~~ Written notice must be [~~notified in writing~~] sent to the accused member by the County Secretary or Party Secretary, as applicable, within ten (10) days of the receipt of a complaint.

~~(4)~~ (5) Response. The accused member shall have thirty (30) days from the date ~~[of notification]~~ notice was mailed and/or sent electronically to prepare a response. The accused member must respond to each allegation: admitted, denied, or denied in part. If an allegation is denied in part or in whole, the accused member shall provide any evidence supporting the denial. Attached to the response shall be a list of any witnesses and the evidence to which they can attest. Each witness shall prepare an affidavit attesting to the evidence.

9. Bylaws Article I, Section 8B Procedure, 8B(5) Investigation:

~~(5)~~ (6). Investigation. The County Chairperson shall refer each complaint to the County Rules Committee or a special committee to investigate the charges (the “Investigation Committee”). The State Party Secretary shall refer each complaint under the jurisdiction of the State Central Committee to the State Party Chair. Upon receipt of the complaint, the State Party Chair shall appoint an Investigation Committee. The referral of complaint shall be reported to the County Committee or State Central Committee, as applicable, at its next meeting and shall be recorded in the minutes. The Investigation Committee shall conduct a good faith investigation to determine ~~[if a violation of the rules has occurred.]~~ the validity or merits of the complaint. The Investigation Committee shall interview the accused member, the complainant, and any witnesses. The credibility of the complainant, the accused member or any witness may be challenged during the investigation. The Investigation Committee shall gather other facts as necessary for its finding, and shall, within thirty (30) days, submit a report and recommendation(s) to the County Chairperson ~~of or the State Central Committee, as applicable.~~ The Report shall include the Investigation Committee’s findings for each allegation; including any adverse findings regarding credibility; in addition the Investigation Committee may recommend specific sanctions.

1. Bylaws Article I, Section 8B Procedure, 8B(6) Committee’s Report:

~~(6)~~ (7) Investigation Committee’s Report. A copy of the Committee Report shall be provided to the accused member and the complainant, and to the County Committee, or State Central Committee, as applicable. The report shall include the grounds upon which the expulsion, suspension, or reprimand ~~[or censure]~~ is sought, and the committee’s findings and recommendations, ~~[and a list of County Committee or State Central Committee members who are eligible to vote to accept, amend, or reject the committee’s findings and recommendations.]~~

11. Bylaws Article I, Section 8B Procedure, 8B(7) Hearing:

(7) ~~(8)~~ Hearing. The County Committee, or State Central Committee, shall place the complaint on the agenda at its next meeting following receipt of the Investigation Committee Report or by agreement with the accused member at some other time. Notice of the meeting shall be given to the member, the complainant and the County Committee, or State Central Committee, as applicable, at least seven (7) days prior to the hearing. Members of the County Committee, or State Central Committee, shall be provided with a copy of the report at this time for their consideration-prior to the meeting. The Investigation Committee shall present its report in a meeting open to any interested Party member. The complainant, accused member, and any Party member shall be allowed to make a statement relating to the facts of the case or the

committee's recommendation. The County Committee, or State Central Committee, as applicable, shall decide by majority vote whether to accept, amend, or reject the Committee Report and any sanctions. The County Committee, or State Central Committee, as applicable, shall give notice in writing of its decision to the Secretary of the State Central Committee, with a copy to the member and complainant within seven (7) calendar days. A copy of the committee's report and the County Committee's, or State Central Committee's, decision shall be filed with the County Secretary and the Secretary of the State Central Committee and shall be available for inspection by Party members.

12. Bylaws Article I, Section 8B Procedure, 8B(8) Appeal:

~~(8)~~ (9) Appeal of a County Committee Decision:. A member expelled, suspended, or reprimanded, ~~[or censured]~~ may appeal the decision of the County Committee to the State Central Committee by filing a written request with the Secretary of the State Central Committee within ten (10) days of receiving the written decision of the County Committee. If no appeal is submitted within the ten (10) days, the decision of the County Committee shall be final. If an appeal is submitted, a hearing shall be granted in open meeting of the entire State Central Committee within thirty (30) days. The State Central Committee shall review the Committee Report and accept comments from the County Chair, the Investigation Committee, the accused member and members of the State Central Committee. The State Central Committee shall decide the appeal by majority vote and shall transmit to the member a written notice of its decision within ten (10) days. The decision of the State Central Committee shall be final.

(10) (Added). Appeal of a State Central Committee Decision: The decision on a complaint filed with the SCC and acted upon is not appealable. The decision of the State Central Committee shall be final.

13. Bylaws Article I Section 8 Procedure, 8C Sanctions and Enforcement:

8C. Sanctions and Enforcement for Expulsion, Suspension, or Reprimand

- (1) **Mandatory Expulsion.** Expulsion shall be automatic and implemented by the Secretary of the State Central Committee. After expulsion, the expelled member is barred from enrolling for membership for five (5) years. The Party shall take all reasonable action to prevent such person from running for office as a Democrat, serving in public office, or holding an office in the Party during the five-year period.
- (2) **Permissive Expulsion.** Expulsion shall be implemented by the Secretary of the State Central Committee. The Party shall take all reasonable action to prevent such person from participating in Party activities, running for public office as a Democrat, or serving in public office for the period provided in the decision of the County Committee or State Central Committee for at least three (3) years but not more than five (5) years.
- (3) Suspension (Added). Suspension shall be implemented by the Secretary of the State Central Committee. The individual shall be barred from participating in Party events or from serving in their elected or appointed capacity with the Party for the duration of the

suspension. Any member who violates the terms of their suspension may face removal from their position or expulsion from the DPH.

14. Bylaws Article I Section 8C Sanctions and Enforcement 8C(4) Censure (delete):

~~[3] (4) Reprimand. The Party shall take all reasonable action to prevent such member from holding an office in the Party for up to three (3) years.~~

~~[[4] Censure. In the case of censure by a County, an official letter of censure shall be written by the County Chair. In the case of censure by the State Central Committee, an official letter of censure shall be written by the Party Chair. The letter shall be addressed to the accused member with a copy to the complainant and shall be available for inspection by Party members. No additional sanctions shall apply. No further action shall be taken on the complaint.]~~

(5) Voluntary Resignation. When a member has voluntarily resigned from the Democratic Party to engage in activities which are grounds for mandatory expulsion, the member shall be barred from re-enrolling for Party membership for at least three (3) years from the date of Resignation.”

15. Bylaws Article I Section 8D, Censure and/or Removal (added section):

- (1) Censure. A motion to censure the behavior and or remarks of a member of the Party or any of its County Committees or Caucuses to express consternation and disapproval may be adopted by two-thirds vote of the membership so long as the party member to be censured has been notified 10 days in advance of the meeting and shall have the opportunity at the meeting to speak in defense.

16. Bylaws Article I, Section 8D, Censure and/or Removal (second added section):

- (2) Removal from a Meeting. Nothing in these Bylaws shall prevent or restrict a presiding officer of the State Central Committee, a County Committee, Caucus, District Council or Precinct Club from ejecting for the duration of that meeting or session anyone who has committed an egregious or repeated breach of decorum.

17. Bylaws, Article IX, General Provisions Section 1, Candidate Support of Platform, Resolutions, Constitution and Bylaws:

The Secretary of the State Central Committee and the Secretary of each county committee shall provide each Democratic candidate for elective office with a copy of the most recently approved State and County Party Platforms, Resolutions, Constitution, and the Bylaws ~~[of the Democratic Party of Hawaii and the respective County Rules]~~ within seven (7) days after the legally established filing deadline. Said candidates shall submit Candidate Statement Forms provided by the State Central Committee indicating their agreement, disagreement, and or reservations

with the Platform and Resolutions of the State and County party organizations within [~~seven (7) days~~] 14 calendar days after receipt of the blank forms to the State Central Committee.

Should the candidate draw or pull nomination papers prior to the biennial State Convention, then two (2) sets of Candidate Statement Forms shall be sent, filled out, returned and kept on file, one (1) set of forms relevant to the preceding biennial State Conventions Resolutions and Platform and one set of forms relevant to the current biennial State Conventions Resolutions and Platform.

18. Bylaws, Article IX, General Provisions Section 1, Candidate Support of Platform, Resolutions, Constitution and Bylaws (second amendment of this section):

The State Central Committee ~~and each County Committee~~ shall provide each Democratic candidate for elective office with a copy of the most recently approved State [~~and County~~] Party Platform[s], [~~Resolutions,~~] Constitution, and the Bylaws of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i [~~and the respective County Rules~~] within seven (7) days after the legally established filing deadline. Said candidates shall submit Candidate Statement Forms provided by the State Central Committee indicating their agreement, disagreement, and/or reservations with the Platform [~~and Resolutions~~] of the State [~~and County~~] Party organization[s] within [~~seven (7)~~] fourteen (14) days after receipt of the blank forms to the State Central Committee.

19. Bylaws, Article IX, General Provisions Section 1, Candidate Support of Platform, Resolutions, Constitution and Bylaws (third amendment of this section):

These candidate statement forms, in turn, will be kept for review by Democratic Party members at State Party Headquarters, and posted to the DPH website until the end of the general election. Further, relevant copies of the Candidates Statement Forms shall be made available to the four County Party Chairpersons so that each inhabited island with at least (1) active Precinct Club has one copy of the Candidate Statement Forms for review by Democratic Party members with the exception of Hawaii County, which shall have two, one (1) for East Hawaii and one (1) for West Hawaii. A candidate who is in agreement with the Platform and Resolutions of the State and Party organizations shall be eligible for Party support upon request. A candidate who fails to abide by these requirements shall not be eligible for Party support or endorsement by the respective County Committees or the State Central Committee and is subject to reprimand by the Democratic Party of Hawaii.

20. Bylaws, Article IX, General Provisions, Section 3, Availability of the Constitution and Bylaws:

~~[It shall be the responsibility of the newly elected State Central Committee to certify as official a complete copy of the newly amended Constitution and/or bylaws of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i.]~~ Each member of the State Central Committee and the respective County Committees shall be ~~provided~~ notified by the SCC secretary that- they may access an updated copy of this the Constitution and or Bylaws on the DPH website when it is posted. The updated Constitution shall be posted on the DPH website within sixty (60) days of the conclusion of the State Convention, or in the case of an amendment within sixty (60) days of the date such amendment was adopted by the State Central Committee.

Any member may also receive a hard copy of this Constitution and Bylaws, upon requesting the same from the Secretary of the respective County Committee and upon payment of a reasonable fee to cover the cost of copies and postage.

21. Constitution Article II (New) Section 1:

Constitution Article II, Section 1 is deleted and replaced by a new Section 1:

ARTICLE ~~III~~ II-DISTRICT COUNCIL

~~Article III, Section 1. Organization.~~

~~There shall be a District Council in each Representative District which shall consist of all the Precinct Presidents and District Councilpersons of each Precinct Club and the duly elected Chairperson. Counties may include the Precinct First Vice-President.~~

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Article II, Section 1. Organization. [New]

The District, as defined by law, shall be the basic unit of the Party organization. There shall be one District Council in each Representative District.

22. Constitution Article II (New) Section 2:

Article ~~III~~, Section 2. Officers.

~~Officers of a District Council shall be a District Chairperson, not more than three (3) ViceChairpersons, not more than two (2) Secretaries, and a Treasurer. The offices of the Secretary and Treasurer may be held by one (1) person. The officers of the District Council shall constitute the Executive Committee. Vacancies in any officer position shall be filled as provided in the Bylaws of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i.~~

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Article II, Section 2. Officers. [New]

Each District Council will be comprised of the following officers: a District Chairperson: a First Vice Chairperson; a Second Vice Chairperson; a Secretary; a Treasurer; and four District Councilmembers.

23. Constitution Article II (New) Section 3:

~~Article III, Section 3. Term of office.~~

~~The District Council, excepting the District Chairperson, shall take office no later than two weeks after the biennial District Council meeting and end at the time of the election of a successor but in no event past the two weeks after the biennial District Council meeting.~~

Article II, Section 3. Biennial Election of District Council Officers and Delegates to the State Convention.(borrowed from the existing Article II, Section 3A).

Democratic Party of Hawai'i members in a District shall meet to elect officers, delegates, and alternates a provided for herein and further provided for in the Bylaws of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, on the first Wednesday of March in every even numbered year or at such other times

as may be determined by the State Central Committee (“the biennial election meeting”).
Elections shall be by ballot if requested by any member present.

24. Constitution Article II (New) Section 4:

Article III, Section 4. ~~Meetings.~~

~~Regular meetings of the District Council shall be held at least three (3) times a year at such time and place as the Chairperson designates.~~

Article II, Section 4. Election of the District Council

4A. At the biennial election meeting the members of the District shall elect the officers of the District Council, except for the District Chairperson, who shall be duly elected at a meeting of the District/‘Ili Council immediately following the election meeting.

4B. District members seeking to become an officer of the District Council shall file a candidate declaration form with the appropriate County Committee two weeks prior to the election.

25. Constitution Article II (New) Section 5:

As amended in the new Article II:

Article II, Section 4. ~~5. Officers of Precinct Club. Terms of Office-~~

~~4A. The elected officers of the Precinct Club shall be a President, a First Vice-President, a Secretary, a Treasurer and the Precinct’s District Councilperson. The Precinct Club may elect such other officers and alternates, including an Alternate District Councilperson for offices as it may deem necessary and may combine any two (2) offices except those of President, First VicePresident and the Precinct’s District Councilperson. Precinct Club officers shall not be required to relinquish their positions if elected or appointed to the State Central Committee.~~

4B.5A. Each officer shall take office immediately upon election and shall hold office from the time of election until a successor is duly elected, or until said officer moves out of the precinct.

4C.5B. Vacancies in any officer position shall be filled as provided in the DPH Bylaws

26. Constitution Article II (New) Section 6:

Section 5. 6. Delegates and Alternates to the State Convention.

Each ~~Precinct Club~~ District shall elect delegates to the State Convention as contained in the official Call of the Party, subject to the composition requirements as provided for in the Bylaws of the Democratic Party of Hawai‘I and the Democratic National Committee. Election of alternates should be subject to the composition requirements as provided for in the Bylaws of the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i. ~~In the event the certified roster indicates insufficient membership~~

~~for an equal number of alternates, the Precinct Club shall decide the number of alternates to be elected. No person shall vote in a meeting of more than one (1) Precinct Club held for the purpose of electing delegates/alternates to the State Convention.~~

27. Constitution Article II (New) Section 7:

~~Section 4~~ 7 Meetings of the District Council.

Regular meetings of the District Council shall be held at least three (3) times a year at such time and place as the Chairperson designates.

28. Constitution Article II (New) Section 8:

~~Section 5:~~ 8. Duties and Responsibilities of the District/ Council.

~~5A. The District Council, at its first meeting on the first Tuesday in April, shall hear all challenges concerning the results of the biennial Precinct Club elections that may be brought before it by any Party member residing in the District. The District Council shall, not later than the second Tuesday in April, rule on every challenge concerning a Precinct Officer, or concerning the validity of a vote on, or the eligibility of a person voting on any question other than the election of State Convention Delegates.~~

~~5~~ 8A. The District Council shall consider challenges concerning delegates to the State Convention as provided for in the Bylaws of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i.

~~5~~ 8B. It shall be the duty of the District Council to establish and maintain an active and effective Party organization within its district to inform Democrats within the District of Party policy and activities, and to ensure as large a vote as possible for Party candidates in the election.

~~5~~ 8C. To affect these ends, the District Council may adopt District platforms, consistent with the Party Platform adopted by the State Convention, and take such steps as are necessary to encourage officials of the District elected or appointed in the name of the Party to observe the Platform and Principles of the Party.

29. Constitution Article II (New) Section 8 (second part) and Section 9:

Article II Section 8:

8D. Also to effect these ends, District/'Ili Councils may organize areas within the District for the purposes of running effective campaigns for Party candidates.

~~Section 6~~ 9. District Council Rules.

Each District Council may adopt rules for the proper conduct of its business not inconsistent or in conflict with the Constitution and Bylaws of the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i or the Bylaws and Rules of the applicable County Committee.

30. Constitution Article II (New) Section 10::

Section 10. Use of the Name of the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i.

~~No Precinct Club or combination of Precinct Clubs, or members of clubs, or committees~~ District Council shall be permitted to use the name of the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i without first obtaining express and specific consent and authority of the appropriate County Committee or State Central Committee. **[amending and moving Article II, section 6]**

31. Constitution Article II (repealed):

DPH Constitution Article II is repealed except for those portions which have been incorporated into the new Article II detailed in the submissions in DPH Constitution Article II New Parts 1 through 10.

PART II

The Convention Rules Committee considered the following proposals for adoption but decided not to recommend them:

1. Bylaws, Article IX, General Provisions, Section 2 (Added) Party Support of Democratic Party of Hawai‘i Members Who Run in Partisan and Nonpartisan Races:

PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Article IX, General Provisions, Section 2(Added) Party Support of Democratic Party of Hawaii Members Who Run in Partisan and Nonpartisan Races.

The Democratic Party of Hawaii and its entities may endorse a member who is a candidate in the primary and general election only when there is one Democratic Party candidate and the candidate requests such endorsement. The member must be in good standing and have completed the DPH candidate statement. “Member in good standing” means any member whose rights have not been suspended as a result of disciplinary action under Article I, Section 8. “Endorsement” means the Party or any of its entities gives public approval of the candidate in writing or orally, such as in ads, letters, TV, radio spots, etc., .

2. Bylaws, Article I Membership, Section 8, Expulsion, Reprimand, or Censure

(2) Permissive Expulsion, Reprimand and Censure.. A member of the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i may be expelled, reprimanded or censured for the following reasons:

(c) Violation of the Constitution or Bylaws of the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i ~~[and/or Platform of the Party]~~

3. Bylaws Article I, Section 8, Part 8D (Added) Censure and/or Removal:

8D. Censure and/or Removal (Added).

Section 8D(1) was approved by the Committee (see Proposal 15 in Part I above.) Subsections (1)(a), (1)(b), and (1)(c) below were withdrawn by the maker of the proposal. Subsection 8D(2) was not adopted for referral to the convention for consideration.

- (1) Censure. A motion to censure the behavior and or remarks of a member of the Party or any of its County Committees or Caucuses to express consternation and disapproval may be adopted by two-thirds vote of the membership so long as the party member to be censured has been notified 10 days in advance of the meeting and shall have the opportunity at the meeting to speak in defense.
 - (a) The State Central Committee may censure any member of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i whose behavior and or remarks have publicly embarrassed or otherwise brought shame upon the Party.
 - (b) A County Committee may censure any Democrat of that County whose behavior and or remarks have publicly embarrassed or otherwise brought shame upon the County Committee.
 - (c) A Certified Caucus may censure and, or remove from that Caucus any member of the Caucus whose behavior and or remarks have publicly embarrassed, violated its express purposes or otherwise brought shame upon the Caucus.
- (1) Removal from Office. A motion to remove from office an elected officer of a county committee or certified caucus may be adopted by two-thirds vote of the membership of that county committee or certified caucus so long as the officer to be removed has been notified 10 days in advance of the meeting and shall have the opportunity at the meeting to speak in defense.

APPENDIX TO 2022 CONVENTION RULES COMMITTEE REPORT

This Appendix shows the proposed amendments to the DPH Constitution dated May 27, 2018 and Bylaws dated May 27, 2018 and as last amended by the SCC on December 11, 2021. The sections affected show the recommended amendments in Ramseyer format with added language underlined and deleted language struck out.

THE CONSTITUTION OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF HAWAI‘I AS PROPOSED TO BE AMENDED ON MAY 29, 2022

ARTICLE I-MEMBERSHIP

Section 5. Disciplinary Action.

A member of the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i shall be subject to expulsion, suspension, reprimand, removal or censure for reasons and in keeping with procedures provided in the Bylaws of the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i.

~~ARTICLE II—PRECINCT CLUB~~

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~~Section 1. Definition.—~~

~~The Precinct Club shall be the basic unit of the Party organization. There shall be one Precinct Club in each precinct, as defined by law.~~

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~~Section 2. Organization.—~~

~~Initial organization of a Precinct Club shall be under the jurisdiction of the District Council of the district within which the precinct is located. A Precinct Club, once organized and recognized by the District Council, shall be the constituted body having jurisdiction in the precinct. Thereafter, no other Precinct Club in the same precinct may be organized unless and until such time as the club of record shall be declared by the Executive Committee of the District Council to be inactive as defined in this section and as further provided in the Bylaws of the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i.~~

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~~Section 3. Biennial Election of Precinct Officers and Delegates to the State Convention.—~~

~~3A. The Precinct Club shall meet to elect officers, delegates, and alternates as provided for herein and further provided for in the Bylaws of the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i, on the first Wednesday of March in every even numbered year or at such other times as may be determined by the State Central Committee (“the biennial election meeting”). Elections shall be by ballot if requested by any member present.—~~

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~~3B. Where no meeting is held because a quorum of one (1) person is not attained at the biennial election meeting, it shall be the duty of the members of that Precinct Club to attempt immediately a successful meeting. Where no officers have been elected in the current biennium, any member of the precinct may, by written petition to the respective District Council, request the initiation of precinct reorganization, as further described in the Bylaws of the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i.~~

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~~Section 4. Officers of Precinct Club.—~~

~~4A. The elected officers of the Precinct Club shall be a President, a First Vice-President, a Secretary, a Treasurer and the Precinct's District Councilperson. The Precinct Club may elect such other officers and alternates, including an Alternate District Councilperson for offices as it may deem necessary and may combine any two (2) offices except those of President, First VicePresident and the Precinct's District Councilperson. Precinct Club officers shall not be required to relinquish their positions if elected or appointed to the State Central Committee.~~

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~~4B. Each officer shall take office immediately upon election and shall hold office from the time of election until a successor is duly elected, or until said officer moves out of the precinct.~~

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~~4C. Vacancies in any officer position shall be filled as provided in the DPH Bylaws.~~

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~~**Section 5. Delegates and Alternates to the State Convention.—**~~

~~Each Precinct Club shall elect delegates to the State Convention as contained in the official Call of the Party, subject to the composition requirements as provided for in the Bylaws of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i. Election of alternates should be subject to the composition requirements as provided for in the Bylaws of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i. In the event the certified roster indicates insufficient membership for an equal number of alternates, the Precinct Club shall decide the number of alternates to be elected. No person shall vote in a meeting of more than one (1) Precinct Club held for the purpose of electing delegates/alternates to the State Convention.~~

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~~**Section 6. Use of the Name of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i.—**~~

~~No Precinct Club or combination of Precinct Clubs, or members of clubs, or committees shall be permitted to use the name of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i without first obtaining express and specific consent and authority of the appropriate County Committee or State Central Committee.~~

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~~Section 7. Club Rules.—~~

~~Each Precinct Club may adopt rules for the proper conduct of its business not inconsistent or in conflict with the Constitution and Bylaws of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i or the Bylaws and Rules of the applicable County Committee.~~

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ARTICLE II-DISTRICT COUNCIL

Section 1. Organization.

The District, as defined by law, shall be the basic unit of the Party organization. There shall be one District Council in each Representative District.

Section 2. Officers.

Each District Council will be comprised of the following officers: a District Chairperson; a First Vice Chairperson; a Second Vice Chairperson; a Secretary; a Treasurer; and four District Councilmembers.

Section 3. Biennial Election of District Council Officers and Delegates to the State Convention.

Democratic Party of Hawai'i members in a District shall meet to elect officers, delegates, and alternates as provided for herein and further provided for in the Bylaws of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, on the first Wednesday of March in every even numbered year or at such other times as may be determined by the State Central Committee ("the biennial election meeting").

Elections shall be by ballot if requested by any member present.

Section 4. Election of the District Council

4A. At the biennial election meeting the members of the District shall elect the officers of the District Council, except for the District Chairperson, who shall be duly elected at a meeting of the District Council immediately following the election meeting.

4B. District members seeking to become an officer of the District Council shall file a candidate declaration form with the appropriate County Committee two weeks prior to the election.

Section 5. Term of Office.

5A. Each officer shall take office immediately upon election and shall hold office from the time of election until a successor is duly elected, or until said officer moves out of the precinct,

5B. Vacancies in any officer position shall be filled as provided in the DPH Bylaws.

Section 6. Delegates and Alternates to the State Convention.

Each District shall elect delegates to the State Convention as contained in the official Call of the Party, subject to the composition requirements as provided for in the Bylaws of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i and the Democratic National Committee.. Election of alternates should be subject to the composition requirements as provided for in the Bylaws of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i.

Section 7. Meetings of the District Council.

Regular meetings of the District/ 'Ili Council shall be held at least three (3) times a year at such time and place as the Chairperson designates.

Section 8. Duties and Responsibilities of the District Council.

8A. The District/ Council shall consider challenges concerning delegates to the State Convention as provided for in the Bylaws of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i.

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8B. It shall be the duty of the District Council to establish and maintain an active and effective Party organization within its district to inform Democrats within the District of Party policy and activities, and to ensure as large a vote as possible for Party candidates in the election.

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8C. To effect these ends, the District Council may adopt District platforms, consistent with the Party Platform adopted by the State Convention, and take such steps as are necessary to encourage officials of the District elected or appointed in the name of the Party to observe the Platform and Principles of the Party.

8D. Also to effect these ends, District Councils may organize areas within the District for the purposes of running effective campaigns for Party candidates.

- Section 9. District Council Rules.

Each District Council may adopt rules for the proper conduct of its business not inconsistent or in conflict with the Constitution and Bylaws of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i or the Bylaws and Rules of the applicable County Committee.

- Section 10. Use of the Name of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i.

No District Council shall be permitted to use the name of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i without first obtaining express and specific consent and authority of the appropriate County Committee or State Central Committee.

ARTICLE VIII-GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 3. Candidate Support of Platform, Resolutions, Constitution and Bylaws

Every Democratic Party candidate for election to office, whether Federal, State or County, and every member of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i ~~[shall]~~ should be expected to support to the maximum extent possible the Party Platform, Resolutions and the Constitution and Bylaws. ~~[Every member of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i shall support candidates who are members of the Party and request the Party's support in the general, special or nonpartisan elections.]~~

Section 4 (Added). Party Support of Democratic Party Candidates. Every member of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i shall support candidates who request the Party's support in the general, special, or nonpartisan elections. To be eligible for such support, the candidate must be a member in good standing and must have completed the DPH Candidate Statement.

In nonpartisan races, in which there is no DPH supported candidate as defined above, DPH members may support any candidate they believe will best be able to carry out the DPH Platform, Constitution and Bylaws, and adopted resolutions.

The Democratic Party of Hawai'i or any unit thereof shall not endorse any candidate in any race in which more than one Democratic candidate is running.

THE BYLAWS OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF HAWAI'I AS PROPOSED TO BE AMENDED ON MAY 29, 2022

DPH BYLAWS, ARTICLE I-MEMBERSHIP

Section 8. Expulsion, Suspension, Reprimand, or Censure.

8A. Grounds for Expulsion, Suspension, Reprimand ~~or Censure~~:

- (1) Mandatory Expulsion. A member of the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i shall be automatically expelled from the Party for the following reasons:
 - (a) Membership with a political party other than the Democratic Party; or
 - (b) Filing as a candidate of a political party other than the Democratic Party.
- (1) Permissive Expulsion, Suspension, ~~or Reprimand and Censure~~. A member of the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i may be expelled, suspended, or reprimanded [~~or censored~~] for the following reasons:
 - (a) Active support or promotion of a political party or any candidates of a political party other than the Democratic Party, except in nonpartisan races. Examples of active support include, but are not limited to, making monetary or in-kind contributions, accepting a position in an opposition campaign, sign waving, letter writing, appearance in campaign ads, resigning from the Democratic Party to support another political party and rejoining the Democratic Party.
 - (b) Failure of a candidate for an elective office or an elected official to follow and abide by the Constitution and Bylaws of the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i, and regulations of the Party campaign committees as approved by the State Central Committee or respective County Committee.
 - (c) Violation of the Constitution or Bylaws of the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i and/or Platform of the Party.
 - (d) Violation of governmental ethics codes as adjudicated or determined by the State Ethics Commission, the County Ethics Commission, the Office of Disciplinary Counsel, the State House, the State Senate, or the courts.
 - (e) Conviction of criminal acts for which the member has been found guilty by a federal or state court of law.
 - (f) Sexual Violation, Harassment, or Bullying.

8B. Procedure. The procedures for expulsion, suspension, or reprimand [~~or censure~~] are outlined below.

- (1) Limitations. Any complaint charging a member with cause for expulsion, suspension, or reprimand [or censure] shall be made no later than one hundred and eighty (180) days after the discovery of the violation, except for Sexual Violation, Harassment and Bullying complaints which have no time limitation.
- (2) Complaint. Any member of the Party may file a complaint. The complaint shall be in writing. The complaint shall state the rule(s) which have been violated, if applicable; the activities alleged to have been committed, the date(s) of these activities. Each allegation shall be numbered. Each allegation shall be accompanied by evidence of such activities. The complaint shall be signed by one (1) Party member and endorsed by at least four (4) other Party members. The complaint should be submitted to the County Secretary[.] if the issue falls within the jurisdiction of the County and/or is made against an individual; otherwise, the complaint shall be filed with the Party Secretary. It is the responsibility of the complainant to provide evidence to support the expulsion, suspension, or reprimand [or censure]. Attached to the complaint shall be a list of any witnesses and the evidence to which they can attest. Each witness will prepare an affidavit attesting to the evidence. The State Central Committee or the County Executive Committee, as applicable, may dismiss with prejudice any complaint submitted without the required evidence.
- (3) Sexual Violation, Harassment, or Bullying Complaint. The procedures for filing a complaint based on Sexual Violation, Harassment, or Bullying shall be as specified in the DPH Policy Against Sexual Harassment & Bullying approved by the SCC on Sep 4, 2021.
- (4) (3) Notice. ~~The accused member~~ Written notice must be ~~[notified in writing]~~ sent to the accused member by the County Secretary or Party Secretary, as applicable, within ten (10) days of the receipt of a complaint.
- (5) ~~[(4)]~~ Response. The accused member shall have thirty (30) days from the date ~~of [notification]~~ notice was mailed and/or sent electronically to prepare a response. The accused member must respond to each allegation: admitted, denied, or denied in part. If an allegation is denied in part or in whole, the accused member shall provide any evidence supporting the denial. Attached to the response should be a list of any witnesses and the evidence to which they can attest. Each witness shall prepare an affidavit attesting to the evidence.
- (6) ~~[(5)]~~ Investigation. The County Chairperson shall refer each complaint to the County Rules Committee or a special committee to investigate the charges (“the Investigation Committee”). The State Party Secretary shall refer each complaint under the jurisdiction of the State Central Committee to the State Party Chair. Upon receipt of the complaint, the State Party Chair shall appoint an Investigation Committee. The referral of complaint should be reported to the County Committee or State Central Committee, as applicable, at its next meeting and shall be recorded in the minutes. The Investigation Committee shall conduct a good

faith investigation to determine ~~[if a violation of the rules has occurred.]~~ the validity or merits of the complaint. The Investigation Committee shall interview the accused member, the complainant, and any witnesses. The credibility of the complainant, the accused member or any witness may be challenged during the investigation. The Investigation Committee shall gather other facts as necessary for its finding, and shall, within thirty (30) days, submit a report and recommendations to the County Chairperson~~[-]~~ or the State Central Committee, as applicable. The report shall include, the Investigation Committee's findings for each allegation; including any adverse findings regarding credibility; in addition the investigation committee may recommend specific sanctions.

- (7) ~~[(6)]~~ Investigation Committee's Report. A copy of the Committee Report shall be provided to the accused member and the complainant, and to the County Committee, or State Central Committee, as applicable. The report shall include the grounds upon which the expulsion, suspension, or reprimand ~~[or censure]~~ is sought, and the committee's findings and recommendations [;]. ~~and a list of County Committee members who are eligible to vote to accept, amend, or reject the committee's findings and recommendations.~~
- (8) ~~[(7)]~~ Hearing. The County Committee or State Central Committee shall place the complaint on the agenda at its next meeting following receipt of the Investigation Committee report or by agreement with the accused member at some other time. Notice of the meeting shall be given to the member, the complainant and the County Committee, or State Central Committee, as applicable, at least seven (7) days prior to the hearing. Members of the County Committee or State Central Committee, as applicable, shall be provided with a copy of the report at this time for their consideration prior to the meeting. The Investigation Committee shall present its report in a meeting open to any interested Party member. The complainant, accused member, and any Party member shall be allowed to make a statement relating to the facts of the case or the committee's recommendation. The County Committee, or State Central Committee, as applicable, shall decide by majority vote whether to accept, amend or reject the committee report and any sanctions. The County Committee or State Central Committee, as applicable, shall give notice in writing of its decision to the Secretary of the State Central Committee, with a copy to the member and complainant within seven (7) calendar days. A copy of the committee's report and the County Committee's or State Central Committee's decision shall be filed with the County secretary and the Secretary of the State Central Committee and shall be available for inspection by Party members.
- (9) ~~[(8)]~~ Appeal [.] of a County Committee Decision: A member expelled, suspended, or reprimanded, ~~or censured~~ may appeal the decision of the County Committee to the State Central Committee by filing a written request with the Secretary of the State Central Committee within ten (10) days of receiving the written notice of the County Committee. If no appeal is submitted within the ten (10) days the decision of the County Committee shall be final. If an appeal is submitted, a hearing shall

be granted in open meeting of the entire State Central Committee within thirty (30) days. The State Central Committee shall review the Committee Report and accept comments from the County Chair, the Investigation Committee, the accused member and members of the State Central Committee. The State Central Committee shall decide the appeal by majority vote and shall transmit to the member a written notice of its decision within ten (10) days. The decision of the State Central Committee shall be final.

- (10) Appeal of a State Central Committee Decision: The decision on a complaint filed with the SCC and acted upon is not appealable. The decision of the State Central Committee shall be final.

8C. Sanctions and Enforcement.

- (1) Mandatory Expulsion. Expulsion shall be automatic and implemented by the Secretary of the State Central Committee. After expulsion the expelled member is barred from enrolling for a membership for five years. The party shall take all reasonable action to prevent such person from running for office as a Democrat, serving in public office, or holding an office in the Party during the five-year period.
- (2) Permissive Expulsion. Expulsion shall be implemented by the Secretary of the State Central Committee. The Party shall take all reasonable action to prevent such person from participating in Party activities, running for public office as a democrat, or serving in public office for the period provided in the decision of the County Committee or State Central Committee for at least three years but not more than five years.
- (3) Suspension. Suspension shall be implemented by the Secretary of the State Central Committee. The individual shall be barred from participating in Party events or from serving in their elected or appointed capacity with the Party for the duration of the suspension. Any member who violates the terms of their suspension may face removal from their position or expulsion from the DPH.
- (4) [(3)] Reprimand. The party shall take all reasonable action to prevent such member from holding an office in the Party for up to three (3) years.

~~[(4)] Censure. In the case of censure by a County, an official letter of censure shall be written by the County Chair. In the case of censure by the State Central Committee, an official letter of censure shall be written by the Party Chair. The letter shall be addressed to the accused member with a copy to the complainant and shall be available for inspection by Party members. No additional sanctions shall apply. No further action shall be taken on the complaint.~~
- (5) Voluntary Resignation. When a member has voluntarily resigned from the Democratic Party to engage in activities which are grounds for mandatory expulsion

the member shall be barred from reenrolling for Party membership for at least three (3) years from the date of resignation.

8D. Censure and/or Removal

- (1) Censure. A motion to censure the behavior and/or remarks of a member of the Party or any of its County Committees or Caucuses to express consternation and disapproval may be adopted by two-thirds vote of the membership so long as the Party member to be censured has been notified 10 days in advance of the meeting and shall have the opportunity at the meeting to speak in defense.
- (2) Removal from a Meeting. Nothing in these Bylaws shall prevent or restrict a presiding officer of the State Central Committee, a County Committee, Caucus, District Council or Precinct Club from ejecting for the duration of that meeting or session anyone who has committed an egregious or repeated breach of decorum.

DPH BYLAWS, ARTICLE IX-GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 1. Candidate Support of Platform, Resolutions, Constitution and Bylaws

The Secretary of the State Central Committee [~~and each county committee~~] shall provide each Democratic candidate for elective office with a copy of the most recently approved State [~~and County~~] Party Platform[s], [~~Resolutions~~], Constitution, and the Bylaws [~~of the Democratic Party of Hawaii and the respective County Rules~~] within seven (7) days after the legally established filing deadline. Said candidates shall submit Candidate Statement Forms provided by the State Central Committee indicating their agreement, disagreement, and/or reservations with the Platform [~~and Resolutions~~] of the State [~~and County~~] Party organization[s] within [~~seven (7)~~] fourteen (14) calendar days after receipt of the blank forms to the State Central Committee. Should the candidate draw or pull nomination papers prior to the biennial State Convention, then two (2) sets of Candidate Statement Forms shall be sent, filled out, returned and kept on file, one (1) set of forms relevant to the preceding biennial State Convention's Resolutions and Platform and one (1) set of forms relevant to the current biennial State Convention's Resolutions and Platform. These Candidate Statement Forms, in turn, will be kept for review by Democratic Party members at State Party headquarters, and posted to the DPH website until the end of the general election. Further, relevant copies of the Candidate Statement Forms shall be made available to the four County Party Chairpersons so that each inhabited island with at least one (1) active Precinct Club, has one copy of the Candidate Statement Forms for review by Democratic Party members, with the exception of Hawai'i County, which shall have two (2), one (1) for East Hawai'i and one for West Hawai'i. A candidate who is in agreement with the Platform of the State shall be eligible for Party support upon request. A candidate who fails to abide by these requirements shall not be eligible for party [~~endorsement~~] support by the respective County Committees or the State Central Committee. [~~and is subject to reprimand by the Democratic Party of Hawaii.~~]

Section 3. Availability of the Constitution and Bylaws.

~~[It shall be the responsibility of the newly elected State Central Committee to certify as official a complete copy of the newly amended Constitution and/or Bylaws of the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i.]~~ Each member of the State Central Committee and the respective County Committees shall be ~~provided~~ notified by the SCC Secretary that they may access an updated copy of ~~with an updated copy of this~~ the Constitution and/or Bylaws ~~when it is posted~~. The updated Constitution and Bylaws shall be posted on the DPH website within sixty (60) days of the conclusion of the State Convention, or in the case of an amendment within sixty (60) days of the date such amendment was adopted by the State Central Committee. Any member may also receive a hard copy of this Constitution and Bylaws, upon requesting the same from the Secretary of the respective County Committee and upon payment of a recent wealthy to cover the cost of copies and postage.

AMENDMENTS THAT FAILED

DPH BYLAWS

ARTICLE I-MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 8A2(c) Permissive Expulsion, Suspension, or Reprimand. A member of the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i may be expelled, suspended, or reprimanded for the following reasons:

(c) Violation of the Constitution or Bylaws of the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i {and/or platform of the Party}.—

SECTION 8D(2) (Added). Removal from Office. A motion to remove from office an elected officer of a county committee or certified caucus may be adopted by two-thirds vote of the membership of that county committee or certified caucus so long as the officer to be removed has been notified 10 days in advance of the meeting and shall have the opportunity at the meeting to speak in defense.

ARTICLE IX-GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 2. (Added) Party Support of Democratic Party of Hawai‘i Members Who Run in Partisan and Nonpartisan Races. The Democratic Party of Hawai‘i and its entities may endorse a member who is a candidate in the primary and general election only when there is one Democratic Party candidate and the candidate requests such endorsement. The member must be in good standing and have completed the DPH candidate statement. “Member in good standing” means any member whose rights have not been suspended as a result of disciplinary action under Article I, Section 8. “Endorsement” means the Party or any of its entities gives public approval of the candidate in writing or orally, such as in ads, letters, TV, radio spots, etc.

Report of the Convention Resolutions Committee
O'ahu County Democrats, Democratic Party of Hawai'i
March 19, 2022

The 2022 Convention Resolutions Committee met online via Zoom over three sessions on February 25, February 26 and March 2, 2022. The Presiding Officer was Co-Chair Dennis Jung, Co-Chair Flora Obayashi served as Scribe, Sunyeen Pai served as Researcher and Document Manager, and Keith Richmond served as Zoom Administrator (non-voting member).

Twenty-two (22) proposed resolutions submitted by the deadline and four (4) resolutions were submitted late after the deadline. Failing to meet the two-thirds majority vote to accept the late submissions, the committee declined to consider the late resolutions. The Presiding Officer ruled two resolutions "out of order" pursuant to Rule 5C of the Final Draft; Standing Rules of the 2022 O'ahu County Democrats eConvention to be held on March 19, 2022, adopted by the O'ahu County Committee on January 8, 2022.

This report lists twenty (20) resolutions considered by the Convention Resolutions Committee. The Committee recommends eighteen (18) resolutions for adoption by the O'ahu County Democrats e-Convention delegates with the proviso that the Secretary of the O'ahu County Committee shall have authority to correct any non-substantive errors and make conforming changes as necessary.

PART I RECOMMENDED RESOLUTIONS

- 2022-01: Urging the O'ahu County Democrats and the Democratic Party of Hawaii to adopt the Broadband Hui's Digital Equity Declaration and take steps to support its goals
- 2022-02: Supporting Tenure in Hawai'i Public Universities
- 2022-03: Honoring the 50th Anniversary of Patsy T. Mink's Title IX Amendment
- 2022-04: Urging the Hawai'i Department of Education Improve the Enforcement of Chapter 19 Towards Reducing Bullying in Hawai'i Schools
- 2022-05: Hate Crimes Reporting
- 2022-06: Urging the City and State to Transition to Climate Change Resilient Buildings, Infrastructure, and Services
- 2022-07: Urging Hawai'i Lawmakers to Address Corruption at the Legislature by Addressing, Implementing, and Better Enforcing Anti-Corruption Safeguards
- 2022-08: Urging Our Elected Officials to Reflect Upon the Mana'o Within the Hawai'i State Motto
- 2022-09: Urging O'ahu County Democrats to Support Multilingual Outreach Efforts

- 2022-10: Urging That the Red Hill Fuel Tank Storage Facility and Piping Infrastructure be Decommissioned
- 2022-11: Standing in Solidarity with Native Hawaiians and Other Working Families in Need of Affordable Rental Housing
- 2022-12: Encouraging Access to Affordable Farmland to Lease and Support Grants and Subsidies for Small Scale Local Farmers
- 2022-13: Supporting the Establishment of Community Development Corporations as Tools for Creation of Strategic Partnerships to Empower Healthy Native Hawaiian Communities
- 2022-14: Urging our elected officials to study, reflect upon, speak up about, and be advocates for the Spirit of Aloha
- 2022-15: Requesting the Federal Government to Produce A Current Inventory of its Land Interests in the State of Hawai'i
- 2022-16: Urging that Medicaid Cover Dental Services and Prosthodontic Services
- 2022-17: Urging Adoption of the Expanded and Improved Medicare For All Act
- 2022-18: Urging the United States Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to Conduct More Thorough Assessments of the Needs of Minority Veterans

PART II NOT RECOMMENDED RESOLUTIONS

The 2022 Convention Resolutions Committee does **not** recommend the following two resolutions for adoption by the 2022 O'ahu County eConvention delegates.

- 2022-19: Support for Separation of State and Church
- 2022-20: Urging a proposed constitutional amendment for term limits

Respectfully Submitted on behalf of the Convention Resolutions Committee,

/s/ Dennis Jung
Dennis Jung, Co-Chair

/s/ Flora Obayashi
Flora Obayashi, Co-Chair

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

February 25, 2022 - Called to Order 6:00 pm; Recessed 8:00 pm

Roll Call (20) - Melodie Aduja, John Bickel, Thomas Brandt, George Casen, Stephanie Fitzpatrick, Michele Gololuch, Kim Coco Iwamoto, Dennis Jung, Reyn Kaupiko, Brenden Kinoshita, Stephen Laudig, Flora Obayashi, Lynn Otaguro, Sunyeen Pai, Benton Pang, Makana Paris, David Strand, Lawrence Wayman, Andrew Wertheimer, Frances Wiebenga

Zoom Administrator: Keith Richmond

Guests/Observers – Michael Golojuch Jr., Teri Heede, Juanita Kawamoto, Jimmy Nguyen, Lorna Strand

February 26, 2022 - Called to Order 1:00 pm; Recessed 2:30 pm

Roll Call (21) - Melodie Aduja, John Bickel, Thomas Brandt, George Casen, Stephanie Fitzpatrick, Michele Gololuch, Kim Coco Iwamoto, Dennis Jung, Brenden Kinoshita, Stephen Laudig, Kaimookalani Muhlestein, Flora Obayashi, Lynn Otaguro, Sunyeen Pai, Benton Pang, Makana Paris, David Strand, Lawrence Wayman, Andrew Wertheimer, Frances Wiebenga, Reyn Kaupiko

Zoom Administrator – Keith Richmond

Guests/Observers – Michael Golojuch Jr., Teri Heede, Juanita Kawamoto, Jimmy Nguyen, Lorna Strand,

March 2, 2022 - Called to Order 6:00 pm; Adjourned 7:35 pm

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Part I

Resolutions Recommended for Adoption

2022-01: Urging the O‘ahu County Democrats and the Democrats of the State of Hawai‘i to adopt the Broadband Hui’s Digital Equity Declaration and take steps to support its goals

Whereas, During the COVID-19 pandemic, digital access became critical to receiving essential services and participating in many aspects of the economy and community life; and

Whereas, Residents lacking internet-capable devices, affordable high quality broadband service, and digital literacy are unable to access services or participate in activities that require internet use and a lack of digital access and literacy can be especially problematic for those living in rural communities or who are socioeconomically disadvantaged; and

Whereas, During this time, individuals representing government, business, education, and non-profits from within the state and nationally, formed the Broadband Hui; and

Whereas, The Broadband Hui issued its Digital Equity Declaration, which defines digital equity as “the condition in which all Hawai‘i’s residents, *keiki to kūpuna*, have the information technology capacity needed to participate fully in our society, democracy and economy, including civics, social and cultural activities, employment, lifelong learning, and access to essential services;” and

Whereas, The Digital Equity Declaration sets forth goals to enable all Hawai‘i residents to have access to quality internet and the training and support to use technology, so they can participate in education, health, government, commerce, and culture, and be connected and successful in their lives; and

Whereas, The Digital Equity Declaration sets forth goals for government, healthcare, culture and art, education, and business to work to ensure that resources and services are available to all residents and communities; and

Whereas, Digital Equity will benefit our people and communities, our economy, and our city and state; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That O‘ahu County Democrats of the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i adopt the Broadband Hui’s Digital Equity Declaration and take steps to support its goals; and be it

Ordered, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the members of the Hawai‘i Congressional Delegation, the Governor of the State of Hawai‘i, the Lt. Governor of the State of Hawai‘i, Hawai‘i State Legislators for the island of O‘ahu who are members of the Democratic Party, the members of the Honolulu City Council who are members of the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i, and the 2022 State Convention Resolutions Committee of the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i.

2022-02: Supporting Tenure in Hawai‘i Public Universities

Whereas, The Platforms of the State Democratic Party of Hawai‘i and O‘ahu County Democrats recognize the importance of education and public universities, as well as other freedoms, such as free speech; and

Whereas, The 2020 Democratic National Party platform called for efforts to: “support and encourage professor tenure”; and, to safeguard “academic freedom on college campuses” (p. 70); and

Whereas, The Democratic Party of Hawai‘i has previously supported “the principle and practice of academic freedom” (Resolution EDU 2014-08 Working Families Education) (p. 5); and

Whereas, Tenure is an important free speech protection for faculty who: instruct and mentor students; build, maintain, and make available library collections; conduct and report research; advise and actively participate on extension projects, such as those that promote local agriculture, address sea-rise challenges; provide economic data; and other valuable academic services; and

Whereas, The Hawai‘i State Constitution (Article X, Section 6) clearly states that the University of Hawai‘i Board of Regents has “exclusive jurisdiction over the internal structure, management, and operation of the university”; and

Whereas, Attacks on tenure are intentional efforts to control and/or censor what professors and others may say publicly; and

Whereas, Recent challenges to tenure are based on the Board of Regents [BOR] Permitted Interaction Group [PIG] on Tenure which is not representative of the University community in that it does not provide equal representation for faculty and other stakeholders, and does not follow a process that requires separate votes by the entire BOR, which resulted in the PIG report not being approved by the BOR; and

Whereas, Senate Higher Education Committee’s SB3269 was built on the unsubstantiated recommendations of the PIG Report, and was passed by said committee, despite receiving almost 600 pages of written testimony in opposition; now, therefore be it

Resolved, That O‘ahu County Democrats of the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i call upon the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i and all elected and appointed officials to affirm DPH support for the tenure process for faculty, including instructors, librarians, researchers, and extension faculty within the University of Hawai‘i System; and be it

Ordered, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to Hawai‘i State Legislators for the island of O‘ahu who are members of the Democratic Party, and to the 2022 State Convention Resolutions Committee of the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i.

2022-03: Honoring the 50th Anniversary of Patsy T. Mink's Title IX Amendment

Whereas, 2022 is the 50th Anniversary of the Patsy Takemoto Mink Equal Opportunity in Education Act, otherwise known as Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (20 U.S.C. 1681 et seq.) or simply "Title IX," and Hawai'i is proud of Congresswoman Mink's signature legislation, which has given millions of girls and women educational opportunities that were undreamed of before the enactment of Title IX, in the classroom; playing field; in research, teaching and graduate schools; in science, medicine, law, and other professions; and

Whereas, Act 110, Session Laws of Hawai'i 2018, created a state analog to Title IX by prohibiting discrimination on the basis of sex, including gender identity or expression, or sexual orientation, in any state educational program or activity, or in any educational program or activity that receives state financial assistance; and this protection against unlawful sex-based discrimination includes sexual harassment, gender-based harassment, and sexual assault; and

Whereas, United States Representative Patsy T. Mink has been a major political figure for decades as she was the first woman of color and first Asian American woman to be elected to Congress, campaigning against the odds and winning not only because of her organizational skills and capacity to work harder than her opponents, but because of her passionate belief in democratic justice; and

Whereas, Representative Mink had a burning desire for change as early as when she served as the Democratic attorney for the Legislature back in 1955; and is quoted as saying, "I guess you can live long in this game with naïve idealism but you soon learn to tolerate compromises and graciously accept small victories on behalf the principles of the Democratic Party" calling it a "nerve-wracking, demoralizing, disheartening experience with the results falling short of the numerous campaign promises"; and

Whereas, Representative Mink was the first Japanese-American woman in Hawai'i to practice law, first to run and win a legislative seat; first woman of color to serve in the U.S. House of Representatives; and the first Asian-American to run for United States president; and

Whereas, Representative Mink was Hawai'i's and the United States' voice for government-funded child care, banning nuclear testing in the Pacific and ending the Vietnam War, and many other significant efforts to support the antiwar, feminist, and environmental movements; and

Whereas, Representative Mink grew up in Maui's plantation society where she developed a painful awareness of racial, linguistic and class hierarchies instilled into the educational system; Representative Mink passed away in 2002 at the age of 74; now, therefore be it

Resolved, That the O'ahu County Democrats commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Patsy Takemoto Mink Equal Opportunity in Education Act, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, and honor the decades of public service she served for the betterment of Hawai'i and the United States in antiwar, feminist, and environmental movements; and be it

Ordered, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to her daughter, Gwendolyn Mink.

2022-04: Urging the Hawai‘i Department of Education Improve the Enforcement of Chapter 19
Towards Reducing Bullying in Hawaii’s Schools

Whereas, The Democratic Party of Hawai‘i has a long history of support to end bullying in our schools and in our own Party; and

Whereas, Preparing children to become responsible citizens and to succeed is often done through example as the State promotes the pursuit of excellence through a publicly funded school system; and

Whereas, Public schools serve as a safety net in identifying among other things, child abuse, malnutrition, learning disorders, and mental illness; and

Whereas, Government funds public education because an educated electorate is essential to a thriving democracy; and

Whereas, The Department of Education (DOE) has failed to fully implement Chapter 19; their anti-bullying policy that was passed over two (2) decades ago; and

Whereas, The DOE leaves what we know to be a potentially life-threatening situation up to the discretion of the principal with no system-wide support, guidance, policies or procedures and no feedback as to whether the policy is being enforced; and

Whereas, Children cannot be expected to learn, a higher-order function, when they fear for their safety, a primal function; and

Whereas, DOE should bear the responsibility for enforcing its policy; and

Whereas, Studies and anecdotal evidence indicate that bullying is systemic throughout the DOE: students bully students, teachers bully students, students bully teachers, teachers bully other teachers; and

Whereas, For decades too many parents have felt forced to place their children in private schools or teach their children at home, because DOE fails to provide an environment conducive to learning; and

Whereas, DOE's failure to address bullying leaves the state wide open for suit, particularly since the public and the media have repeatedly brought bullying to DOE's attention; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That O‘ahu County Democrats strongly urge the DOE to enforce Chapter 19 through system-wide education, reporting and monitoring; and urge that the DOE take corrective action as appropriate where bullying is reported; and be it

Ordered, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the 2022 DPH State Convention Resolutions Committee, the Governor, the Lt. Governor members of the Hawai‘i Senate and Hawai‘i House of Representatives, and candidates for every elective office whose jurisdiction includes the City and County of Honolulu.

2022-05: Hate Crimes Reporting

Whereas, The State of Hawai‘i passed Hate Crimes Legislation two decades ago; and

Whereas, There is anecdotal evidence that hate crimes are being committed as they are reported in the media; and

Whereas, The State of Hawai‘i the City and County of Honolulu has yet to prosecute a crime and ask for the "hate crime" enhancement; and

Whereas, The prosecutors are inclined to negotiate a plea which does not involve the hate crimes enhancement; and

Whereas, The police department and the Prosecutor are not required to report "hate crimes" that are resolved in a plea deal; and

Whereas, There is no mechanism in place to track all crimes including an indicator on the report form if alleged as a hate crime to determine why they are not being prosecuted as hate crimes; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That O‘ahu County Democrats ask the Mayor to direct the Chief of Police to track all crimes reported as hate crimes and all crimes booked as hate crimes, and to ask the Prosecutor to track all crimes charged as hate crimes, all crimes prosecuted as hate crimes and the disposition of all crimes initially reported as hate crimes, so that citizens can determine why the hate crimes law is not being fully enforced; and be it

Ordered, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to 2022 DPH State Convention Resolutions Committee, the Governor, the Lt. Governor, Democratic members of the Hawai‘i Senate and Hawai‘i House of Representatives, and candidates for every elective office whose jurisdiction includes the City and County of Honolulu.

2022-06: Urging the City and State to Transition to Climate Change Resilient Buildings,
Infrastructure, and Services

Whereas, The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration estimates that, by 2050, sea levels around the United States will rise by 10 to 12 inches on average, this will surpass the increases of the last 100 years in just three decades, this rise is projected to cause more frequent and far more destructive flooding and storm damage in coastal areas where 40% of the U.S. population resides and which are critical to the national economy; and

Whereas, The State Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Commission's Hawai'i Sea Level Rise Vulnerability and Adaptation Report indicated that the 3.2 feet of sea level rise will impact an estimated 9,400 acres of land, over 3,800 structures, and 17.7 miles of major roads on O'ahu, resulting in an estimated \$12.9 billion in private property and structure-related losses alone; and where many of our fire stations, police stations, hospitals, and highways and roadways are becoming increasingly susceptible to flooding; and where disaster shelters and safe buildings can only house a fraction of each island's population (e.g., 20 percent on O'ahu); and where many are not rated for category 3 storms; and where Hawai'i's 700 disaster shelters and buildings are for the most part rated for a category-1 storms; and

Whereas, Climate or disaster resilient infrastructure may be defined as infrastructure that is planned, designed, built, and operated in a way that anticipates, prepares for, and adapts to changing climate conditions and extreme weather or disasters; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the O'ahu County Democrats of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i urge lawmakers to invoke laws, rules and regulations that promote climate mitigation on their buildings, and services; and be it further

Resolved, That the O'ahu County Democrats of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i urge our elected officials to encourage responsible urban planning through comprehensive plans sensitive to climate change impacts across the Hawaiian Islands, investigating and implementing resilient solutions for climate resilient infrastructures, within appropriate cultural and ecological methods in Hawai'i; and be it

Ordered, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the members of the Hawai'i Congressional Delegation, the Governor of the State of Hawai'i, the Lt. Governor of the State of Hawai'i, Hawai'i State Legislators for the island of O'ahu who are members of the Democratic Party, the members of the Honolulu City and County who are members of the Democratic Party of Hawaii, and the 2022 State Convention Resolutions Committee of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i.

2022-07: Urging Hawai‘i Lawmakers to Address Corruption at the Legislature by Adopting, Implementing, and Better Enforcing Anti-Corruption Safeguards

Whereas, Receiving communications during the legislative session from a legislator, or their representative, that include invitations to donate to their re-election campaigns may feel like an invitation to “pay-to-play” and disenfranchise those who cannot afford to “pay”; and

Whereas, State legislators are the only elected local officials who are not limited to a specific number of terms because the legislature never passed a bill that gives citizens the opportunity to vote to amend the state Constitution to establish term-limits on legislators; and

Whereas, When the Legislature enacted the Sunshine Law for every government body it exempted itself from complying with the Sunshine Law; and

Whereas, When the legislature enacted the state’s Ethics Laws for every state body and state employee, it exempted state legislators from many of those ethics laws by codifying that Legislators are not “employees”; and

Whereas, Lobbyists are required to disclose who is paying them to lobby, but lawmakers who are hired as private practice attorneys are bound by law to keep their attorney-client relationships confidential; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the O‘ahu County Democrats urge State Legislators to take the following immediate action to implement anti-corruption safeguards for the Legislature:

1. Adopt House and Senate Rules that restrict state legislators, or their representatives, from soliciting or accepting campaign contributions during the legislative session; and
2. Adopt House and Senate Rules that require Legislators to comply with all State Sunshine laws and Ethics laws while proceeding to amend the relevant statutes to codify these requirements; and
- ~~3. Pass legislation that allows residents to vote on amending the state Constitution to establish term limits for legislators; and~~
43. Adopt House and Senate Rules that restrict legislators who were hired as private-practice attorneys or were profit-sharing partners in a law practice within the preceding six months, and are now bound by attorney-client confidentiality from disclosing their clients’ names or businesses, from holding any leadership position; and
54. Adopt House and Senate Rules that any bill sponsored by a majority of the members in their originating chamber shall be required to have at least one committee hearing; and
65. Adopt House and Senate Rules that no bill shall be deferred indefinitely without a recorded vote by the members of the committee; and be it

Ordered, That copies of this signed resolution be sent to all Hawai‘i Legislators and forwarded to the Democratic Party Hawai‘i Biennial Convention for consideration and adoption.

2022-08: Urging Our Elected Officials to Reflect Upon the Mana‘o Within the Hawai‘i State Motto

Whereas, The Hawai‘i State motto is, Ua Mau ke Ea o ka ‘Āina i ka Pono; and

Whereas, A common translation of the State motto is, “the life of the land is perpetuated in righteousness;” and

Whereas, Honor, integrity, and respect for the rule of law are modern attributes implicit in what it means to promote Ua Mau ke Ea o ka ‘Āina i ka Pono; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That O‘ahu County Democrats of the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i urge our elected officials, who are members of the Democratic Party, to study, reflect upon, speak up for, be in advocacy of, and incorporate into their being notions of honor, integrity, and respect for the rule of law, as a means of giving life to the words, Ua Mau ke Ea o ka ‘Āina i ka Pono; and be it

Ordered, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Governor of the State of Hawai‘i, the Lt. Governor of the State of Hawai‘i, Hawai‘i State Legislators for the island of Oahu who are members of the Democratic Party, the Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu, and all members of the Honolulu City Council.

2022-09: Urging O‘ahu County Democrats to Support Multilingual Outreach Efforts

Whereas, The population of the United States who can speak more than one language is growing through natural growth and immigration; and

Whereas, Many swing states such as Arizona, Georgia, and Pennsylvania have increasingly diverse electorates; and

Whereas, Hawai‘i is the most ethnically diverse state and can draw multilingual volunteers from a large pool of non-English speakers; and

Whereas, The O‘ahu County Platform Preamble states that it is our mission to create opportunities for free and open political dialogue in regional and district communities to promote civic engagement, political action, and community solidarity; and

Whereas, The Hawai‘i Democratic Platform recognizes America’s diversity and the contributions that immigrants have made; and

Whereas, President Joe Biden has established a President’s Advisory Commission on Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders (AANHPI) to encourage diverse civic outreach; and

Whereas, The O‘ahu Blue Wave Committee is launching an Asian language postcarding and texting program with the purpose of engaging more AANHPI to be civically active in swing states; and

Whereas, The Democratic Party is the people’s party, it must include people from every community and be inclusive to the language needs of these communities; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That O‘ahu County Democrats of the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i and the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i urge their members to join Democrat programs that promote language based outreach to any of the 50 states to increase, maintain, or attain Democratic majorities.

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2022-10: Urging that the Red Hill Fuel Tank Storage Facility and Piping Infrastructure be Decommissioned

Whereas, The risks posed by the 180 million gallons of fuel stored at the U.S. Department of the Navy's Red Hill Underground Fuel Storage Facility concern 20 tanks and the pipelines that transport the fuel from the tanks to the fueling piers in Pearl Harbor as they were built in the 1940s, and suffer from corrosion and other wear and tear that increases the risk of fuel spills; and

Whereas, A 2015 – 2016 assessment of the 2.5-mile pipeline system for the U.S. Navy published in September 2016, but only newly disclosed, found that the pipelines needed 350 repairs to address corrosion and dents, many of them urgent including 230 categorized as needing to be fixed immediately; and

Whereas, At the time, the Navy only had budgeted funds for 23 of 230 needed repairs, which were completed in December 2016, and another 26 repairs were completed in May 2018; however, 181 needed repairs still remain today; and

Whereas, The State of Hawai'i Department of Health seeks to require the Navy to defuel its tanks per the Emergency Order, dated December 6, 2021, after the jet fuel releases on May 6, 2021, and November 20, 2021, contaminated the Navy's Red Hill well for 93,000 military families and residents at the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam and surrounding neighborhoods, where they complained of fuel odors from their taps, and suffered skin rashes, burns, and painful gastrointestinal symptoms; and

Whereas, The extensive corrosion within the Navy's pipelines and tanks, and the inconsistent tank inspection process used where 8 of the tanks have not been inspected in more than 20 years and 3 tanks have not been inspected for 40 years, resulted in dozens of fuel releases totaling in excess of 175,000 gallons of fuel over the life of the Facility; and

Whereas, In October 2021, the State of Hawai'i Department of Health fined the Navy \$325,000 for numerous violations including having failed to safely maintain the Red Hill pipeline system where the Department of Health hearing officer called the Facility a "ticking time bomb;" now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the O'ahu County Democrats of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i demand that the Navy safely, diligently, and expeditiously defuel, dismantle, and decommission the Red Hill Facility, and its 2.5-mile pipeline system and decontaminate the soil and groundwater and to the extent possible, decontaminate contaminated portions of Moanalua-Waimalu Aquifer; and be it

Ordered, That copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States; the Secretary of Defense, the Commander of the Indo-Pacific Command, the Hawai'i Congressional Delegation; the Governor and Lt. Governor of Hawai'i; Members of the Hawai'i State Legislature; the Mayor of Honolulu and the Members of the Honolulu City Council.

2022-11: Standing in Solidarity with Native Hawaiians and Other Working Families in Need of Affordable Rental Housing

Whereas, Many of Hawai‘i residents rent rather than own their homes due to the exponential rise of Hawai‘i’s real estate housing prices over the last half century; and

Whereas, Many Native Hawaiian households are Asset Limited Income Constrained Employed and are deeply affected by a lack of affordable rental housing in our community; and

Whereas, The number of Native Hawaiians emigrating out of Hawai‘i continues to increase due, in part, to the high cost of living in the islands; and

WHEREAS, Current federal, state, and county government projects to assist low to medium income families with housing include Section 8 public housing options through lottery and public-private partnership developments through lottery; and by all housing metrics, the need for housing across the state for all residents is currently growing upwards of 50,000 units (See State of Hawai‘i DBEDT, “Measuring Housing Demand – 2015-2025); and

Whereas, Affordable housing advocates and service providers need to continue working with the public and private sectors to develop affordable living communities; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the O‘ahu County Democrats of the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i, stand in solidarity with Native Hawaiians and other working families in need of affordable rental housing; and be it further

Resolved, That the O‘ahu County Democrats of the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i reaffirms its commitment to affordable rental housing for Native Hawaiian families towards a more just, equitable, and quality of life attainment, and in doing so hereby: (1) Commits to work with the Party Caucuses and other interested parties to effectuate policy change towards affordable rental housings; and (2) Calls upon the Office of the Governor of the State of Hawai‘i, the Hawai‘i State Senate and the Hawai‘i State House of Representatives, to fulfill their obligations to reach our goal of having enough affordable housing for the people of Hawai‘i by 2027; and be it further

Resolved, That the O‘ahu County Democrats of the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i work with our Hawai‘i Congressional Delegation to advocate for appropriate funds from the Build Back Better infrastructure stimulus Act to address Hawai‘i’s affordable housing needs; and be it

Ordered, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the members of the Hawai‘i Congressional Delegation, the Governor of the State of Hawai‘i, the Lt. Governor of the State of Hawai‘i, Hawai‘i State Legislators for the island of O‘ahu who are members of the Democratic Party, the members of the Honolulu City and County who are members of the Democratic Party of Hawaii, and the 2022 State Convention Resolutions Committee of the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i.

2022-12: Encouraging Access to Affordable Farmland to Lease and Support Grants and Subsidies
for Small Scale Local Farmers

Whereas, For centuries, Native Hawaiians managed self-sufficient agricultural systems distinguished by thriving fishponds and productions of taro, banana, pig, and sweet potato; and

Whereas, With the arrival of Westerners, traditional lo'i and agricultural field systems were converted into pineapple and sugar cane plantations that exploited cheap labor to produce goods that were mostly shipped out of the state; and

Whereas, Prospective farmers are facing increasing difficulties in obtaining prime agricultural lands devoted to growing crops; and

Whereas, According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture 2017 Agricultural Census, approximately one out of seven farmers in the state are Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander; and

Whereas, Our Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders need assistance with access to both farmland and financial resources for farming; and

Whereas, Doubling Hawaii's food production will require increasing the state's inventory of former pineapple and sugarcane lands, working with farmers to increase their productivity, maintaining food safety standards, and guarding against invasive species; and

Whereas, An abundance of locally grown Hawaiian foods could improve the diet and health of Native Hawaiians and the community at large; and

Whereas, Access to land and resources, including financing for agricultural operations, has been difficult for many Native Hawaiian families who wish to continue their farming practices or innovate as 21st Century mahi'ai; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the O'ahu County Democrats of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, encourage access to affordable farmland to lease and support grants and subsidies for small scale local farmers; and be it

Ordered, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the members of the Hawai'i Congressional Delegation, the Governor of the State of Hawai'i, the Lt. Governor of the State of Hawai'i, Hawai'i State Legislators for the island of O'ahu who are members of the Democratic Party, the members of the Honolulu City and County who are members of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, and the 2022 State Convention Resolutions Committee of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i.

2022-13: Supporting the Establishment of Community Development Corporations as Tools for
Creation of Strategic Partnerships to Empower Healthy Native Hawaiian Communities

Whereas, Community Development Corporations (CDCs) are tax-exempt under section 501(C)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and are community-based organizations focused on revitalizing typically low-income and underserved neighborhoods that have experienced significant disinvestment; and

Whereas, A CDC can be involved in a wide-range of community services for Native Hawaiians that meet local needs such as education, job training, healthcare, commercial development, land management, and other social programs; and

Whereas, A CDC generally receives funding from philanthropic organizations or government funds through community development block grant programs; and

Whereas, There are many successful CDCs operating in Hawai‘i that demonstrate the value of this model in helping Native Hawaiian communities thrive, such as Pūnana o Kaiona, Kapolei Heritage Center, Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement, and La‘i ‘Ōpua; and

Whereas, eCollaboration among CDCs in Hawai‘i can build strategic partnerships to aggregate resources to support Native Hawaiian cultural education, employment, housing, and health improvement initiatives; and

Whereas, The establishment of new CDCs and increased support of existing CDCs throughout Hawai‘i is a pathway to strong, healthy, and vibrant Native Hawaiian communities through aloha ‘āina, and proper stewardship of former Crown and Government Lands; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the O‘ahu County Democrats of the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i, support establishment of community development corporations as tools for creation of strategic partnerships to empower healthy Native Hawaiian communities; and be it

Ordered, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the members of the Hawai‘i Congressional Delegation, the Governor of the State of Hawai‘i, the Lt. Governor of the State of Hawai‘i, Hawai‘i State Legislators for the island of O‘ahu who are members of the Democratic Party, the members of the Honolulu City and County who are members of the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i, and the 2022 State Convention Resolutions Committee of the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i.

2022-14: Urging our elected officials to study, reflect upon, speak up about, and be advocates for the Spirit of Aloha

Whereas, “Aloha Spirit” has been a part of our laws for decades; and

Whereas, Hawaii Revised Statutes Section 5-7.5 provides, as follows:

“(a) "Aloha Spirit" is the coordination of mind and heart within each person. It brings each person to the self. Each person must think and emote good feelings to others. In the contemplation and presence of the life force, "Aloha ", the following unuhi laulā loa may be used: "Akahai", meaning kindness to be expressed with tenderness; "Lōkahi", meaning unity, to be expressed with harmony; "‘Olu‘olu", meaning agreeable, to be expressed with pleasantness; "Ha‘aha‘a", meaning humility, to be expressed with modesty; "Ahonui", meaning patience, to be expressed with perseverance. [T]hese are traits of character that express the charm, warmth and sincerity of the people of Hawai‘i. It was the working philosophy of native Hawaiians and was presented as a gift to all the people of Hawai‘i. "Aloha" is more than a word of greeting or farewell or a salutation.

(b) "Aloha" means mutual regard and affection and extends warmth in caring with no obligation in return. "Aloha" is the essence of relationships in which each person is important to every other person for collective existence. "Aloha" means to hear what is not said, to see what cannot be seen and to know the unknowable.

(c) In exercising their power on behalf of the people and in fulfillment of their responsibilities, obligations and service to the people, the legislature, governor, lieutenant governor, executive officers of each department, the chief justice, associate justices, and judges of the appellate, circuit, and district courts may contemplate and reside with the life force and give consideration to the "Aloha Spirit". [Bold emphasis added.]” ; therefore be it

Resolved, That the O‘ahu County Democrats of the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i urge our elected officials who are members of the Democratic Party, to study, reflect upon, and speak up for, and be in advocacy for the Spirit of Aloha; and be it

Ordered, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Governor of the State of Hawai‘i, the Lt. Governor of the State of Hawai‘i, Hawaii State Legislators for the island of Oahu who are members of the Democratic Party, the Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu, and all members of the Honolulu City Council.

2022-15: Requesting the Federal Government to Produce a Current Inventory of its Land Interests
in the State of Hawai‘i

Whereas, The O‘ahu County Democrats of the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i recognizes that well-being of ‘āina is essential to the well-being of our people and advocates for preservation, protection, and stewardship of land, watersheds, ocean resources, and significant cultural sites; and

Whereas, The O‘ahu County Democrats of the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i advocacy requires current and factual information on near-term and long-term plans of significant landowners, including the federal government; and

Whereas, The federal government holds 829,830 acres in Hawai‘i, or 20 percent of the island archipelago; and

Whereas, The federal government has lease interest in thousands of acres for Poamoho Training Area, Kahuku Training Area, Makua Military Reservation, and Pōhakuloa Training Area, and others; and

Whereas, According to the 1995 Hawaii Military Land Use Master Plan, more than half of the lands used by the U.S. Department of Defense in Hawai‘i are part of the Public Land Trust of the State of Hawai‘i; and

Whereas, A current inventory and land use master plan for all federal government land interests can inform decisions on lease renewals, amendments, and extensions, which lands may be exceded by the federal government and made available for other purposes, including transfers of land to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to satisfy the land settlement in the 1995 Hawaiian Home Lands Recovery Act and the return of lands to the Public Land Trust pursuant to the Hawai‘i Admission Act and subsequent amendments and similar acts; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the O‘ahu County Democrats of the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i request the federal government to produce a current inventory of its land interests in the State of Hawai‘i; and be it

Ordered, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the members of the Hawai‘i Congressional Delegation, the Governor of the State of Hawai‘i, the Lt. Governor of the State of Hawai‘i, Hawai‘i State Legislators for the island of O‘ahu who are members of the Democratic Party, the members of the Honolulu City and County who are members of the Democratic Party.

2022-16: Urging that Medicaid Cover Dental Services and Prosthodontic Services

Whereas, Adult dental care is critical for our vulnerable population of 400,000 residents who rely on Medicaid for health insurance, this is especially true Native Hawai‘ians and Pacific Islanders who are disproportionately represented in emergency room visits for dental-related diagnoses; and

Whereas, In 2009, due to massive budget cuts to state programs, Medicare terminated routine adult dental care and never restored it; any coverage was replaced by emergency-only care, and limited to pain relief, injuries, trauma, and tooth extraction; and

Whereas, This lack of preventive and restorative dental services for adult Medicaid beneficiaries increases their potential health care complications particularly for those with co-existing chronic disease, like diabetes and heart disease; poor oral health, and co-existing conditions lead to increased disability and death; and

Whereas, A 2021 study done by the Hawai‘i Oral Health Coalition in cooperation with the University of Hawai‘i’s John A. Burns School of Medicine, found that between 2016 and 2020, 29,536 adults visited emergency rooms for a dental-related diagnosis at a cost of \$54.37 million, of which \$21.7 million was paid by Medicaid; this placed high costs and burdens on emergency rooms, and an even greater societal cost as it causes much human suffering; and

Whereas, Since 2010, the State of Hawai‘i received a failing grade of “F” in three oral health report cards by the Pew Center due to multiple policy and systems issues that have left Hawai‘i’s families and children worse off than the rest of the United States, and

Whereas, A disproportionate number of Medicaid enrollees aged 21-44 use emergency rooms for emergency dental services; adult Medicaid beneficiaries are only 25% of Hawai‘i’s population but are 47% of all recipients of dental services provided in emergency rooms; and

Whereas, In February 2020, the American Dental Association’s Health Policy Institute and the State of Hawai‘i’s Department of Human Services’ MedQuest division found that medical care cost savings of \$1.9 million to \$5.3 million per year were attributable to a reduction in emergency room visits for dental conditions and reduced medical care costs among beneficiaries with diabetes, coronary artery disease, and pregnancy; and

Whereas, Medicaid coverage for dental benefits should be reinstated to cover diagnostic, preventive, restorative services with expanded prosthodontic services; and now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the O‘ahu County Democrats of the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i urge the restoration of Medicaid’s dental services and prosthodontic services as soon as possible; and be it

Ordered, That copies of this Resolution shall be transmitted to the Hawai‘i State Governor and Lieutenant Governor and all members of the Hawai‘i State Legislature.

2022-17: Urging Adoption of the Expanded And Improved Medicare For All Act

Whereas, The United States ranks first in cost, but only 35th among countries of the world in health system outcomes and quality according to the Lancet, and worse for infant mortality and life expectancy, with no relationship between what healthcare costs in the United States and the quality of care or access to care; and

Whereas, Currently pending in Congress is a vitally important bill, the Expanded and Improved Medicare for All Act, H.R. 1976 (“the Act”), which would broaden the cost-effective and efficient government-sponsored Medicare program to finance and provide comprehensive, high-quality health care for every resident in the United States; and

Whereas, Numerous academic studies have concluded that the administrative savings under a single-payer, Medicare for All system would be enough to cover the currently uninsured and improve coverage for all those who now have only partial coverage; and

Whereas, The Act would eliminate all costs for premiums, deductibles, co-pays, and other out-of-pocket costs that cause financial hardship for tens of millions of U.S. residents every year; and the Act would provide comprehensive health care, including all primary care, hospital and outpatient services, dental, vision, audiology, maternity and newborn care, women's reproductive services, mental health, prescription drugs, and long-term care services; and

Whereas, The Act would eliminate all costs for premiums, deductibles, co-pays, and other out-of-pocket costs that have caused such a crisis for tens of millions of people, while it would ensure genuine patient choice of any doctor, hospital, clinic, or other provider a patient chooses without the restrictions imposed by private insurers; and

Whereas, The Act would be of great assistance to the People of the United States as we continue to contend with the effects of the Covid-19 virus; now therefore, be it

Resolved, That the O‘ahu County Democrats of the Democratic Party of Hawaii affirm that healthcare is a human right that should be guaranteed to all U.S. residents and urge that the U.S. Congress adopt the Expanded and Improved Medicare for All Act at the earliest practical date; and be it

Ordered, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the members of Hawaii’s Congressional delegation, the Governor of the State of Hawai‘i, the Director of the Hawai‘i State Department of Health, and the members of the Hawai‘i State Legislature.

2022-18: Urging the United States Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to Conduct More Thorough Assessments of the Needs of Minority Veterans

Whereas, Veterans have honorably served the United States and have brought great pride to their communities and families, and the United States Department of Veterans Affairs (Veterans Affairs) provides a wide range of services which support veterans; and

Whereas, Minority veterans needs often significantly differ from one another and differ from non-minority veterans as well; to improve services to these distinct minority populations, the Veterans Affairs must be empowered to know their specific needs; and

Whereas, In the early 1990's, Native Hawaiians and Native Americans were in the forefront of successfully establishing the first Veterans Affairs minority veterans' office, with an advisory committee chaired by Native Hawaiians which provided the basis for establishment of the current Veterans Affairs Center for Minority Veterans; and

Whereas, Minority veterans include African American, Hispanic, Asian, Pacific Islander, Native American, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian; and

Whereas, the Veterans Affairs Center for Minority Veterans' Advisory Committee on Minority Veterans currently works with the Veterans Affairs Center for Minority Veterans to improve its mission; and

Whereas, In 2020, Veterans Affairs Directive 0801 was promulgated, which clarifies and updates the roles and responsibilities of Veterans Affairs Center for Minority Veterans to improve its mission; and

Whereas, A more comprehensive and periodic minority needs assessments would augment and support the mission of the Veterans Affairs generally and the Veterans Affairs Center for Minority Veterans specifically as outlined in VA Directive 0801 while complementing the work of the Advisory Committee on Minority Veterans; and

Whereas, more comprehensive and periodic data driven minority veterans needs assessments would benefit from categories such as number, location, age, sex, period of service, conflict participation, social economic status, Veterans Affairs healthcare enrollment, and receipt of Veterans Affairs benefits; and now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the O'ahu County Democrats of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i urge the United States Department of Veteran Affairs to conduct more comprehensive and periodic data driven minority veteran needs assessments to inform improvement actions; and be it

Ordered, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the members of the Hawai'i Congressional Delegation, the Governor of the State of Hawai'i, the Lt. Governor of the State of Hawai'i, Hawai'i State Legislators for the island of O'ahu who are members of the Democratic Party, the members of the Honolulu City and County who are members of the Democratic Party of Hawaii, and the 2022 State Convention Resolutions Committee of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i.

Part II
Resolutions NOT Recommended
for Adoption

Whereas, The separation of state and church is one of America's unique gifts to civilization and the chief guarantor of our religious liberty; and

Whereas, Tax dollars paid by the LGBTQIA+ community may then subsidize efforts of evangelical sectarian institutions that attack the civil and constitutional rights of the LGBTQIA+ community; and

Whereas, In San Francisco the Salvation Army cut off all services provided through City grants when the Board of Supervisors passed sweeping nondiscrimination policies; and

Whereas, In Boston the Roman Catholic Church cut off all adoption services so Catholic Social Service Agencies would not be forced to place children into homes of gay and lesbian couples; and

Whereas, The Roman Catholic Church cut off services provided by Catholic Charities when Washington, D. C. extended marriage rights to same gender couples; and

Whereas, The Hawaii Family Forum, the lobbying branch of the Hawaii Catholic Conference, spent over \$75,000 on lobbying, advertising and advocating against civil unions (HB444); now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the O'ahu County Committee of the Democratic Party Democratic Party of Hawai'i opposes all attempts to weaken the constitutional rights guaranteed by the Hawai'i and United States Constitutions for the separation of church and state; and be it further

Resolved, That we request that direct funding of sectarian organizations by any government agency will assure that the funded institutions will abide by all provisions of the Hawaii State and United States Constitutions and the federal Civil Rights Act; and be it further

Resolved, That we oppose direct funding of sectarian organizations by any government agency without strong guarantees that these institutions will abide by all provisions of the Hawai'i State and United States Constitutions and the federal Civil Rights Act; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be sent to the Governor and Lt. Governor of the State of Hawai'i, all Democratic members of the Hawai'i State legislature, the Democratic Mayors of all the counties in the state of Hawai'i, the county councils in the State of Hawai'i, the members of the Hawai'i State Board of Education, the President of the University of Hawai'i, the members of the Board of Regents of the University of Hawai'i, and the 2022 DPH State Convention Resolutions Committee.

2022-20: Urging a proposed constitutional amendment for term limits

Whereas, In Hawaii government, only members of the State Legislature and the Office of Hawaiian Affairs are currently exempt from term limits; and

Whereas, Per the National Institute on Money in Politics (2018), 100% of candidates for the Hawaii Legislature with both an incumbency and monetary advantage won their general election – the most imbalanced outcome among the 50 states; and

Whereas, The simplest and surest way to periodically refresh the system and make way for new voices and ideas is to enact term limits for state legislators, just as Hawaii's governor, lieutenant governor, mayors and county council members now face without ill effects; and term limits and better policing of campaign fund contributions would give us a system less influenced by entrenchment, deep campaign war chests, and other aspects of political imbalance; and

Whereas, In 2018, a Civil Beat poll of 961 likely voters statewide revealed that a solid 70% would like to limit the number of terms senators and representatives serve in the Legislature; and

Whereas, The Legislature should be given the chance and the courtesy to place proposed constitutional amendment on the ballot as soon as possible for term limits of no more than 12 years for members of the State Legislature; and

Whereas, If the State Legislature fails to place such a proposed constitutional amendment on the ballot at an early date, then the People should support a State Constitutional Convention at the next decennial opportunity; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Oahu County Democrats of the Democratic Party of Hawaii urge the Legislature to place a proposed constitutional amendment for term limits on the ballot, and failing that, the People of the State of Hawaii should call for a constitutional convention to do so; and be it

Ordered, That copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, members of the State Legislature, Honolulu Mayor, and Members of the Honolulu City Council.

O'ahu County Democrats, Democratic Party of Hawai'i
March 19, 2022
Resolutions Adopted

- 2022-01: Urging the O'ahu County Democrats and the Democratic Party of Hawaii to adopt the Broadband Hui's Digital Equity Declaration and take steps to support its goals
- 2022-02: Supporting Tenure in Hawai'i Public Universities
- 2022-03: Honoring the 50th Anniversary of Patsy T. Mink's Title IX Amendment
- 2022-04: Urging the Hawai'i Department of Education Improve the Enforcement of Chapter 19 Towards Reducing Bullying in Hawai'i Schools
- 2022-05: Hate Crimes Reporting
- 2022-06: Urging the City and State to Transition to Climate Change Resilient Buildings, Infrastructure, and Services
- 2022-07: Urging Hawai'i Lawmakers to Address Corruption at the Legislature by Addressing, Implementing, and Better Enforcing Anti-Corruption Safeguards
- 2022-08: Urging Our Elected Officials to Reflect Upon the Mana'o Within the Hawai'i State Motto
- 2022-09: Urging O'ahu County Democrats to Support Multilingual Outreach Efforts
- 2022-10: Urging That the Red Hill Fuel Tank Storage Facility and Piping Infrastructure be Decommissioned
- 2022-11: Standing in Solidarity with Native Hawaiians and Other Working Families in Need of Affordable Rental Housing
- 2022-12: Encouraging Access to Affordable Farmland to Lease and Support Grants and Subsidies for Small Scale Local Farmers
- 2022-13: Supporting the Establishment of Community Development Corporations as Tools for Creation of Strategic Partnerships to Empower Healthy Native Hawaiian Communities
- 2022-14: Urging our elected officials to study, reflect upon, speak up about, and be advocates for the Spirit of Aloha
- 2022-15: Requesting the Federal Government to Produce A Current Inventory of its Land Interests in the State of Hawai'i
- 2022-16: Urging that Medicaid Cover Dental Services and Prosthodontic Services
- 2022-17: Urging Adoption of the Expanded and Improved Medicare For All Act
- 2022-18: Urging the United States Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to Conduct More Thorough Assessments of the Needs of Minority Veterans

OCD Resoluton 2022-01: Urging the O‘ahu County Democrats and the Democrats of the State of Hawai‘i to adopt the Broadband Hui’s Digital Equity Declaration and take steps to support its goals

Whereas, During the COVID-19 pandemic, digital access became critical to receiving essential services and participating in many aspects of the economy and community life; and

Whereas, Residents lacking internet-capable devices, affordable high quality broadband service, and digital literacy are unable to access services or participate in activities that require internet use and a lack of digital access and literacy can be especially problematic for those living in rural communities or who are socioeconomically disadvantaged; and

Whereas, During this time, individuals representing government, business, education, and non-profits from within the state and nationally, formed the Broadband Hui; and

Whereas, The Broadband Hui issued its Digital Equity Declaration, which defines digital equity as “the condition in which all Hawai‘i’s residents, *keiki to kūpuna*, have the information technology capacity needed to participate fully in our society, democracy and economy, including civics, social and cultural activities, employment, lifelong learning, and access to essential services;” and

Whereas, The Digital Equity Declaration sets forth goals to enable all Hawai‘i residents to have access to quality internet and the training and support to use technology, so they can participate in education, health, government, commerce, and culture, and be connected and successful in their lives; and

Whereas, The Digital Equity Declaration sets forth goals for government, healthcare, culture and art, education, and business to work to ensure that resources and services are available to all residents and communities; and

Whereas, Digital Equity will benefit our people and communities, our economy, and our city and state; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That O‘ahu County Democrats of the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i adopt the Broadband Hui’s Digital Equity Declaration and take steps to support its goals; and be it

Ordered, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the members of the Hawai‘i Congressional Delegation, the Governor of the State of Hawai‘i, the Lt. Governor of the State of Hawai‘i, Hawai‘i State Legislators for the island of O‘ahu who are members of the Democratic Party, the members of the Honolulu City Council who are members of the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i, and the 2022 State Convention Resolutions Committee of the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i.

OCD Resolution 2022-02: Supporting Tenure in Hawai'i Public Universities

Whereas, The Platforms of the State Democratic Party of Hawai'i and O'ahu County Democrats recognize the importance of education and public universities, as well as other freedoms, such as free speech; and

Whereas, The 2020 Democratic National Party platform called for efforts to: "support and encourage professor tenure"; and, to safeguard "academic freedom on college campuses" (p. 70); and

Whereas, The Democratic Party of Hawai'i has previously supported "the principle and practice of academic freedom" (Resolution EDU 2014-08 Working Families Education) (p. 5); and

Whereas, Tenure is an important free speech protection for faculty who: instruct and mentor students; build, maintain, and make available library collections; conduct and report research; advise and actively participate on extension projects, such as those that promote local agriculture, address sea-rise challenges; provide economic data; and other valuable academic services; and

Whereas, The Hawai'i State Constitution (Article X, Section 6) clearly states that the University of Hawai'i Board of Regents has "exclusive jurisdiction over the internal structure, management, and operation of the university"; and

Whereas, Attacks on tenure are intentional efforts to control and/or censor what professors and others may say publicly; and

Whereas, Recent challenges to tenure are based on the Board of Regents [BOR] Permitted Interaction Group [PIG] on Tenure which is not representative of the University community in that it does not provide equal representation for faculty and other stakeholders, and does not follow a process that requires separate votes by the entire BOR, which resulted in the PIG report not being approved by the BOR; and

Whereas, Senate Higher Education Committee's SB3269 was built on the unsubstantiated recommendations of the PIG Report, and was passed by said committee, despite receiving almost 600 pages of written testimony in opposition; now, therefore be it

Resolved, That O'ahu County Democrats of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i call upon the Democratic Party of Hawai'i and all elected and appointed officials to affirm DPH support for the tenure process for faculty, including instructors, librarians, researchers, and extension faculty within the University of Hawai'i System; and be it

Ordered, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to Hawai'i State Legislators for the island of O'ahu who are members of the Democratic Party, and to the 2022 State Convention Resolutions Committee of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i.

OCD Resolution 2022-03: Honoring the 50th Anniversary of Patsy T. Mink’s Title IX Amendment

Whereas, 2022 is the 50th Anniversary of the Patsy Takemoto Mink Equal Opportunity in Education Act, otherwise known as Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (20 U.S.C. 1681 et seq.) or simply “Title IX,” and Hawai‘i is proud of Congresswoman Mink’s signature legislation, which has given millions of girls and women educational opportunities that were undreamed of before the enactment of Title IX, in the classroom; playing field; in research, teaching and graduate schools; in science, medicine, law, and other professions; and

Whereas, Act 110, Session Laws of Hawai‘i 2018, created a state analog to Title IX by prohibiting discrimination on the basis of sex, including gender identity or expression, or sexual orientation, in any state educational program or activity, or in any educational program or activity that receives state financial assistance; and this protection against unlawful sex-based discrimination includes sexual harassment, gender-based harassment, and sexual assault; and

Whereas, United States Representative Patsy T. Mink has been a major political figure for decades as she was the first woman of color and first Asian American woman to be elected to Congress, campaigning against the odds and winning not only because of her organizational skills and capacity to work harder than her opponents, but because of her passionate belief in democratic justice; and

Whereas, Representative Mink had a burning desire for change as early as when she served as the Democratic attorney for the Legislature back in 1955; and is quoted as saying, “I guess you can live long in this game with naïve idealism but you soon learn to tolerate compromises and graciously accept small victories on behalf the principles of the Democratic Party” calling it a “nerve-wracking, demoralizing, disheartening experience with the results falling short of the numerous campaign promises”; and

Whereas, Representative Mink was the first Japanese-American woman in Hawai‘i to practice law, first to run and win a legislative seat; first woman of color to serve in the U.S. House of Representatives; and the first Asian-American to run for United States president; and

Whereas, Representative Mink was Hawai‘i’s and the United States’ voice for government-funded child care, banning nuclear testing in the Pacific and ending the Vietnam War, and many other significant efforts to support the antiwar, feminist, and environmental movements; and

Whereas, Representative Mink grew up in Maui’s plantation society where she developed a painful awareness of racial, linguistic and class hierarchies instilled into the educational system; Representative Mink passed away in 2002 at the age of 74; now, therefore be it

Resolved, That the O‘ahu County Democrats commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Patsy Takemoto Mink Equal Opportunity in Education Act, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, and honor the decades of public service she served for the betterment of Hawai‘i and the United States in antiwar, feminist, and environmental movements; and be it

Ordered, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to her daughter, Gwendolyn Mink.

OCD Resolution 2022-04: Urging the Hawai'i Department of Education Improve the Enforcement of Chapter 19 Towards Reducing Bullying in Hawaii's Schools

Whereas, The Democratic Party of Hawai'i has a long history of support to end bullying in our schools and in our own Party; and

Whereas, Preparing children to become responsible citizens and to succeed is often done through example as the State promotes the pursuit of excellence through a publicly funded school system; and

Whereas, Public schools serve as a safety net in identifying among other things, child abuse, malnutrition, learning disorders, and mental illness; and

Whereas, Government funds public education because an educated electorate is essential to a thriving democracy; and

Whereas, The Department of Education (DOE) has failed to fully implement Chapter 19; their anti-bullying policy that was passed over two (2) decades ago; and

Whereas, The DOE leaves what we know to be a potentially life-threatening situation up to the discretion of the principal with no system-wide support, guidance, policies or procedures and no feedback as to whether the policy is being enforced; and

Whereas, Children cannot be expected to learn, a higher-order function, when they fear for their safety, a primal function; and

Whereas, DOE should bear the responsibility for enforcing its policy; and

Whereas, Studies and anecdotal evidence indicate that bullying is systemic throughout the DOE: students bully students, teachers bully students, students bully teachers, teachers bully other teachers; and

Whereas, For decades too many parents have felt forced to place their children in private schools or teach their children at home, because DOE fails to provide an environment conducive to learning; and

Whereas, DOE's failure to address bullying leaves the state wide open for suit, particularly since the public and the media have repeatedly brought bullying to DOE's attention; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That O'ahu County Democrats strongly urge the DOE to enforce Chapter 19 through system-wide education, reporting and monitoring; and urge that the DOE take corrective action as appropriate where bullying is reported; and be it

Ordered, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the 2022 DPH State Convention Resolutions Committee, the Governor, the Lt. Governor members of the Hawai'i Senate and Hawai'i House of Representatives, and candidates for every elective office whose jurisdiction includes the City and County of Honolulu.

OCD Resolution 2022-05: Hate Crimes Reporting

Whereas, The State of Hawai‘i passed Hate Crimes Legislation two decades ago; and

Whereas, There is anecdotal evidence that hate crimes are being committed as they are reported in the media; and

Whereas, The State of Hawai‘i the City and County of Honolulu has yet to prosecute a crime and ask for the "hate crime" enhancement; and

Whereas, The prosecutors are inclined to negotiate a plea which does not involve the hate crimes enhancement; and

Whereas, The police department and the Prosecutor are not required to report "hate crimes" that are resolved in a plea deal; and

Whereas, There is no mechanism in place to track all crimes including an indicator on the report form if alleged as a hate crime to determine why they are not being prosecuted as hate crimes; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That O‘ahu County Democrats ask the Mayor to direct the Chief of Police to track all crimes reported as hate crimes and all crimes booked as hate crimes, and to ask the Prosecutor to track all crimes charged as hate crimes, all crimes prosecuted as hate crimes and the disposition of all crimes initially reported as hate crimes, so that citizens can determine why the hate crimes law is not being fully enforced; and be it

Ordered, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to 2022 DPH State Convention Resolutions Committee, the Governor, the Lt. Governor, Democratic members of the Hawai‘i Senate and Hawai‘i House of Representatives, and candidates for every elective office whose jurisdiction includes the City and County of Honolulu.

OCD Resolution 2022-06: Urging the City and State to Transition to Climate Change Resilient Buildings, Infrastructure, and Services

Whereas, The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration estimates that, by 2050, sea levels around the United States will rise by 10 to 12 inches on average, this will surpass the increases of the last 100 years in just three decades, this rise is projected to cause more frequent and far more destructive flooding and storm damage in coastal areas where 40% of the U.S. population resides and which are critical to the national economy; and

Whereas, The State Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Commission's Hawai'i Sea Level Rise Vulnerability and Adaptation Report indicated that the 3.2 feet of sea level rise will impact an estimated 9,400 acres of land, over 3,800 structures, and 17.7 miles of major roads on O'ahu, resulting in an estimated \$12.9 billion in private property and structure-related losses alone; and where many of our fire stations, police stations, hospitals, and highways and roadways are becoming increasingly susceptible to flooding; and where disaster shelters and safe buildings can only house a fraction of each island's population (e.g., 20 percent on O'ahu); and where many are not rated for category 3 storms; and where Hawai'i's 700 disaster shelters and buildings are for the most part rated for a category-1 storms; and

Whereas, Climate or disaster resilient infrastructure may be defined as infrastructure that is planned, designed, built, and operated in a way that anticipates, prepares for, and adapts to changing climate conditions and extreme weather or disasters; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the O'ahu County Democrats of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i urge lawmakers to invoke laws, rules and regulations that promote climate mitigation on their buildings, and services; and be it further

Resolved, That the O'ahu County Democrats of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i urge our elected officials to encourage responsible urban planning through comprehensive plans sensitive to climate change impacts across the Hawaiian Islands, investigating and implementing reliant solutions for climate resilient infrastructures, within appropriate cultural and ecological methods in Hawai'i; and be it

Ordered, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the members of the Hawai'i Congressional Delegation, the Governor of the State of Hawai'i, the Lt. Governor of the State of Hawai'i, Hawai'i State Legislators for the island of O'ahu who are members of the Democratic Party, the members of the Honolulu City and County who are members of the Democratic Party of Hawaii, and the 2022 State Convention Resolutions Committee of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i.

OCD Resolution 2022-07: Urging Hawai‘i Lawmakers to Address Corruption at the Legislature by Adopting, Implementing, and Better Enforcing Anti-Corruption Safeguards

Whereas, Receiving communications during the legislative session from a legislator, or their representative, that include invitations to donate to their re-election campaigns may feel like an invitation to “pay-to-play” and disenfranchise those who cannot afford to “pay”; and

Whereas, State legislators are the only elected local officials who are not limited to a specific number of terms because the legislature never passed a bill that gives citizens the opportunity to vote to amend the state Constitution to establish term-limits on legislators; and

Whereas, When the Legislature enacted the Sunshine Law for every government body it exempted itself from complying with the Sunshine Law; and

Whereas, When the legislature enacted the state’s Ethics Laws for every state body and state employee, it exempted state legislators from many of those ethics laws by codifying that Legislators are not “employees”; and

Whereas, Lobbyists are required to disclose who is paying them to lobby, but lawmakers who are hired as private practice attorneys are bound by law to keep their attorney-client relationships confidential; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the O‘ahu County Democrats urge State Legislators to take the following immediate action to implement anti-corruption safeguards for the Legislature:

1. Adopt House and Senate Rules that restrict state legislators, or their representatives, from soliciting or accepting campaign contributions during the legislative session; and
2. Adopt House and Senate Rules that require Legislators to comply with all State Sunshine laws and Ethics laws while proceeding to amend the relevant statutes to codify these requirements; and
3. Adopt House and Senate Rules that restrict legislators who were hired as private-practice attorneys or were profit-sharing partners in a law practice within the preceding six months, and are now bound by attorney-client confidentiality from disclosing their clients’ names or businesses, from holding any leadership position; and
4. Adopt House and Senate Rules that any bill sponsored by a majority of the members in their originating chamber shall be required to have at least one committee hearing; and
5. Adopt House and Senate Rules that no bill shall be deferred indefinitely without a recorded vote by the members of the committee; and be it

Ordered, That copies of this signed resolution be sent to all Hawai‘i Legislators and forwarded to the Democratic Party Hawai‘i Biennial Convention for consideration and adoption.

OCD Resolution 2022-08: Urging Our Elected Officials to Reflect Upon the Mana‘o Within the Hawai‘i State Motto

Whereas, The Hawai‘i State motto is, *Ua Mau ke Ea o ka ‘Āina i ka Pono*; and

Whereas, A common translation of the State motto is, “the life of the land is perpetuated in righteousness;” and

Whereas, Honor, integrity, and respect for the rule of law are modern attributes implicit in what it means to promote *Ua Mau ke Ea o ka ‘Āina i ka Pono*; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That O‘ahu County Democrats of the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i urge our elected officials, who are members of the Democratic Party, to study, reflect upon, speak up for, be in advocacy of, and incorporate into their being notions of honor, integrity, and respect for the rule of law, as a means of giving life to the words, *Ua Mau ke Ea o ka ‘Āina i ka Pono*; and be it

Ordered, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Governor of the State of Hawai‘i, the Lt. Governor of the State of Hawai‘i, Hawai‘i State Legislators for the island of Oahu who are members of the Democratic Party, the Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu, and all members of the Honolulu City Council.

OCD Resolution 2022-09: Urging O‘ahu County Democrats to Support Multilingual Outreach Efforts

Whereas, The population of the United States who can speak more than one language is growing through natural growth and immigration; and

Whereas, Many swing states such as Arizona, Georgia, and Pennsylvania have increasingly diverse electorates; and

Whereas, Hawai‘i is the most ethnically diverse state and can draw multilingual volunteers from a large pool of non-English speakers; and

Whereas, The O‘ahu County Platform Preamble states that it is our mission to create opportunities for free and open political dialogue in regional and district communities to promote civic engagement, political action, and community solidarity; and

Whereas, The Hawai‘i Democratic Platform recognizes America’s diversity and the contributions that immigrants have made; and

Whereas, President Joe Biden has established a President’s Advisory Commission on Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders (AANHPI) to encourage diverse civic outreach; and

Whereas, The O‘ahu Blue Wave Committee is launching an Asian language postcarding and texting program with the purpose of engaging more AANHPI to be civically active in swing states; and

Whereas, The Democratic Party is the people’s party, it must include people from every community and be inclusive to the language needs of these communities; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That O‘ahu County Democrats of the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i and the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i urge their members to join Democrat programs that promote language based outreach to any of the 50 states to increase, maintain, or attain Democratic majorities.

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OCD Resolution 2022-10: Urging that the Red Hill Fuel Tank Storage Facility and Piping Infrastructure be Decommissioned

Whereas, The risks posed by the 180 million gallons of fuel stored at the U.S. Department of the Navy's Red Hill Underground Fuel Storage Facility concern 20 tanks and the pipelines that transport the fuel from the tanks to the fueling piers in Pearl Harbor as they were built in the 1940s, and suffer from corrosion and other wear and tear that increases the risk of fuel spills; and

Whereas, A 2015 – 2016 assessment of the 2.5-mile pipeline system for the U.S. Navy published in September 2016, but only newly disclosed, found that the pipelines needed 350 repairs to address corrosion and dents, many of them urgent including 230 categorized as needing to be fixed immediately; and

Whereas, At the time, the Navy only had budgeted funds for 23 of 230 needed repairs, which were completed in December 2016, and another 26 repairs were completed in May 2018; however, 181 needed repairs still remain today; and

Whereas, The State of Hawai'i Department of Health seeks to require the Navy to defuel its tanks per the Emergency Order, dated December 6, 2021, after the jet fuel releases on May 6, 2021, and November 20, 2021, contaminated the Navy's Red Hill well for 93,000 military families and residents at the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam and surrounding neighborhoods, where they complained of fuel odors from their taps, and suffered skin rashes, burns, and painful gastrointestinal symptoms; and

Whereas, The extensive corrosion within the Navy's pipelines and tanks, and the inconsistent tank inspection process used where 8 of the tanks have not been inspected in more than 20 years and 3 tanks have not been inspected for 40 years, resulted in dozens of fuel releases totaling in excess of 175,000 gallons of fuel over the life of the Facility; and

Whereas, In October 2021, the State of Hawai'i Department of Health fined the Navy \$325,000 for numerous violations including having failed to safely maintain the Red Hill pipeline system where the Department of Health hearing officer called the Facility a "ticking time bomb;" now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the O'ahu County Democrats of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i demand that the Navy safely, diligently, and expeditiously defuel, dismantle, and decommission the Red Hill Facility, and its 2.5-mile pipeline system and decontaminate the soil and groundwater and to the extent possible, decontaminate contaminated portions of Moanalua-Waimalu Aquifer; and be it

Ordered, That copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States; the Secretary of Defense, the Commander of the Indo-Pacific Command, the Hawai'i Congressional Delegation; the Governor and Lt. Governor of Hawai'i; Members of the Hawai'i State Legislature; the Mayor of Honolulu and the Members of the Honolulu City Council.

OCD Resolution 2022-11: Standing in Solidarity with Native Hawaiians and Other Working Families in Need of Affordable Rental Housing

Whereas, Many of Hawai‘i residents rent rather than own their homes due to the exponential rise of Hawai‘i’s real estate housing prices over the last half century; and

Whereas, Many Native Hawaiian households are Asset Limited Income Constrained Employed and are deeply affected by a lack of affordable rental housing in our community; and

Whereas, The number of Native Hawaiians emigrating out of Hawai‘i continues to increase due, in part, to the high cost of living in the islands; and

Whereas, Current federal, state, and county government projects to assist low to medium income families with housing include Section 8 public housing options through lottery and public-private partnership developments through lottery; and by all housing metrics, the need for housing across the state for all residents is currently growing upwards of 50,000 units (See State of Hawai‘i DBEDT, “Measuring Housing Demand – 2015-2025); and

Whereas, Affordable housing advocates and service providers need to continue working with the public and private sectors to develop affordable living communities; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the O‘ahu County Democrats of the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i, stand in solidarity with Native Hawaiians and other working families in need of affordable rental housing; and be it further

Resolved, That the O‘ahu County Democrats of the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i reaffirms its commitment to affordable rental housing for Native Hawaiian families towards a more just, equitable, and quality of life attainment, and in doing so hereby: (1) Commits to work with the Party Caucuses and other interested parties to effectuate policy change towards affordable rental housings; and (2) Calls upon the Office of the Governor of the State of Hawai‘i, the Hawai‘i State Senate and the Hawai‘i State House of Representatives, to fulfill their obligations to reach our goal of having enough affordable housing for the people of Hawai‘i by 2027; and be it further

Resolved, That the O‘ahu County Democrats of the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i work with our Hawai‘i Congressional Delegation to advocate for appropriate funds from the Build Back Better infrastructure stimulus Act to address Hawai‘i’s affordable housing needs; and be it

Ordered, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the members of the Hawai‘i Congressional Delegation, the Governor of the State of Hawai‘i, the Lt. Governor of the State of Hawai‘i, Hawai‘i State Legislators for the island of O‘ahu who are members of the Democratic Party, the members of the Honolulu City and County who are members of the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i, and the 2022 State Convention Resolutions Committee of the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i.

OCD Resolution 2022-12: Encouraging Access to Affordable Farmland to Lease and Support Grants and Subsidies for Small Scale Local Farmers

Whereas, For centuries, Native Hawaiians managed self-sufficient agricultural systems distinguished by thriving fishponds and productions of taro, banana, pig, and sweet potato; and

Whereas, With the arrival of Westerners, traditional lo'i and agricultural field systems were converted into pineapple and sugar cane plantations that exploited cheap labor to produce goods that were mostly shipped out of the state; and

Whereas, Prospective farmers are facing increasing difficulties in obtaining prime agricultural lands devoted to growing crops; and

Whereas, According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture 2017 Agricultural Census, approximately one out of seven farmers in the state are Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander; and

Whereas, Our Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders need assistance with access to both farmland and financial resources for farming; and

Whereas, Doubling Hawai'i's food production will require increasing the state's inventory of former pineapple and sugarcane lands, working with farmers to increase their productivity, maintaining food safety standards, and guarding against invasive species; and

Whereas, An abundance of locally grown Hawaiian foods could improve the diet and health of Native Hawaiians and the community at large; and

Whereas, Access to land and resources, including financing for agricultural operations, has been difficult for many Native Hawaiian families who wish to continue their farming practices or innovate as 21st Century mahi'ai; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the O'ahu County Democrats of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, encourage access to affordable farmland to lease and support grants and subsidies for small scale local farmers; and be it

Ordered, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the members of the Hawai'i Congressional Delegation, the Governor of the State of Hawai'i, the Lt. Governor of the State of Hawai'i, Hawai'i State Legislators for the island of O'ahu who are members of the Democratic Party, the members of the Honolulu City and County who are members of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, and the 2022 State Convention Resolutions Committee of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i.

OCD Resolution 2022-13: Supporting the Establishment of Community Development Corporations as Tools for Creation of Strategic Partnerships to Empower Healthy Native Hawaiian Communities

Whereas, Community Development Corporations (CDCs) are tax-exempt under section 501(C)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and are community-based organizations focused on revitalizing typically low-income and underserved neighborhoods that have experienced significant disinvestment; and

Whereas, A CDC can be involved in a wide-range of community services for Native Hawaiians that meet local needs such as education, job training, healthcare, commercial development, land management, and other social programs; and

Whereas, A CDC generally receives funding from philanthropic organizations or government funds through community development block grant programs; and

Whereas, There are many successful CDCs operating in Hawai‘i that demonstrate the value of this model in helping Native Hawaiian communities thrive, such as Pūnana o Kaiona, Kapolei Heritage Center, Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement, and La‘i ‘Ōpua; and

Whereas, eCollaboration among CDCs in Hawai‘i can build strategic partnerships to aggregate resources to support Native Hawaiian cultural education, employment, housing, and health improvement initiatives; and

Whereas, The establishment of new CDCs and increased support of existing CDCs throughout Hawai‘i is a pathway to strong, healthy, and vibrant Native Hawaiian communities through aloha ‘āina, and proper stewardship of former Crown and Government Lands; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the O‘ahu County Democrats of the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i, support establishment of community development corporations as tools for creation of strategic partnerships to empower healthy Native Hawaiian communities; and be it

Ordered, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the members of the Hawai‘i Congressional Delegation, the Governor of the State of Hawai‘i, the Lt. Governor of the State of Hawai‘i, Hawai‘i State Legislators for the island of O‘ahu who are members of the Democratic Party, the members of the Honolulu City and County who are members of the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i, and the 2022 State Convention Resolutions Committee of the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i.

OCD Resolution 2022-14: Urging our elected officials to study, reflect upon, speak up about, and be advocates for the Spirit of Aloha

Whereas, “Aloha Spirit” has been a part of our laws for decades; and

Whereas, Hawaii Revised Statutes Section 5-7.5 provides, as follows:

- (a) "Aloha Spirit" is the coordination of mind and heart within each person. It brings each person to the self. Each person must think and emote good feelings to others. In the contemplation and presence of the life force, "Aloha ", the following unuhi laulā loa may be used: "Akahai", meaning kindness to be expressed with tenderness; "Lōkahi", meaning unity, to be expressed with harmony; "Olu'olu", meaning agreeable, to be expressed with pleasantness; "Ha'aha'a", meaning humility, to be expressed with modesty; "Ahonui", meaning patience, to be expressed with perseverance. [T]hese are traits of character that express the charm, warmth and sincerity of the people of Hawai'i. It was the working philosophy of native Hawaiians and was presented as a gift to all the people of Hawai'i. "Aloha" is more than a word of greeting or farewell or a salutation.
- (b) **"Aloha" means mutual regard and affection and extends warmth in caring with no obligation in return. "Aloha" is the essence of relationships in which each person is important to every other person for collective existence. "Aloha" means to hear what is not said, to see what cannot be seen and to know the unknowable.**
- (c) In exercising their power on behalf of the people and in fulfillment of their responsibilities, obligations and service to the people, the legislature, governor, lieutenant governor, executive officers of each department, the chief justice, associate justices, and judges of the appellate, circuit, and district courts may contemplate and reside with the life force and give consideration to the "Aloha Spirit". [Bold emphasis added.]” ; therefore be it

Resolved, That the O‘ahu County Democrats of the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i urge our elected officials who are members of the Democratic Party, to study, reflect upon, and speak up for, and be in advocacy for the Spirit of Aloha; and be it

Ordered, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Governor of the State of Hawai‘i, the Lt. Governor of the State of Hawai‘i, Hawai‘i State Legislators for the island of O‘ahu who are members of the Democratic Party, the Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu, and all members of the Honolulu City Council.

OCD Resolution 2022-15: Requesting the Federal Government to Produce a Current Inventory of its Land Interests in the State of Hawai‘i

Whereas, The O‘ahu County Democrats of the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i recognizes that well-being of ‘āina is essential to the well-being of our people and advocates for preservation, protection, and stewardship of land, watersheds, ocean resources, and significant cultural sites; and

Whereas, The O‘ahu County Democrats of the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i advocacy requires current and factual information on near-term and long-term plans of significant landowners, including the federal government; and

Whereas, The federal government holds 829,830 acres in Hawai‘i, or 20 percent of the island archipelago; and

Whereas, The federal government has lease interest in thousands of acres for Poamoho Training Area, Kahuku Training Area, Makua Military Reservation, and Pōhakuloa Training Area, and others; and

Whereas, According to the 1995 Hawaii Military Land Use Master Plan, more than half of the lands used by the U.S. Department of Defense in Hawai‘i are part of the Public Land Trust of the State of Hawai‘i; and

Whereas, A current inventory and land use master plan for all federal government land interests can inform decisions on lease renewals, amendments, and extensions, which lands may be excessed by the federal government and made available for other purposes, including transfers of land to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to satisfy the land settlement in the 1995 Hawaiian Home Lands Recovery Act and the return of lands to the Public Land Trust pursuant to the Hawai‘i Admission Act and subsequent amendments and similar acts; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the O‘ahu County Democrats of the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i request the federal government to produce a current inventory of its land interests in the State of Hawai‘i; and be it

Ordered, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the members of the Hawai‘i Congressional Delegation, the Governor of the State of Hawai‘i, the Lt. Governor of the State of Hawai‘i, Hawai‘i State Legislators for the island of O‘ahu who are members of the Democratic Party, the members of the Honolulu City and County who are members of the Democratic Party.

OCD Resolution 2022-16: Urging that Medicaid Cover Dental Services and Prosthodontic Services

Whereas, Adult dental care is critical for our vulnerable population of 400,000 residents who rely on Medicaid for health insurance, this is especially true Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders who are disproportionately represented in emergency room visits for dental-related diagnoses; and

Whereas, In 2009, due to massive budget cuts to state programs, Medicare terminated routine adult dental care and never restored it; any coverage was replaced by emergency-only care, and limited to pain relief, injuries, trauma, and tooth extraction; and

Whereas, This lack of preventive and restorative dental services for adult Medicaid beneficiaries increases their potential health care complications particularly for those with co-existing chronic disease, like diabetes and heart disease; poor oral health, and co-existing conditions lead to increased disability and death; and

Whereas, A 2021 study done by the Hawai'i Oral Health Coalition in cooperation with the University of Hawai'i's John A. Burns School of Medicine, found that between 2016 and 2020, 29,536 adults visited emergency rooms for a dental-related diagnosis at a cost of \$54.37 million, of which \$21.7 million was paid by Medicaid; this placed high costs and burdens on emergency rooms, and an even greater societal cost as it causes much human suffering; and

Whereas, Since 2010, the State of Hawai'i received a failing grade of "F" in three oral health report cards by the Pew Center due to multiple policy and systems issues that have left Hawai'i's families and children worse off than the rest of the United States, and

Whereas, A disproportionate number of Medicaid enrollees aged 21-44 use emergency rooms for emergency dental services; adult Medicaid beneficiaries are only 25% of Hawai'i's population but are 47% of all recipients of dental services provided in emergency rooms; and

Whereas, In February 2020, the American Dental Association's Health Policy Institute and the State of Hawai'i's Department of Human Services' MedQuest division found that medical care cost savings of \$1.9 million to \$5.3 million per year were attributable to a reduction in emergency room visits for dental conditions and reduced medical care costs among beneficiaries with diabetes, coronary artery disease, and pregnancy; and

Whereas, Medicaid coverage for dental benefits should be reinstated to cover diagnostic, preventive, restorative services with expanded prosthodontic services; and now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the O'ahu County Democrats of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i urge the restoration of Medicaid's dental services and prosthodontic services as soon as possible; and be it

Ordered, That copies of this Resolution shall be transmitted to the Hawai'i State Governor and Lieutenant Governor and all members of the Hawai'i State Legislature.

OCD Resolution 2022-17: Urging Adoption of the Expanded And Improved Medicare For All Act

Whereas, The United States ranks first in cost, but only 35th among countries of the world in health system outcomes and quality according to the *Lancet*, and worse for infant mortality and life expectancy, with no relationship between what healthcare costs in the United States and the quality of care or access to care; and

Whereas, Currently pending in Congress is a vitally important bill, the Expanded and Improved Medicare for All Act, H.R. 1976 (“the Act”), which would broaden the cost-effective and efficient government-sponsored Medicare program to finance and provide comprehensive, high-quality health care for every resident in the United States; and

Whereas, Numerous academic studies have concluded that the administrative savings under a single-payer, Medicare for All system would be enough to cover the currently uninsured and improve coverage for all those who now have only partial coverage; and

Whereas, The Act would eliminate all costs for premiums, deductibles, co-pays, and other out-of-pocket costs that cause financial hardship for tens of millions of U.S. residents every year; and the Act would provide comprehensive health care, including all primary care, hospital and outpatient services, dental, vision, audiology, maternity and newborn care, women's reproductive services, mental health, prescription drugs, and long-term care services; and

Whereas, The Act would eliminate all costs for premiums, deductibles, co-pays, and other out-of-pocket costs that have caused such a crisis for tens of millions of people, while it would ensure genuine patient choice of any doctor, hospital, clinic, or other provider a patient chooses without the restrictions imposed by private insurers; and

Whereas, The Act would be of great assistance to the People of the United States as we continue to contend with the effects of the Covid-19 virus; now therefore, be it

Resolved, That the O‘ahu County Democrats of the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i affirm that healthcare is a human right that should be guaranteed to all U.S. residents and urge that the U.S. Congress adopt the Expanded and Improved Medicare for All Act at the earliest practical date; and be it

Ordered, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the members of Hawai‘i’s Congressional delegation, the Governor of the State of Hawai‘i, the Director of the Hawai‘i State Department of Health, and the members of the Hawai‘i State Legislature.

OCD Resolution 2022-18: Urging the United States Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to Conduct More Thorough Assessments of the Needs of Minority Veterans

Whereas, Veterans have honorably served the United States and have brought great pride to their communities and families, and the United States Department of Veterans Affairs (Veterans Affairs) provides a wide range of services which support veterans; and

Whereas, Minority veterans needs often significantly differ from one another and differ from non-minority veterans as well; to improve services to these distinct minority populations, the Veterans Affairs must be empowered to know their specific needs; and

Whereas, In the early 1990's, Native Hawaiians and Native Americans were in the forefront of successfully establishing the first Veterans Affairs minority veterans' office, with an advisory committee chaired by Native Hawaiians which provided the basis for establishment of the current Veterans Affairs Center for Minority Veterans; and

Whereas, Minority veterans include African American, Hispanic, Asian, Pacific Islander, Native American, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian; and

Whereas, the Veterans Affairs Center for Minority Veterans' Advisory Committee on Minority Veterans currently works with the Veterans Affairs Center for Minority Veterans to improve its mission; and

Whereas, In 2020, Veterans Affairs Directive 0801 was promulgated, which clarifies and updates the roles and responsibilities of Veterans Affairs Center for Minority Veterans to improve its mission; and

Whereas, A more comprehensive and periodic minority needs assessments would augment and support the mission of the Veterans Affairs generally and the Veterans Affairs Center for Minority Veterans specifically as outlined in VA Directive 0801 while complementing the work of the Advisory Committee on Minority Veterans; and

Whereas, more comprehensive and periodic data driven minority veterans needs assessments would benefit from categories such as number, location, age, sex, period of service, conflict participation, social economic status, Veterans Affairs healthcare enrollment, and receipt of Veterans Affairs benefits; and now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the O'ahu County Democrats of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i urge the United States Department of Veteran Affairs to conduct more comprehensive and periodic data driven minority veteran needs assessments to inform improvement actions; and be it

Ordered, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the members of the Hawai'i Congressional Delegation, the Governor of the State of Hawai'i, the Lt. Governor of the State of Hawai'i, Hawai'i State Legislators for the island of O'ahu who are members of the Democratic Party, the members of the Honolulu City and County who are members of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, and the 2022 State Convention Resolutions Committee of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i.