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Reapportionment: Where We Draw the Lines

Every 10 years, the U.S. Census Bureau counts the population of the United States. One of the ways we use the collected data is to evaluate our electoral district lines for federal, state, and county government. Following the 2020 Census, Hawai'i has started work considering whether any of our existing legislative districts have grown faster than others to warrant adjustments. These decisions on district lines will impact how our communities are represented and who will be elected to fight for specific priorities on each level of government for the next decade.



Hawai'i is one of six states that assigns this work to commissions: the State Reapportionment Commission and O'ahu Reapportionment Commission. All of their meetings are open to watch and the public can provide comments on the process.

Keep reading for a quick guide on where we are in each process and how you can participate!

O'ahu Reapportionment Commission

The O'ahu Reapportionment Commission recently released three maps with recommended changes to our Honolulu City Council districts. The public is invited to review the maps and provide feedback to the commission members. Public testimony can be given at the next two meetings either orally at the meetings or via written comments.

The meetings will be held on **October 7 at 6 p.m. and October 11 at 6 p.m.** (Written testimony is due by 10 a.m. on the day of the meeting.) [Click here to view maps and get meeting information.](#)

O'ahu Reapportionment Commission Vice Chair Chace Shigemasa provided a recap on the group's work, details on the three designs up for public comment, and more at the "Let's Talk Story: 2021 City Council Reapportionment" on October 3.



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video recap](#)**

Reapportionment Commission

The State Reapportionment Commission is working on our Congressional, State Senate, and State House district lines. On its website, you can:

- View past meetings and meeting minutes
- Learn about current and past redistricting processes
- Create proposed maps for consideration

[Click here for the Reapportionment Commission website.](#)

Also, check out the "Let's Talk Story: Reapportionment" session with Bart Dame and Becky Gardner that discussed an overview of this process.



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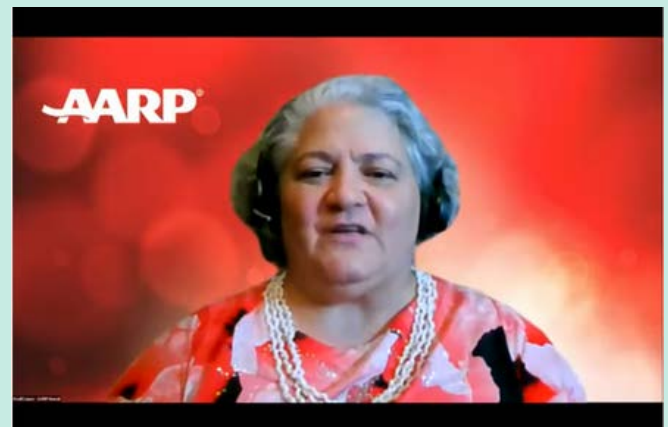
Care & Serve Project Recaps

O'ahu Democrats Care & Serve is a series of education and service events aimed at building our connections with each other and strengthening our communities.

Information on Elder Care in the Islands

Region 5 hosted an informative discussion on September 14 to tackle an issue impacting many Hawai'i families: elder care.

Guest speakers Keali'i Lopez of AARP Hawai'i, Debbie Shimizu of the Hawai'i Executive Office on Aging, and Derrick Ariyoshi, City and County of Honolulu Elderly Affairs Division shared their expertise on how families can best support kupuna.



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More Care & Serve Project Recaps

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Let's Talk Story: A Woman's Right to Choose

On September 25, Hawaii civil rights attorneys Representative Della Au Belatti and Daphne Barbee-Wooten spoke with O'ahu Democrats about the importance of protecting women's right to choose and access to safe abortion procedures.

The discussion ranged from national trends in abortion law in recent years as well as Hawai'i's own work on the issue highlighted in H.B. 576 and S.B. 624 (2021).



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video recap

Democratic Women March for A Woman's Right to Choose

Democratic women were out in force on Saturday, October 2 for the Women's March. They gathered at the State Capitol in support of protecting women's right to choose and access to safe abortion procedures.



Calendar of Events

Legislative Priorities Meetings

Mahalo to everyone who attended so far to discuss their Region priorities! Here are the remaining sessions:

Region 3

October 23 at 10 a.m.

Meeting ID: 845 0568 7847

Passcode: 592846

[Click here for Zoom meeting link](#)

Region 4

October 5 at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting ID: 882 3952 9737

Passcode: 539532

[Click here for Zoom meeting link](#)

Region 5

October 12 at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting ID: 845 7073 3087

Passcode: 378402

[Click here for Zoom meeting link](#)

Traditions of Maunalua: A Look at the Past to Inform Our Communities' Future

Region 1 Democrats are hosting a very special talk story about "Traditions of Maunalua: A Look at the Past to Inform Our Communities' Future" on October 16. This will be a discussion and storytelling with historian Chris Cramer of the Maunalua Fishpond Heritage Center. We will look at the values that have shaped our East Honolulu communities around the ancient Maunalua Fishpond and how we can collectively perpetuate the best of our communities' history today.

Saturday, October 16 at 10 a.m.

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 818 8407 0808



Chris Cramer



Digital Equity Training: Online Legislative Testimony

Save the Date! The Digital Equity Committee will be hosting training to prepare you for the upcoming Legislative Session. Learn to navigate the State Capitol's website, submit testimony on bills, and more!

Saturday, November 6, 2021

4:30 p.m.

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 838 1471 9664

Passcode: 646117



Feedback

What would you like to see? More interviews?
Discussion of issues? Community resources or info?

This project is a constantly evolving work-in-progress. If you'd like us to cover specific content, please let us know by email to oahudems@gmail.com or [click here for an anonymous feedback form](#).

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