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Legislation Committee: Your Ideas Today Shape the Policies of Tomorrow



The 2022 Legislative Session may still be months from starting, but the Legislation Committee's work is already underway to help O'ahu Democrats make their voices heard in the Hawai'i State Capitol and Honolulu Hale. It is imperative that all of our elected Democrats know what issues their communities think deserve the most attention as they write measures, consider bills, and cast their votes. We hope you will join your Region in a series of upcoming meetings to make sure your opinion is represented.

What's Been Happening?

In 2019, the Legislation Committee set out to create our first legislative summary to get the opinions of O'ahu Democrats directly to our leaders in the Senate, House of Representatives, and Honolulu City Council. This summer, the third Legislative Priorities survey was shared with members to solicit input on where the most work was needing on issues like public education, affordable housing, healthcare, earning a living wage, climate change, and more. **Mahalo to those of you who took the time to help create a baseline for our work!**



What Now? Next Steps

Throughout September and October, each of the Regions will be hosting a meeting where the Legislation Committee will:

- Share the **countywide survey results**
- Collect additional feedback on each **Region's top priorities** identified in the survey
- Provide an **overview of the legislative process** and how your input can make a difference

Check the Calendar of Events for your Region's designated meeting date.

Why Participate? Why Now?



This is an opportunity to let our elected officials know where we stand as a community and what they should focus on to best represent our interests. Your participation is critical to creating an accurate snapshot of what O‘ahu Democrats want to see happening in work being done in our state and county. Once priorities are set, understanding our legislative process will empower you to track these goals and engage with elected officials when the time comes. We hope to improve active citizenship for all Democrats and the first step starts with you!



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.

Radiant Cordero's Summer of Service

As the summer months heated up, so did a series of service projects in a part of Honolulu’s urban core. Honolulu City Councilmember Radiant Cordero (Honolulu City Councilmember District 7 — Ford Island to Liliha/Iwilei, OCC District 32 Chair, and Hawai‘i’s Young Democrats of America National Committee representative) launched her “Summer of Service” from the months of May to August 2021. The effort was to partner with community organizations, students, neighbors, and more to lead and participate in a series of projects that show how we care for our community. Efforts included graffiti and trash cleanups at parks and properties that face state/city jurisdiction issues.



Events were also held to address caring for our environment and water restoration efforts from stream cleanups in Kalihi Valley to partnering with the Polynesian Voyaging Society and Honolulu Community College to make “genki balls.” These devices, which are made from natural materials geared to clean up sludge from waterways, were created then released a month later into a Kapālama lo‘i within Councilmember Cordero’s district.



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As the pandemic continues, the Summer of Service events also included five vaccination events all before the month of August, plus donation drives for kupuna, guest leading online exercise and dance classes for kupuna, and food drives. O'ahu Democrats Membership Committee Co-Chair Chris Edwards worked with Councilmember Cordero to organize food distribution efforts at Feeding Hawai'i Together's "The Pantry" in Kalihi during Statehood Day. The energetic volunteers saw some of The Pantry's largest number of deliveries and food pickups that day.



Windward O'ahu Democrats Native Forest Restoration

Region 9 Windward O'ahu Democrats are joining with Healthy Climate Communities for an exciting three-part series to:

1. Educate our members on climate change and a native forest restoration effort in Windward O'ahu; and
2. Provide service events for our members and their 'ohana to prepare and plant native trees at Hāmākua Marsh.

Part 1's discussion on August 18, 2021 with Dr. Lisa Marten (founder and executive director of Healthy Climate Communities) provided background on the importance of native forest restoration and current efforts being completed on state lands.

Check the calendar on Page 5 for upcoming volunteer opportunities at Hāmākua Marsh.



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Let's Talk Story: Reapportionment

Now that the official counts from the 2020 Census have been released, work to draw the political district lines for the next decade will start to be finalized. What is the process? Why does it matter? Bart Dame and Becky Gardner answered these questions and more at a Let's Talk Story event on September 1, 2021.

Mahalo to Region 1 for hosting this informative session as we go through the reapportionment process!



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video recap

A Community Day In Our Schools: A Day of Service

Region 5 participated in its first A Community Day in Our School on July 31, 2021 from 8a.m. - 12 p.m. This event was sponsored by Sen. Bennette Misalucha. We were partnered with Mana Loa-Nimitz Lion Club to paint the curbs, small crosswalks, and speed bumps in the parking lot at 'Aiea High School.



Attendees: Wayne Suzuki (team leader), Brent Toyama (team leader), Cindy Aban, Steve Canales, Shannon Kaaa, Charlie Ice, Susan Young, Ray Sugai, Carole Sugai, Gordon Comajis, Rep. Sam Kong, Lorna Strand

Calendar of Events

Legislative Priorities Meetings

Your input is critical in shaping Democratic priorities at the Legislature and City Council in 2022!

Region 1

September 15 at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting ID: 850 4375 1503

Passcode: 056991

[Click here for Zoom meeting link](#)

Region 2

September 25 at 10 a.m.

Meeting ID: 898 4207 9032

Passcode: 9252021

[Click here for Zoom meeting link](#)

Region 3

October 23 at 10 a.m.

Meeting ID: 845 0568 7847

Passcode: 592846

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Region 4

October 5 at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting ID: 882 3952 9737

Passcode: 539532

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Region 5

October 12 at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting ID: 845 7073 3087

Passcode: 378402

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Region 6

September 23 at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting ID: 845 3825 3951

Passcode: 101237

[Click here for Zoom meeting link](#)

Region 7

September 14 at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting ID: 875 6199 9383

Passcode: 683351

[Click here for Zoom meeting link](#)

Region 8

September 28 at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting ID: 871 4421 9129

Passcode: 155928

[Click here for Zoom meeting link](#)

Region 9

September 29 at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting ID: 846 6300 5847

Passcode: 594867

[Click here for Zoom meeting link](#)

Native Forest Restoration Projects at Hāmākua Marsh



Help Region 9 Democrats and Healthy Climate Communities plant native trees. Tools and gloves will be provided, but volunteers are required to wear covered shoes and sign a waiver. Sun protection is recommended. All regions welcome!

Saturday, September 25, 2021

4- 6 p.m.

Location: Hāmākua Marsh

Event will be physically intensive -- recommended volunteer age is teenager or older.

Saturday, November 13, 2021

3 - 5 p.m.

Location: Hāmākua Marsh

Kūpuna and keiki are welcome to participate in this event.

Email jma.kagi@gmail.com to sign up.

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Tips on Elder Care

Region 5 will be featuring Keali'i Lopez (AARP), Derrick Ariyoshi (City and County of Honolulu, Elderly Affairs Division), and Debbie Shimizu (State of Hawai'i, Executive Office on Aging). Now will be the time to ask questions for care for your elderly parent or someone you may be taking care of or know.

Tuesday, September 14 at 6:30 p.m.

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 841 2639 3454

Passcode: 356376

All Regions welcome!

Maunaloa Bay History Talk

Join Region 1 Democrats to learn more about the background and impacts of historic Maunaloa Bay.

Saturday, October 16 at 10 a.m.

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 818 8407 0808

All
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O'ahu Democrats Blue Wave organizer Jimmy Nguyen with his friends Cara, Brycen and Garrett.

Multicultural Postcard Writing

As you stay home these days, spend some time helping register voters and supporting Democrats in key states by sending post cards-in English, Korean, Vietnamese, and Tagalog or text folks about voter registration and voter protection.

Visit the O'ahu Dems Blue Wave page in Mobilize to find out more about volunteer options, receive training and participate

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Feedback

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

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