



Hawai'i State LGBTQ+ Commission

August Meeting Agenda

Date: August 12, 2024

Time: 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

In-person meeting location:

1390 Miller Street

2nd Floor Conference Room 1 & 2

Honolulu, HI 96813

Virtual meeting link:

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Commission Purpose: [From Chapter 369, Hawai'i Revised Statutes] The legislature finds that there is a need to establish a body to improve the State's

interface with members of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, plus community; identify the short- and long range needs of its members; and ensure that there is an effective means of researching, planning, and advocating for the equity of this population in all aspects of state government. Accordingly, the purpose of this chapter is to establish a commission to provide for a statewide program, on a permanent and continuing basis, on the status of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, plus individuals in Hawai'i.

I. Introduction and Roll Call

(Per Haw. Rev. Stat §92-3.7(a), state the name of anyone present at a nonpublic location)

1. Officers:
 - Chair Dr. Kathleen O'Dell (she/her)
 - Vice Chair Michael Golojuch Jr. (he/him)
 - Secretary Richard Velasquez (he/him/his)
 - Finance Director Shanda Lewis (she/her)
2. Commissioners (4 additional voting members)
 - Sandy Harjo-Livingston (he/him/they/them)
 - Philip Steinbacher (he/him)
 - Joe Tolbe (he/him)
 - Joseph "Rocco" Vick
3. Ex-Officio(s) or their designees (6 non-voting members)
 - Superintendent of Education designee Beth Schimmelfennig, Director of the Department of Education, Civil Rights Compliance Office
 - President of the University of Hawai'i System designee Dr. Camaron Miyamoto, Director, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender & Queer+ (LGBTQ+) Center, UH Mānoa (he/him/his)
 - Director of Labor and Industrial Relations designee David Rodriguez
 - Director of Human Resources Development designee Signe Nakamura-Dureza
 - Director of Human Services designee Kristen Takushi, Cross-

Enrollment Coordinator

- Director of Health designee Thaddeus Pham (he/him), MPH, Viral Hepatitis Prevention Coordinator, Harm Reduction Services Branch
4. Members of the Public
 - a. Present in person
 - b. Present online
 5. Comment on receipt of written testimony, if any.
 - a. Distribution
 - b. Review (if received at the meeting, a break for Commissioners to review testimony may be required)

II. New Business - Commission Governance

1. Community shares or concerns - Public Testimony (allow 2 minutes)
2. Presentation from Hawai'i Health and Harm Reduction Center about their Harm Reduction Conference, Rainbow Resiliency, which will take place in January 2025.
3. Discussion - Authorizing a letter to the Attorney General requesting representation on the Act 156 Task Force on Parentage Laws that was established by SB 944, SLH 2023
4. Discussion of travel protocol for approval and reimbursement
5. Discussion of a preliminary 2024-2025 budget (Finance Director)
 - a. Travel for inter-island travel
 - b. Sponsorships
 - c. Production of collateral for the Commission
 - d. Zoom account.
6. Discussion of whether the commission wants to participate in the writing of public information bulletins and press releases and where the responsibility for doing so might fall.
7. Presentation of recent data on sexual gender minority youth in Hawai'i (Thaddeus Pham, Department of Health)

III. Commission Action Items

1. Community shares or concerns - Public Testimony (allow 2 minutes)
2. Vote - Authorize a letter to the Attorney General requesting representation on

the Act 156 Task Force on Parentage Laws that was established by SB 944, SLH 2023

3. Vote - Request Gender Affirming Care protection bill be submitted with the 2025 Administrative Package
4. Vote - Writing of public information bulletins and press releases
5. Vote - Request for a webpage on the Department of Human Services website
6. Vote - Limit allowable time for public testimony to 1 minute.

IV. Strategic Planning

1. Community shares or concerns - Public Testimony (allow 2 minutes)
2. Discussion on meeting the statutory duties of the LGBTQ+ Commission §369-5.
3. Discussion of potential Committees or Permitted Interaction Groups for the LGBTQ+ Commission and VOTE on those Committees or Permitted Interaction Groups. Proposed: Legislative, Communications, and Education

V. Future Meeting Topics or Speakers

1. Community shares or concerns - Public Testimony (allow 2 minutes)
2. Chairperson to create the future agenda and seek member input on:
 - a. 2025 Legislative Priorities for the LGBTQ+ Commission
 - b. Approval of the 2024-2025 LGBTQ+ Commission budget

VI. Community shares or concerns – time permitting:

Additional Public Testimony (allow 1 minute)

Written and verbal testimony on items outside of this agenda may be included on a future agenda, but the Commission will not discuss them at this meeting.

VII. Adjournment

Additional meeting information:

Written and oral testimony will be accepted. Written testimony must be received by August 7, 2024, at 4:30 p.m. to be included in the board packet.

Written testimony received after that time will be distributed to the Commissioners at the meeting. Written testimony may be submitted as follows:

- By email: hawaiistatelgbtqpluscommission@gmail.com
- By postal mail:
 - LGBTQ+ Commission
 - c/o The Department of Human Services
 - PO Box 339
 - Honolulu, Hawaii 96809-0339
- Written testimony may include the words "Public Testimony" with the agenda item number and description in the subject line to aid the Commission in reviewing the testimony.
- Written testimony submitted to the Commission will be treated as a public record, and any contact information contained therein will be available for public inspection and copying.

Request for auxiliary aids:

If you need an auxiliary aid/service or other accommodation due to a disability, contact Kristen Takushi at ktakushi@dhs.hawaii.gov or call (808)586-4877 as soon as possible, preferably by **August 9, 2024**. Requests made as early as possible will be more likely to be fulfilled.

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