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JUVENILE JUSTICE STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL  
Department of Human Services, State of Hawaii  
Office of Youth Services  
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Compliance Committee Meeting  
3rd Quarter Video/Audio Meeting  
Hosted on Zoom  
(Copy of audio link available upon request)

Tuesday, August 12, 2025  
9:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m.

Members Present: Geoffrey Hicks, Lieutenant, Sheriff's Office Maui Court  
Phillip Humphrey, Program Manager, Hale Kipa  
Grant Nakamura, Lieutenant, Maui Police Department  
Captain Mikel Kunishima, Honolulu Police Department

Members Excused: Sergeant Eric Ogihara, Kauai Police Department  
John Balberde, Lieutenant, Hawaii Police Department  
Sheri Ann Iwamasa, Administrator Juvenile Client and Family Services, 2<sup>nd</sup> Circuit

Staff Present: John Paekukui, Office of Youth Services  
Norene Machida, Office of Youth Services  
Shannessy Ahu, Office of Youth Services

Guest: Michael O'Neill, Honolulu Police Department

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<p>I. Call to Order/Establishment of Quorum</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Establishment of Quorum (4/7)</li> <li>Introduction of Members</li> <li>Nomination and Voting of Committee Chair</li> <li>Lt. Hicks appointed member to the Juvenile Justice State Advisory Council (JJSAC) on 7.1.25</li> </ul>	<p>(9:03) G. Hicks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meeting called to order at 9:14 a.m. by Lieutenant Hicks, Vice Chair</li> <li>Quorum is established</li> </ul> <p>Introduction of members and attendees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Geoffrey Hicks, Lieutenant, Maui Sheriff's Office</li> <li>Phillip Humphrey, Program Manager, Hale Kipa</li> <li>Grant Nakamura, Lieutenant, Maui Police Department</li> <li>Captain Mikel Kunishima, Honolulu Police Department</li> <li>Lt. Michael O'Neill, Honolulu Police Department</li> </ul> <p>(9:17) Nomination and Voting of Committee Chair</p> <p>P. Humphrey</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nominate Lt. Hicks as Chair</li> </ul> <p>(9:17) G. Hicks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nomination of Chair accepted</li> </ul> <p>(9:19) P. Humphrey</p>			

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Motion to vote Lt. Hicks as Chair of the Compliance Committee.</li> <li>• Seconded by Captain Kunishima</li> <li>• All in favor</li> </ul>	New Chair: Lt Geoffery Hicks	Members	
II. Consideration and Approval of Minutes for the following Meeting(s): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May 20, 2025 (To be Approved)</li> </ul>	(9:20) G. Hicks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approval of minutes for May 20, 2025</li> <li>• Motion for approval by Phillip Humphrey</li> <li>• Seconded by Lt. Hicks</li> <li>• All in favor</li> </ul>	Minutes for May 20, 2025 approved	Members	
III. Community Input <b>[Pursuant to section 92-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, Community Members will have 3 mins. to speak, i.e., per person, per item, or written testimony can be submitted on agenda items]</b>	(9:21) G. Hicks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No written testimonies received</li> </ul>			

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<p>IV. Old Business: (open for discussion)</p> <p>Compliance Monitoring Updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update on Violations:2025</li> <li>• Update on Waiver Cases <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ First Circuit Family Court:</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>(9:23)</p> <p>J. Paekukui</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Compliance monitoring activities have yielded positive results with zero violations reported for the current fiscal year.</li> <li>• Developing jurisdiction-specific protocols for juvenile waiver cases that can be standardized across the state</li> <li>• Establishing direct communication channels with Judge Medeiros to formalize information sharing agreements that protect juvenile privacy while ensuring appropriate case management</li> <li>• Successfully implementing functional procedures with the 1st Circuit Family Court that serve as a model for other jurisdictions</li> <li>• Planning comprehensive outreach to neighbor islands to implement similar protocols, addressing the unique challenges of each jurisdiction</li> <li>• Creating consistent information sharing mechanisms that maintain compliance with federal and state regulations while improving case coordination</li> </ul>			
<p>V. County Reports:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Maui Sheriff</li> <li>b. Honolulu City &amp; County Police</li> <li>c. Maui Judiciary</li> </ul>	<p>(9:24)</p> <p>G. Hicks Maui Sheriff</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No updates to report for Maui Sheriff's department</li> </ul>			

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d. Kauai County Police e. Maui County Police f. Hale Kipa g. Hawaii County Police	<p>(9:25) M. Kunishima Honolulu City &amp; County Police</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Implementation of a streamlined process for detention log reporting via direct email, which has improved reporting efficiency and reduced administrative burden</li> <li>• New collaboration with the Missing Children Center for Hawaii that enables immediate distribution of runaway youth flyers on the department intranet, increasing visibility and recovery potential</li> <li>• Development of interdepartmental communication protocols to address recurring juvenile offenders, however, several persistent challenges were identified:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The "catch and release" cycle with juvenile offenders has created significant operational inefficiencies and enforcement frustration</li> <li>○ Officers report diminished deterrent effect when juveniles observe minimal consequences for repeated offenses</li> <li>○ Juvenile e-bike violations present novel enforcement challenges, limited storage capacity for confiscated e-bikes at department facilities</li> <li>○ Unclear disposal procedures for seized equipment that may have significant monetary value</li> </ul> </li> </ul>			

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Coordination difficulties between traffic division and patrol officers regarding enforcement priorities</li> <li>○ Legal complexities surrounding parental responsibility for juvenile e-bike violations</li> </ul> <p>(9:27) G. Nakamura Maui County</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Focused on aggressive enforcement approaches to address the growing e-bike problem</li> <li>• Implementation of targeted enforcement operations in high-traffic areas where juvenile e-bike violations are common</li> <li>• Confiscation protocols for non-compliant e-bikes, including documentation requirements and chain of custody procedures</li> <li>• Exploration of search warrant applications for residential properties where illegal e-bike modifications are suspected</li> <li>• Development of community education initiatives to inform parents about legal requirements and liability concerns</li> </ul> <p>(9:31) P. Humphrey Hale Kipa</p>			

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	<p>Program Status &amp; Resources</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Program extended through December 31, 2025</li> <li>• New RFP expected from Office of Youth Services in Q3 2025</li> <li>• JAC Assessment center remains fully operational with 24/7 intake capability</li> <li>• Residential facilities maintain capacity for emergency placements</li> <li>• Current staffing at 85% of authorized positions</li> </ul> <p>Enrollment &amp; Demographic Data</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Completion Metrics &amp; Outcomes</li> <li>• 1 youth referred to Hokala program (May 15-Aug 11, 2025)</li> <li>• 7 citations processed by Kalihi Assessment Center</li> <li>• 13 youth currently enrolled in active programming: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 6 for runaway behavior (46.2%)</li> <li>○ 5 for truancy violations (38.5%)</li> <li>○ 2 for injurious behavior (15.3%)</li> <li>○ Age distribution: 11-13 (23%), 14-15 (46%), 16-17 (31%)</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Completion Metrics &amp; Outcomes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 23 citations closed during reporting period</li> <li>• Outcome breakdown: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 1 successful program completion (4.3%)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>			

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 16 cases failed due to inability to contact youth/guardians (69.6%)</li> <li>○ 4 cases terminated due to non-compliance with program requirements (17.4%)</li> <li>○ 2 cases transferred to other jurisdictions (8.7%)</li> <li>○ Average program duration before closure: 37 days</li> </ul>			
VI. New Business: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Compliance Committee Charter               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Amend to include new federal law on waived juveniles</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	(9:35) J. Paekukui <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Amended to the charter approved on May 20, 2025 at our last meeting</li> </ul>			
VII. Announcements: (open for discussion) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP)               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ New training staff</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	(9:36) G. Hicks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No Announcements</li> </ul>			



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<p>VIII. Next scheduled meeting: FY:2025-2026 Meetings are held 9:00A-10:30A</p> <p>FFY:2025-2026</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tuesday, November 18, 2025-1st Q,</li> </ul> <p>Moved to 3rd week due to Veterans Holiday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tuesday, February 10, 2026-2nd Q</li> <li>Tuesday, May 19, 2026-3rd Q (3rd Week)</li> <li>Tuesday, August 11, 2026-4th</li> </ul>	<p>(9:37)</p> <p>J. Paekukui</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Will need to change the May 2026 meeting to the 3<sup>rd</sup> week due to Police week in May</li> </ul>			
<p>IX. Adjournment</p>	<p>(9:38)</p> <p>G. Hicks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Move to adjourn the meeting at 9:38 a.m. by G. Hicks</li> <li>Motion to approved by P. Humphrey</li> <li>Seconded by M. Kunishima</li> <li>All in favor</li> </ul>			