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JUVENILE JUSTICE STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL (JJSAC)
Department of Human Services, State of Hawai'i
Office of Youth Services

Juvenile Justice State Advisory Council
1st Quarter Video/Audio Meeting

Thursday, December 18, 2025
11:00AM-1:00 PM

Hosted on Zoom
(Copy of minutes available upon request)

Members Present: Rick Collins (Chair), Delia Ulima (Vice-Chair), Judge Andrew Park, Adrienne Heely Caires, Dane Ka'ae, Misty Leigh Carter, Representative Amy Perruso, Brandi Wakabayashi, Judge Gregory Meyers,

Members Absent: Sarah Antone

Members Excused: Paul Tonnessen, Andrew Sabanal, Shawn Kana'iaupuni, Lieutenant Geoffery Hicks, Malia Malufau,

Guests Present: Lieutenant Grant Nakamura, Tai-An Miao, Cameron Clark, Matelina Aulava, Rein Terrado, Takuya Furuhashi, Kari, Brock Esau, Captain Randall Lindsey, Glen Taka, Bonni Grimmel

Staff Present: Shannessy Ahu, Mimari Hall, John Paekukui, Norene Machida

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<p>I. Opening Remarks Meeting protocol for audiovisual communication</p> <p>Welcome and introduction of council members New Members: Brandi Wakabayashi Judge Gregory Myers</p> <p>Establishment of quorum (8/15)</p>	<p>(11:05)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting called to order at 11:05 a.m. by Chair, Rick Collins • Sunshine Laws Reminders Quorum of board members must be visible to other members and the public during a remote meeting. Members' brief absence from view during a meeting, such as to take a five-minute restroom break, would not cause the board to lose quorum. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • However, if a board member who is needed to meet the quorum requirement will be out of view for an extended period of time or will be absent during a vote, the board should call for a recess until quorum can be reestablished. • If the audio-visual connection is lost, the Sunshine Law requires the meeting to automatically recess for up to 30 minutes while the board attempts to restore the connection. If no connection is restored, the meeting will be cancelled and re-scheduled <p>Welcome and introduction of new council members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brandi Wakabayashi <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Hawaii Department of Education, 			

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	<p>Alternative Learning. Focus includes Title I federal grants for economically disadvantaged students and at-risk youth</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Judge Gregory Myers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Kauai Family Court judge for three and a half years. Handles the juvenile calendar and is involved in projects aimed at improving the lives of families and youth. • Quorum has been established 8/15 <p>Introductions of Members & Guest</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rick Collins, JJSAC Chair, Hawaii Public Health Institute • Delia Ulima, JJSAC Vice-Chair, Executive Director, EPIC 'Ohana • Andrew Park, JJSAC Member, Judge, Family Court of the First Circuit • Dane Ka'ae, JJSAC Member, Prevention & Accountability Committee Member, Youth Services Director, Maui Economic Opportunity, Inc. • Adrienne Heely Caries, JJSAC Member, Chair, Ethnic & Cultural Diversity Committee, Maui Prose 			

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amy Perruso, JJSAC Member, Representative, Hawai'i State House of Representatives, District 46 • Misty Leigh Carter, JJSAC Member, Ethnic & Cultural Diversity Committee Member, President, Hui 'Oihana • Brandi Wakabayashi, JJSAC Member, Department of Education, Alternative Learning • Judge Gregory Meyers, JJSAC Member, Family Court, Fifth Circuit 			
<p>II. Consideration and Approval of Minutes for the following Meeting(s):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes for August 28, 2025 (to be approved) 	<p>(11:21) R. Collins Consideration and approval of minutes for August 28, 2025.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Correction: Page 4, Misty Leigh Carter, JJSAC Member, Ethnic & Cultural Diversity Committee Member, President, Hui 'Oihana • Motion to approve minutes as amended by A. Park • Seconded by M. Carter • All in favor 			
<p>III. Public Testimony and Written Testimonies Submitted:</p> <p>[Pursuant to section 92-3, Hawaii</p>				

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<p>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]</p>				
<p>IV. New Business (open for discussion)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permitted Interaction Group • Recommendation Report • Legislative Initiatives Update • Kawaiiloa Youth & Family Wellness Center (KYFWC) Updates • Opportunity for Youth Action Hawai'i (OYAH) Impact Report • Sub Committee Structure 	<p>(11:23) A Park Permitted Interaction Group (PIG) Recommendation Report (copy available upon request)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Findings and recommendations formed to prioritize recommendations from the National Institute for Criminal Justice Reform (NCJIR) report • 3 recommendations focused on improving youth transition services, extending service age to 24, and planning a statewide summit. <p>1. The PIG has found that there may be gaps in service for youth as they transition into becoming young adults. One such area is a need for more Independent Living resources or better access to existing Independent Living resources. To this end, the PIG recommends that the JJSAC form an appropriate subgroup/subcommittee/[other] to work together with the Office of Youth Services/Hawaii Youth Correctional Facility and</p>			

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	<p>Judiciary/Hale Ho'omalulu (Detention Home), collectively "our partner stakeholders", to identify and implement ways to better equip youth as they transition out of custody. In particular, the PIG recommends this discussion with our partner stakeholders to ensure that Neighbor Island Youth have tools in place for appropriate independent living transition planning as they age out of custody facilities. This is a proximal goal.</p> <p>2. Within Recommendation 2 of the NICJR "Building a Continuum of Care" Report was the suggestion that Community Based Organizations be able to service people until age 24 (rather than ceasing services at age 18). The PIG notes that the P&A committee previously conducted a Service Provider Pilot Survey. The PIG recommends that the JJSAC form a subgroup/subcommittee/[other] and request information from the Office of Youth Services, Judiciary, Department of Human Services, and Department of Health to identify community-based organizations that are currently contracted to provide services to youth. Thereafter, the subgroup would utilize this information, together with any relevant</p>			

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	<p>information from the Service Provider Pilot Survey, to contact each community-based organization in order to inquire if they would in fact be willing and able to service youth through the age of 24. This information would be important for future advocacy efforts and, in any event, would assist the JJSAC in gaining increased awareness of the community-based organizations working in this space. This is a proximal goal.</p> <p>2a. Related to the above, the PIG recognizes that allowing community-based organizations to service youth through the age of 18 and up until 24 may require changes to contracts. The PIG recommends JJSAC to have a standing invitation or request for a representative from the Department of Health to be present at full body meetings so that they can be a part of the conversation.</p> <p>3. The NICJR reported that Maui and Kauai currently have regular convenings of county and community stakeholders. Oahu has had one major convening, focused on building culturally responsive bridges to youth success, in May of 2024. Regular meetings are also occurring on Hawaii Island. Things happen when people</p>	<p>Consider Inviting a representative from the Department of Health to JJSAC</p>	<p>Members</p>	

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	<p>meet; connections are made, solutions are identified, and problems are solved. The PIG recommends that the JJSAC work together with the Office of Youth Services to determine the viability of and plan for a Statewide Summit of community-based organizations and stakeholders. The data gathered as a part of recommendation 2 above could be utilized to form a list of representative organization attendees. The PIG recognizes that there would be a financial cost to this item and may require an additional budget item; as such, the PIG additionally recommends that the JJSAC submit testimony in favor of the OYS's budget in order to secure funding to accomplish such a summit. This is a distal goal.</p> <p>(11:32) R. Collins</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council to consider how to implement recommendations, possibly through restructuring existing committees that have been inadequately attended or forming new working groups. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The recommendations include both proximal goals (achievable in the short term) and distal goals (longer-term 			

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	<p>objectives requiring more extensive planning and resources.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recommendations scheduled for the next meeting in February 2026 <p>(11:33) C. Clark Legislative Initiatives Update (Copy available by request)</p> <p>SB 1028: Relating to Youth Fees and Fines https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session/archives/measure_indiv_Archives.aspx?billtype=SB&billnumber=1028&year=2025</p> <p>HCR 174: https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session/measure_indiv.aspx?billtype=HCR&billnumber=174&year=2025</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SB 1028 made it to the conference committee in the 2025 session but stalled. After it stalled, filed a House Concurrent Resolution (HCR 174) to incorporate 'āina-based learning principles for adjudicated youth Analyzed data showed only \$40,000 in past 5 years were assessed in fines and fees in court 	<p>Schedule consideration of PIG recommendations at the next meeting in February</p>	<p>R. Collins</p>	

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	<p>cases against minors.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Indicates the Family Courts have moved away from the issuance of fees as a form of punishment ● New data analysis showing that approximately 56% of youth adjudicated in Hawaii family courts are Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ An estimated \$40,000 in annual court financial penalties disproportionately affect these communities ● Fees and fines run counter to Hawai'i's dedication to holistic and culturally informed youth rehabilitation practices, including the Judiciary's Accountability Program. ● Hawai'i has taken meaningful steps toward reducing youth incarceration and reforming the juvenile system, including the Kawaihoa Youth & Family Wellness Center. ● The legislature as recently as 2025 has affirmed the importance of 'āina-based community service programs, offering the opportunity for youth to connect to their communities, cultures, and the land itself. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ By divesting from ineffective and punitive financial penalties, the youth 			

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	<p>justice system can further its investment in culturally aligned programs with the potential to meaningfully rehabilitate youth.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request JJSAC's support in confirming the state's ability to manage costs related to youth justice administration without relying on fees and fines • The resolution does request that the Department of Human Services (DHS) and the Office of Youth Services (OYS) create and disseminate a list of organizations employing aina-based learning that the courts may use to assign community service to minors in the family court system <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ There is a link on the DHS/OYS website to the Hawaii Youth Services Directory, but it hasn't been accessible ○ Consider redirecting to the OYS public based contracts <p>(11:55) A Perruso</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suggesting JJSAC also helps underscore how limited 'āina-based opportunities 	<p>Request JJSAC support to manage costs related to youth justice administration without relying on fees and fines.</p>	<p>Members</p>	

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	<p>currently are for youth</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Part of the response from the Legislature to this resolution was to dismiss the need for the work <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Rare and isolated pockets for youth to have opportunity to services <p>(11:56) A Park</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It should not be difficult to comply with this resolution if a list was already there with work that would probably be undertaken <p>(11:57) R. Collins</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do we need to vote on a future subcommittee or PIG who can undertake this work to comply to the resolution? <p>(12:00) A Park</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Would we be able to vote and authorize the Executive Committee to decide on and submit appropriate testimony by the Chair 			

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	<p>(12:08) R. Collins</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This will be tabled until the next meeting, as quorum is lost to vote on how to manage HCR 174 <p>(12:09) T. Miao Kawailoa Youth & Family Wellness Center (KYFWC) Updates (Copy available upon request)</p> <p>Opportunity for Youth Action Hawai'i (OYAH) Impact Report (Copy available upon request)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comprehensive 3-year impact report on their community-based programming, demonstrating the effectiveness of their approach as an alternative to youth incarceration • Outcomes show that over 1,100 youth have participated in programs at Kawailoa, with 90% successfully connected to community-based services. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ These connections help youth build positive relationships and access resources for education, employment, and wellness 	<p>No quorum, discussion tabled until the next meeting</p>	<p>Chair</p>	

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	<p>(12:19) T. Furuhashi</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussed the various diversion pathways at Kawaihoa for both juveniles and young adults, noting that 72% of youth served are young adults (ages 18-24). • This data supports the PIG recommendation to extend services through age 24. <p>(12:22) Kari</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Programs integrate Hawaiian cultural values and practices with evidence-based therapeutic approaches. • Culturally grounded mental health practices including Ha'akoa (Dance of Warriors), Mālama 'Āina (land stewardship), and Hu'akai (cultural learning journeys) <p>(12:29) R. Lindsey</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personal testimony about his experience working with youth at Kinai'Eha, noting the program's effectiveness in developing youth leadership and values. • Highlighted specific examples of youth who have transformed their lives through participation in the program. 			

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	<p>(12:32) T. Miao</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation demonstrated how Kawaihoa model addresses recommendations from the NICJR report through community-based care, culturally responsive programming, and cross-system collaboration. • The campus serves as a training and collaboration hub for improving youth justice practices statewide. <p>(12:42) R. Collins</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are looking for youth to join the Youth Committee and extend this to youth at Kawaihoa as well as any other youth who would be interested in joining with time paid for their participation. • Quorum has been reestablished, and I would like to return to Item IV, Legislative Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Is there a motion for the Executive Committee to take authority on legislative actions <p>(12:44) A Park</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Move to authorize the Chair and Executive Committee to identify and submit testimony on proposed legislation related to the JJSAC 	<p>Quorum is established</p>	<p>Chair</p>	

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	<p>mission statement on proposed legislation as posted on the Office of Youth Services website (12:45) A Perruso</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seconded by A. Perruso <p>(12:46) R. Collins Sub Committee Structure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We will table this until the next meeting and discuss how to operationalize the structure of Committees 	<p>Voted for Executive Committee to identify and submit testimony on proposed legislation related to the JJSAC mission statement on proposed legislation as posted on the Office of Youth Services website</p> <p>Add Sub Committee Structure to next agenda</p>	<p>Members</p> <p>Chair</p>	
<p>V. Sub-Committee Reports & Update</p> <p>A. Executive Committee Meeting- Last meeting 11.10.25, Next meeting 2.5.26</p> <p>B. Compliance Committee- Last</p>	<p>(12:47) R. Collins Executive Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussed budget, policy direction, and committee structure review 			

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<p>meeting 11.12.25, Next meeting 2.11.26</p> <p>C. Prevention & Accountability Committee (P&A) Last meeting 7.3.25, Next meeting TBD Provider Survey Results Youth Survey Pilot Feedback</p> <p>D. Ethnic & Cultural Diversity Committee (ECD) Last meeting 9.3.25, Next meeting TBD</p> <p>E. Policy Committee, Last meeting 10.20.25, Next meeting TBD 2026 Legislative Planning and Recommendation True Cost Coalition</p> <p>F. Youth Committee-Last meeting 11.17.25,</p> <p>G. Next meeting TBD</p> <p>H. Coalition for Juvenile Justice (CJJ) 2025 Youth Justice in Action Conference Report</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preparing a budget proposal for JJSAC activities for the current year to present at the next full-body meeting. <p>(12:48) D. Ka'ae Prevention and Accountability Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Haven't met since the last full council meeting and currently working on developing a youth survey to gather input on prevention strategies and accountability measures <p>(12:49) M. Carter Ethnic and Cultural Diversity Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Their scheduled meeting was postponed due to a disturbance that disrupted proceedings, highlighting security concerns for virtual meetings <p>(12:50) Policy Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deferred action on seven drafted bills until next session to allow for deeper consideration given fiscal constraints. True Cost Coalition's ongoing work on ensuring living wages for service providers in the juvenile justice system 			

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	<p>(12:54) R. Collins Youth Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reporting on behalf of the committee: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ First Western Regional Meeting with youth members from other states, interviews with the CJJ Emerging Leaders Committee, and plans for an informational session for youth interested in joining. ○ The committee needs more members, with an age range of 15-28 eligible to join. • We will provide information in the minutes on Youth Committee membership for members to reference the information <p>“Committee Composition: Membership to the Youth Committee shall consist of 5-10 youth (15-17 years old) and young adults (18-28 years old) who have current or lived experience in the juvenile justice system or are interested in working in the juvenile justice field”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is no application process for joining the Youth Committee only a Google Docs information 			

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Computer and internet access are necessary • Able to dedicate a minimum of one year of service 			
VI. Office of Youth Services (OYS) Administration Updates	<p>(12:58) M. Hall</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2025 has been busy with procurement and RFPs to make services available for youth across the state • OYS has been actively participating in the Hawaii Interagency State Youth Services of Care Network (HiSync), which coordinates services across multiple agencies. • Working to update and fix the broken link to the Hawaii Youth Services Directory on the OYS website to improve access to information. <p>(1:00) M. Aulava</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kawailoa model is demonstrating success, with youth incarceration numbers dramatically reduced from 190+ to approximately 30 youth. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presented information about a master plan to revitalize campus buildings, including plans for a specialized mental health facility. • Outlined upcoming programs for 			

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	<p>commercially exploited youth and family reunification to be housed on the campus.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plans to present a comprehensive 10-year development plan to community boards and seek legislative support for continued transformation. 			
<p>VII. Future Agenda Items and Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proposal of presentations Opportunity for council members to raise questions or concerns for the consideration of future discussion 	<p>(1:04) R. Collins</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please reach out if you have any proposals for future agenda items or presentations 			
<p>VIII. JJSAC FB Meetings FY:2025-2026 Meeting invites will be sent after each meeting to accept and save the date to your calendar.</p> <p>JJSAC FB Meetings FY:2025-2026</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thursday, February 26, 2026 Thursday, May 28, 2026 Thursday, August 27, 2026 	<p>(1:05) R. Collins</p> <p>Next meeting for this fiscal year</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thursday, February 26, 2026 Thursday, May 28, 2026 Thursday, August 27, 2026 			

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IX. Closing Remarks and Adjournment	(1:09) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adjourn the meeting at 1:09 by R. Collins 	Quorum lost, meeting adjourned without a motion	Chair	

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