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JUVENILE JUSTICE STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL
Department of Human Services, State of Hawaii
Office of Youth Services
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Policy Sub Committee Meeting
Hosted on Zoom
(Link available upon request)

Monday, October 20, 2025
9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

Members Present: Rep. Amy Perruso, Rick Collins, Andrew Sabanal, Shawn Kana'iaupuni

Members Absent: None

Members Excused: Delia Ulima

Guests Present: Angelia Silva

Staff Present: Shannessy Ahu, Mimari Hall, Norene Machida

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<p>I. Establishment Committee and Officer Elections</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nominations/Election for Chair • Nominations/Election for Vice-Chair 	<p>(9:05) S. Ahu</p> <p>Nominations/Election for Chair</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One nomination for Chair was received for Representative Amy Perruso • Nomination was accepted by Rep. Perruso • Motion to vote Rep. Perruso as Chair of the Policy Committee • No objections • All in favor <p>Nominations/Election for Vice-Chair</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One nomination submitted for the vice chair position • However, the nominee had not confirmed their acceptance of the nomination • Committee agreed to postpone the vice chair election until a future meeting • 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. • 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 	<p>Rep. Perruso voted in as Chair of the Policy Committee</p> <p>Add Vice Chair election to next agenda if a nomination for this role is accepted</p>	<p>Members</p> <p>Chair</p>	

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	<p>during a vote, the board should call for a recess until quorum can be reestablished.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting is open to the public • Recorded and posted to the Office of Youth Services> Juvenile Justice State Advisory Council (JJSAC)>Meeting Minutes https://humanservices.hawaii.gov/juvenile-justice-state-advisory-council-agendas-and-minutes/ • 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>II. Call to Order/Establishment of Quorum</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction of Members and Guest • Establishment of Quorum (3/5) • Meeting protocol for audiovisual communication 	<p>(9:11) Introduction of Members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Representative Amy Perruso, JJSAC Member, Chair, Policy Committee, Hawai'i State House of Representatives - Majority Whip, House District 46 • Andi Sabanal, JJSAC Youth Member, Youth Committee Member, Youth Partner, EPIC OHANA • Rick Collins, JJSAC Chair, Hawaii Public Health Institute • Shawn Kana'iaupuni, JJSAC Member, Policy Committee Member, CEO Partners in Development Foundation <p>Establishment of Quorum (3/5)</p>			

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<p>III. Community Input [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]</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quorum has been established (3/5) <p>(9:15) A Silva</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Law student at the University of Hawai'i with interest in juvenile justice reform • Addressing draft of House Bill 102 relating to youth services: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Helpful in assisting at-risk youth and facilitating methods of rehabilitation to keep them out of the criminal justice system, rather than resorting to incarceration as the only feasible measure to address larger issues • Provided data on youth recidivism rates in Hawaii • Cited recent research on adolescent brain development and decision-making capacity • Referenced successful rehabilitation programs in states like Missouri and Connecticut • Presented evidence that rehabilitation approaches reduce long-term recidivism more effectively than punitive approaches <p>Rehabilitation Over Incarceration Arguments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussed the long-term societal costs of youth incarceration, including lost productivity and increased adult criminal justice involvement • Highlighted the importance of education and skill development in preventing future criminal behavior • Shared personal observations from legal clinics 			

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	<p>about the impact of incarceration on youth development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emphasized that most youth in the justice system have experienced trauma and need therapeutic interventions • Noted that punitive approaches often exacerbate underlying issues rather than addressing them <p>Educational Opportunities and Challenges</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stressed the critical importance of consistent, quality educational services for youth in the justice system • Noted significant issues with credit transfers between correctional facilities and traditional schools • Highlighted that educational disruption contributes to dropout rates and limits future opportunities • Advocated for vocational training options that provide marketable skills • Emphasized that education is one of the strongest protective factors against recidivism <p>Disproportionate Impact on Native Hawaiians</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presented statistics showing Native Hawaiian youth are significantly overrepresented in the juvenile justice system • Discussed how this overrepresentation reflects broader systemic inequities • Emphasized the need for cultural considerations in rehabilitation approaches 			

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suggested incorporating culturally responsive programming that honors Hawaiian values and practices • Noted that culturally appropriate interventions show better outcomes for Native Hawaiian youth • Called for addressing root causes including historical trauma and socioeconomic disparities <p>(9:18) A Perruso</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thanked Angelia for her thorough and thoughtful testimony • Clarified the bills were still in draft form and subject to revision based on input • Members noted they would incorporate points from the testimony in their review of the bills • Acknowledged the importance of the cultural considerations raised <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Committee to discuss how to ensure cultural responsiveness is embedded in the final bill language • Testimony would be shared with the full JJSAC body 			
<p>IV. Review & Discussion of seven Draft Legislative House Bills</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HB 0102- Relating to Youth Services: Mandates the 	<p>(9:21) A Perruso</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Context for the seven draft bills under consideration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The bills were developed in direct response 			

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<p>Department of Education to provide online classes and facilitate credit transfers for youth at the Hawaii Youth Correctional Facility. Requires the Department of Health to offer trauma-informed care and substance abuse treatment training.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HB 0103- Relating to the Office of Youth Services: Assigns the Office of Youth Services (OYS) the responsibility of overseeing all contracts between the State and community-based youth residential programs. • HB 0104 - Relating to Youth Rehabilitation: Requires the OYS to develop and manage a grant program for applicants seeking to operate small 	<p>to specific recommendations contained in the NICJR report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Requested the House Management Services Office (HMSO) to draft the bills based on the NICJR recommendations ○ The drafting process involved translating policy recommendations into actionable legislative language ○ HMSO worked to ensure the bills aligned with existing Hawaii statutes and legal frameworks ○ The bills represent a comprehensive approach to implementing the report's vision for juvenile justice reform ○ These recommendations are not the only measures and can be modified or amended <p>(9:27) R. Collins</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Should we prioritize these bills to the JJSAC <p>(9:28) S. Kana'iaupuni</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 bills, HB 0103 and HB104 reference residential programs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Will this replace contracts <p>(9:29) A Perruso</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • These bills would not replace contracts, just 			

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<p>residential facilities for adjudicated youth.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HB 0105 - Relating to Youth Services: Establishes and appropriates funds for the Youth Residential Care Oversight Board. • HB 0106 - Relating to Youth Services: Establishes the Youth Residential Services Workforce Scholarship and Loan Forgiveness Program, administered by the University of Hawaii. • HB 0107 - Relating to Juvenile Justice: Establishes the Close to Home Hawaii Pilot Program within the Office of Youth Services • HB 0108 - Relating to Youth Justice Reform: Establishes the Youth Justice Transition Special Fund within the 	<p>augment programs (9:30) A Sabanal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In reference to HB104, recently returned from the Coalition of Juvenile Justice 2025 Youth Justice in Action Conference <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Highlighted the importance of alternative facilities for adjudicated youth ○ Emphasized the need for options beyond traditional incarceration ○ Noted successful models from other jurisdictions ○ Inquired about the HB107, Close to Home Hawaii Pilot Program <p>(9:32) A Perruso</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HB107 aims to avoid transporting youth to Oahu facilities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Would establish community placements on neighboring islands ○ Designed to keep youth closer to their home communities ○ Based on a successful model implemented in New York ○ Focuses on maintaining family connections during rehabilitation • The program would address several key issues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Reduce trauma of separation from family 			

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Office of Youth Services.	<p>and community</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Decrease transportation costs ○ Facilitate smoother reintegration after program completion ○ Allow for culturally appropriate interventions specific to each island <p>(9:36) A Sabanal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Financial literacy was highlighted as a critical life skill at the CJJ Conference <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Several jurisdictions reported success with structured financial education ○ Programs included practical components like opening bank accounts ○ Data showed correlation between financial literacy and reduced recidivism <p>(9:37) A Perruso</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Department of Education (DOE) has developed standards for financial literacy <p>(9:38) S. Kana'iaupuni</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● In regard to HB 0106, we work with youth on financial literacy and the importance of how financial literacy is delivered needs to be relevant to the youth ● Opportunity Youth Action Hawaii (OYAH) can start tracking these bills 			

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	<p>(9:42) A Perruso</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Economic constraints may limit funding for new programs given cuts to social safety net programs <p>(9:47) R. Collins</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed having the JJSAC approving all bills to get them into the legislative pipeline • Acknowledged that not all bills would pass but having multiple options increases chances of success <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Legislative process would naturally prioritize certain bills • Need a quicker process to approve bills when they get amended <p>(9:50) A Perruso</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is there a motion to approve the 7 bill drafts to be recommended to the JJSAC for approval to support all at the November 20, 2025 meeting <p>(9:51) R. Collins</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion to approve the 7 bill drafts to be recommended to the JJSAC for approval to support all <p>(9:51) S. Kana'iaupuni</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seconded 	<p>Motion approved for the 7 bill drafts to be recommended to the JJSAC for approval to support all</p>	<p>Chair</p>	

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	(9:52) A Perruso <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All in favor • Review the draft bills more closely before the November 20th JJSAC meeting • Identify any problematic language or elements that need to be changed 			
V. Next Meeting for FY 2024-2025 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To be determined Juvenile Justice State Advisory Council (JJSAC) Meetings FFY:2025-26 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thursday, November 20, 2025-1st Q • Thursday, February 26, 2026-2nd Q • Thursday, May 28, 2026-3rd Q • Thursday, November 19, 2026-4th Q 	(9:53) A Perruso <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If there is a need to meet after the JJSAC meeting and before Legislative session we can schedule this • Next meeting to be determined 			
VI. Adjournment	(9:53) A Perruso Quorum is lost, meeting adjourned at 9:53 am by A. Perruso			