



Hawai'i State Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer Plus Commission



Agenda: April 13, 2026 at 2:00 PM

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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.

CALL TO ORDER

- I. **Introduction and Roll Call** (*per HRS §92-3.7(a), state name of anyone present at a private location*)
 - A. Officers (voting members)
 1. Chair Sandy Harjo Livingston, PhD (he/him/they/them)- *C&C Honolulu*
 2. Vice Chair Michael Golojuch Jr. (he/him) - *C&C Honolulu*
 3. Secretary - Vacant
 4. Finance Director - Shanda Brack (she/her) - *SGM Working Group*
 - B. Commissioners (voting members)
 1. Philip Steinbacher (he/him) - *Kaua'i County*
 2. Kathleen O'Dell, PhD (she/her) - *C&C Honolulu*
 3. Joe Tolbe (he/him) - *Maui County*
 4. Richard Velasquez (he/him) - *C&C Honolulu*
 5. Vacant - *Hawai'i County*
 - C. Ex-Officios or their designees (non-voting members)
 1. Superintendent of Education designee Beth Schimmelfennig, Director of the Department of Education, Civil Rights Compliance Office
 2. President of the University of Hawai'i System designee Dr. Camaron Miyamoto, Director, LGBTQ+ Center, UH Mānoa (he/him)
 3. Director of Labor and Industrial Relations designee David Rodriguez, State's Equal Opportunity Officer
 4. Director of Human Resources Development designee Signe Nakamura-Dureza, EEO Administrator
 5. Director of Human Services designee Jonathan Kimura, Executive Specialist

- 6. Director of Health designee Thaddeus Pham (he/him), MPH, Viral Hepatitis Prevention Coordinator, Harm Reduction Services Branch
- D. Staff - Hanne Bulagay - Administrative Assistant, Dept. of Human Services
- E. Guests
- F. Comment on receipt of written testimony (if any)
 - 1. Distribution of written testimony not received by **April 10, 2026 at 12:00 p.m.**
 - 2. Review (if written testimony is received at the meeting, a break for Commissioners to review testimony may be required)

II. Member Shares, Concerns, and Reports (allow 1 minute) Note: Any item brought up during this session not agendaized below cannot be discussed or debated - for informational purposes only.

- A. Commissioners and Ex-Officios (see Board Packet)
 - 1. Sandy Harjo Livingston, PhD (he/him/they/them)
 - a) Introduction of Hanne Bulagay new Administrative Assistant to the Commission
 - b) Introduction of Jerron Oyama the new Public Information Officer for Dept. of Human Services
 - c) Introduction of Christopher Luthie - appointed to fill the Hawai'i County Commissioner position
 - 2. Michael Golojuch, Jr. (he/him)
 - 3. Philip Steinbacher (he/him)
 - 4. Shanda Brack (she/her)
 - 5. Kathleen O'Dell, PhD (she/her)
 - 6. Joe Tolbe (he/him)
 - 7. Richard Velasquez (he/him)
 - 8. Superintendent of Education designee Beth Schimmelfennig
 - 9. President of the Univ. of Hawai'i System designee Camaron Miyamoto (he/him)
 - 10. Director of Labor and Industrial Relations designee David Rodriguez
 - 11. Director of Human Resources Development designee Signe Nakamura-Dureza
 - 12. Director of Human Services designee Jonathan Kimura
 - 13. Director of Health designee Thaddeus Pham (he/him)
 - 14. Public Testimony
- B. Finance Director's Report
- C. Official Communications from State Officials
- D. Public Testimony

III. Presentation (10 minutes)

- A. Supreme Court Ruling in ***Chiles v. Salazar*** and what does this mean to Hawai'i's ban on the so-called conversion therapy by Commissioner Michael Golojuch, Jr. (he/him) the lead advocate for [Act 13](#), SLH 2018 and [Act 157](#), SLH 2019 - [453J](#) of the Hawai'i Revised Statute

IV. Ongoing Business and Updates

- A. Election - Secretary
 - 1. Nominations and Vote for Secretary

2. Public Testimony (allow 1 minute)
- B. Update on Commission's website - <https://humanservices.hawaii.gov/lgbtq-commission/>
 1. Public Testimony (allow 1 minute)
- C. Update on letter to Maui Preparatory Academy donors re: Maui Prep's anti-LGBTQIA+ policies for students
 1. Vote to approve follow-up letter to Maui Preparatory Academy donors re: Maui Prep's anti-LGBTQIA+ policies for students
 2. Public Testimony (allow 1 minute)
- D. Update on responses from February 2026 survey Rainbow Pau Hana: Queer Community Leaders Gathering
 1. Vote - Budget for neighbor island travel for Rainbow Pau Hana
 2. Vote on guidelines for hosting Rainbow Pau Hana (See Board Packet)
 3. Public Testimony (allow 1 minute)
- E. Update on addressing the needs of our community's kūpuna, especially māhū, trans, non-binary, and intersex.
 1. Public Testimony (allow 1 minute)
- F. Review of the 2026 Legislative Priorities via the 2026 Legislative tracker - <https://bit.ly/2026LegHILGBTQplus>
 1. Vote to support the appointment of CRISSI DOYLE to the Hawai'i State LGBTQ+ Commission. Governor Josh Green sent [GM 732](#) to the Senate appointing Crissi to a position representing the City and County of Honolulu, for a term to expire 06-30-2030.
 2. Vote to support the appointment of SYLVIA ROMM to the Hawai'i State LGBTQ+ Commission. Governor Josh Green sent [GM 733](#) to the Senate appointing Sylvia to a position representing the City and County of Honolulu, for a term to expire 06-30-2030.
 3. Vote on Commission's position on [SCR 167](#) - REQUESTING THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU TO CONDUCT A STUDY ON THE COST AND SCOPE OF A COMPREHENSIVE, STATEWIDE SURVEY OF MĀHŪ, LGBTQIA+, AND QTPI+ COMMUNITIES IN HAWAII
 4. Vote to approve Legislative Survey for the end of 2026 Legislative Session following 2025 roadmap - [Executive Summary](#).
 5. Public Testimony (allow 1 minute)
- G. Update from Hawai'i Coalition for Civil Rights
 1. Public Testimony (allow 1 minute)
- H. Update on statement condemning medical organizations abandoning māhū, transgender, gender non-conforming, QTPI+ community and/or meetings with medical organizations in Hawai'i
 1. Public Testimony (allow 1 minute)
- I. Update on ad campaign regarding Hawai'i's non-discrimination laws
 1. Public Testimony (allow 1 minute)
- J. Update on City and County of Honolulu [Proposed Charter Amendment to create a C&C Honolulu LGBTQIA+ Commission](#)
 1. Public Testimony (allow 1 minute)

- K. Update on developing written protocols/procedures and record keeping for the Commission (See Board Packet)
 - 1. Public Testimony (allow 1 minute)
- L. Update on [Kids Hurt Too Hawai'i's State Grant in Aid application to fund the 24/7 Youth & Family Crisis & Referral Line](#)
 - 1. Public Testimony (allow 1 minute)
- M. Update from the statewide 'No Dictators' Protest held on Saturday, March 28, 2026 (see Board Packet)
 - 1. Public Testimony (allow 1 minute)
- N. 2026 Pride Events
 - 1. Update on request to Governor Green to fly pride flags at the Capitol and to issue a Proclamation declaring June - Pride Month in the state of Hawai'i
 - 2. Discussion on moving the June Commission meeting to June 1, 2026
 - 3. Pride Schedules for the state of Hawai'i: [Kaua'i Pride: June 6th](#), [Maui Pride : June 13th](#), [Honolulu Pride: Oct 17, 2026](#), [Hawai'i Island Pride June 28, 2026](#), and [Kona Pride : Sept 19, 2026](#)
 - 4. Commission Representation at [Kaua'i Pride: June 6th](#), [Maui Pride : June 13th](#); and [Hawai'i Island Pride June 28th](#) (Hilo)
 - 5. Vote for sponsorship levels for [Kaua'i Pride: June 6th](#), and [Maui Pride : June 13th](#)
 - 6. Vote to approve funding for swag for Pride and tabling events.
 - 7. Public Testimony (allow 1 minute)
- O. Update on Commission position opposing the Boy Scouts of America - Aloha Council's [Grant in Aid application to the Hawai'i State Legislature](#)
 - 1. Public Testimony (allow 1 minute)

V. New Business

- A. Discussion on supporting [2026 Gender Journey Days](#)
 - 1. Vote to sponsor 2026 Gender Journey Days
 - 2. Public Testimony (allow 1 minute)
- B. Discussion tabling and supporting the 2026 Honolulu AIDS Walk
 - 1. Vote on tabling and supporting the 2026 Honolulu AIDS Walk
 - 2. Public Testimony (allow 1 minute)
- C. Discussion on the required 2026 report to the Legislature
 - 1. Assign portions to write and determine deadlines
 - 2. Public Testimony (allow 1 minute)

VI. Future Meeting Topics or Speakers

- A. Discussion on inviting government and Non-Government Organization to present to the Commission
 - 1. SWOP-Hawai'i: Sex Workers Outreach Project - a grassroots network dedicated to the human rights of sex workers in Hawai'i
 - 2. Public Testimony (allow 1 minute)

VII. Adjournment

- A. Discussion
- B. Public Testimony (allow 1 minute)
- C. Vote on Adjournment

Future 2026 Commission meeting dates:

May 11th, June 8th, July 13th, August 10th, September 14th, October 12th, November 9th, and December 14th

Board Packet: [Click here for the folder](#) where the Board Packet will be placed a minimum of 3 business days before the meeting

Additional meeting information:

Written and oral testimony will be accepted. Written testimony must be received by April 10, 2026, at 12:00 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: Hawai'i State LGBTQ+ Commission
c/o The Department of Human Services
PO Box 339
Honolulu, Hawaii 96809-0339

- Written testimony should 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) 586-4887 as soon as possible, preferably by **April 8, 2026**. Requests made as early as possible will be more likely to be fulfilled.

Upon request, this notice is available in alternate/accessible formats.