



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



**Agenda: May 11, 2026 at 2:00 PM**

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**In-person location:** 1390 Miller Street, 2nd Floor DHS Conference Rooms 1 & 2 Honolulu, HI 96813

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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. Christopher Luthy (he/him) - *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 **May 8, 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 Jerron Oyama the new Public Information Officer for Dept. of Human Services
  - 2. Michael Golojuch, Jr. (he/him)
  - 3. Philip Steinbacher (he/him)
  - 4. Shanda Brack (she/her)
  - 5. Christopher Luthy (he/him)
  - 6. Kathleen O'Dell, PhD (she/her)
  - 7. Joe Tolbe (he/him)
  - 8. Richard Velasquez (he/him)
  - 9. Superintendent of Education designee Beth Schimmelfennig
  - 10. President of the Univ. of Hawai'i System designee Camaron Miyamoto (he/him)
  - 11. Director of Labor and Industrial Relations designee David Rodriguez
  - 12. Director of Human Resources Development designee Signe Nakamura-Dureza
  - 13. Director of Human Services designee Jonathan Kimura
  - 14. Director of Health designee Thaddeus Pham (he/him)
  - 15. Public Testimony
- B. Finance Director's Report
- C. Official Communications from State Officials
- D. Public Testimony

**III. Presentation (10 minutes)**

- A. Keke Walker of Sex Workers Outreach Project (SWOP) will let us know what SWOP-Hawai'i does and what their upcoming priorities are. SWOP-Hawai'i: Sex Workers Outreach Project - a grassroots network dedicated to the human rights of sex workers in Hawai'i

**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. Public Testimony (allow 1 minute)
- D. Update on the next Rainbow Pau Hana: Queer Community Leaders Gathering
  - 1. 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. Legislative Survey for the end of 2026 Legislative Session following 2025 roadmap - [Executive Summary](#).
  - 2. 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 "No Hate in the 808" 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. 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. Update 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 27, 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. Update on swag for Pride and tabling events.
  - 6. Public Testimony (allow 1 minute)
- M. 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)
- N. Discussion on supporting [2026 Gender Journey Days](#)
  - 1. Public Testimony (allow 1 minute)
- O. Discussion tabling at the 2026 Honolulu AIDS Walk

1. Public Testimony (allow 1 minute)
- P. Discussion on the required 2026 report to the Legislature
  1. Deadline for drafts to Hanne Bulagay
  2. Public Testimony (allow 1 minute)

**V. New Business**

- A. 2026 campaign to encourage voter registration and voting in the Primary and General Elections from members of the mǎhū, LGBTQI+, and QTPI+ community.
  1. 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. Public Testimony (allow 1 minute)

**VII. Adjournment**

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

**Future 2026 Commission meeting dates:**

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 May 8, 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](mailto: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 Hanne Bulagay at [hbulagay@dhs.hawaii.gov](mailto:hbulagay@dhs.hawaii.gov) or call (808) 586-4887 as soon as possible, preferably

by **May 6, 2026**. Requests made as early as possible will be more likely to be fulfilled.

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