

II. Member Shares, Concerns, and Reports

A. Commissioners

1. Sandy Harjo Livingston, PhD (he/him/they/them)

2. Michael Golojuch Jr (he/him)

Register to VOTE

Go to olvr.hawaii.gov to register to vote or verify your voter registration.

From GLAD Law

Information for LGBTQ+ People Under the Trump Administration

As expected, we've seen multiple directives coming from the Trump administration in its first weeks with the potential to affect the lives of LGBTQ+ people and their families.

This is an evolving situation, and we know it is already causing stress, worry, and harm in our communities.

What we can all do now is support one another, take steps to protect ourselves, our loved ones, and our communities, and plug in to help shape a better future whenever and however we are able.

GLAD Law will continue to use the law as a tool to slow, stop, and reverse harmful policies – and promote positive ones – and we will continue to support our community with information about your rights and what steps you can take to protect them. [Learn more](#) about lawsuits against the Trump administration's executive orders.

Below is information we have compiled in response to actions at the federal level. Everyone's situation will be different, and this should not be taken as legal advice. We encourage you to determine what the right steps are for you and to consult with a lawyer when needed

[Learn how to update your identity documents, access medical care, protect your family, and more.](#)

U.S. in midst of 'genocidal process against trans people': study finds

The federal government has taken deliberate steps to erase māhū, transgender, gender-nonconforming, indigiqueer, Two-Spirit, and broader LGBTQIA+ communities from official recognition and history. On January 5, 2026 the **Lemkin Institute for Genocide Prevention and Human Security** issued this warning from Dr. Elisa von Joeden-Forgey, Executive Director and Founder of the Lemkin Institute, that the U.S. is in the “**early-to-mid stages of a genocidal process against trans and nonbinary and intersex people.**”

[Read the full statement here.](#)
[Washington Blade coverage](#)

Rainbow Chorus of Honolulu

The **Rainbow Chorus of Honolulu** invites singers of all backgrounds and experience levels to raise their voices with them as they prepare for their upcoming concert, ***Stronger Together***, on **Father's Day, June 21, 2026.**

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They rehearse **every Monday evening from 7:00–9:00 pm (except holidays)** at **Unity Church of Hawai'i**, and they are actively seeking new voices to join our chorus.

This concert is being created as a powerful act of community and compassion. *Stronger Together* is our collective opportunity to stand in harmony with **all people who are being pushed down, pushed out, stepped on, or pushed aside**. Through music, they affirm that our voices matter—and that together, they are stronger.

They sing to let those in power know that **we stand together**, lifting up our shared humanity, our diverse communities, and our unwavering commitment to love, dignity, and justice for all.

If you feel called to sing with purpose, to build community, and to be part of something meaningful, we welcome you to join us.

Come as you are. Bring your voice. Stand with us.

Submit Your Events to Hawai'i Legacy Foundation Online Calendar

The Hawai'i Legacy Foundation supports, empowers and unifies all LGBTQIA+ individuals, organizations and allies across Hawai'i, they invite you to share your events with the community by submitting them to their online calendar. Your listing will be published upon approval. For any questions or concerns, please email info@HawaiiLGBTLegacy.com. [Click here to submit!](#)

B. Finance Director's Report

SEE ATTACHMENT #1

III. Presentation (10 minutes)

IV. Ongoing Business and Updates

D. Update on the next Rainbow Pau Hana: Queer Community Leaders Gathering

Purpose of the Rainbow Pau Hana: QCLG – A chance for leaders from mähū, LGBTQIA+, QTPI+, MVPAFF+ focused and allied organizations to come together quarterly to inform their fellow leaders what their organization are working on, seek support for their project(s), and share their mana'o.

E. Review of the 2026 Legislative Priorities via the 2026 Legislative tracker -

<https://bit.ly/2026LegHILGBTQplus>

HI State LGBTQ+ Commission's 2026 Priorities

1. Protecting access to a Gender Affirming Care - [HB1875/ SB2868](#)
2. Expand gender markers for birth certificates - [SB812](#)
3. Ensure accurate counts of Hate Crimes in Hawai'i - [HB614/ SB1149](#)
4. Expand the Commission to 11 voting members - [HB1877/SB2870](#)
5. Ensure access to mental health care for mähū, LGBTQIA+ community members i.e. through education requirements - [SB1445/SB2679/ HB1537/HB1562/ SB2184/SB2206/SB2224/SB2287/](#)
6. Ensure Hawai'i Revised Statutes in inclusive with regards to gender language – NOTE: this is no longer needed as another bill was passed that dealt with this issue. Should anyone find outdated terminology please notify the Commission and we will have it addressed.

[Take the 2027 Legislative Questionnaire by clicking here.](#) It was officially launched on May 6, 2026. The last day for responses is June 30, 2026.



2027 Legislative Questionnaire

HELP SHAPE LGBTQIA+ POLICY IN HAWAII!

Take the 2027 Legislative Questionnaire

We need to hear from YOU!

YOUR voice will help the HI State LGBTQ+ Commission set their priorities for 2027 & beyond

Rank 2025 & 2026 Legislative Priorities

Share your thoughts on:

- ✓ Civil Rights
- ✓ Safety Issues
- ✓ Health & Gender-Affirming Care
- ✓ Housing, Jobs, Education
- ✓ Support for mähū, LGBTQIA+, QTPI+ Keiki, Kūpuna, and more

Go to: <https://forms.gle/LsHAf3Sn6BMBs7C49>

H. Update on “No Hate in the 808” ad campaign regarding Hawai’i’s non-discrimination laws

Here is the bus ad:



NO HATE IN THE 808

HAWAII CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION

Monday - Friday
 (Closed on State Holidays)
 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
 TEL: (808) 586-8636
 dlir.hcrc.intor@hawaii.gov
 labor.hawaii.gov/hcrc/

Have you experienced discrimination for...

Employment on the basis of

- Sex
- Gender Identity &/or Expression
- Disability
- Age
- Race
- Ancestry/National Origin
- Religion
- Color
- Marital Status
- Sexual Orientation
- Assignment of Income for Child Support Obligations
- Arrest & Court Record
- National Guard Participation
- Breastfeeding
- Credit History or Credit Report
- Survivor of Domestic Violence or Sexual Violence
- Reproductive Health Decisions
- Retaliation

Public Accommodations on the basis of

- Sex
- Gender Identity &/or Expression
- Sexual Orientation
- Race
- Ancestry
- Religion
- Color
- Disability

or in **Housing, Real Estate Transactions, or State Funded Services** - they each have their own protected basis, please...

CONTACT the Hawai'i Civil Rights Commission

廣東話/广东话 - 國語/普通话: - Kapasen Chuuk - ʻŌlelo Hawai'i - Ilokano - 日本語 - 한국어
 Kajin Majōl - Gagana Samoa - Español - Tagalog - ภาษาไทย - Tiếng Việt - Visayan - Lea Faka-Tonga

Presented by:

Hawai'i State Commission on the Status of Women

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

Nonprofit Sponsor: Rainbow Family 808

[Access the digital assets \(social media ads\) by clicking here.](#)

We are still working to have the ads placed in Kaua'i and Maui County busses.

Media Received:

STATE COMMISSIONS LAUNCH “NO HATE IN THE 808” CAMPAIGN TO COMBAT DISCRIMINATION ACROSS HAWAII

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[Press Release – April 27, 2026](#); [Governor's Website](#); [Big Island Now – April 29, 2026](#); [Kaua'i Now – April 29, 2026](#); [Hawai'i Tribune Herald – April 30, 2026](#); [West Hawaii Today – April 30, 2026](#); [Big Island Thieves Media – April 30, 2026](#); [NewsBreak – April 30, 2026](#)

I. Update on City and County of Honolulu [Proposed Charter Amendment to create a C&C Honolulu LGBTQIA+ Commission P 239](#)

The Honolulu Charter Commission voted on May 26th to move #P 239 forward to the Style process.

Once that is complete it will come back to the full Honolulu Charter Commission to decide P239 fate.

MAHALO to everyone that submitted testimony. There will still be one more opportunity to submit testimony in support of P 239 before the final vote.

To get notification when the next Honolulu Charter Commission meeting is by joining their email list: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSePsgtT_vWA0fgS3RRSxur8X3EotGpzhxwSfhjevL73Fyf5NQ/viewform

K. 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

There will be a Sunrise Pride Flag raising ceremony on June 1, 2026 at 6:45 AM – 7:15 AM, everyone that can make it is invited to attend. Email invites went out to all the elected and everyone on the meeting list, along with social media posts.

[For an organization to sign on to support this project \(at NO COST\) click here.](#) The deadline to be included in the initial roll out is Friday, June 29 at 4:30 PM. Any submissions received after that will be added when time permits. As of 5/26 there are 20 organizations co-sponsoring.



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3. Pride Schedules

Kaua'i County: [Kaua'i Pride on Saturday, June 6, 2026](#)

C&C of Honolulu: [Honolulu Pride on Saturday, October 17, 2026](#)

Maui County: [Maui Pride on June 13, 2026](#)

Hawai'i County:

- [Hawai'i Island Pride Saturday, June 27, 2026,](#)
- [Kona Pride Festival on Saturday, September 19, 2026](#)

5. Update on swag for Pride and tabling events.

Fans should arrive this week.

I need to get all the Commission items together (who has what) so I can prep for each upcoming Pride event.

O. 2026 campaign to encourage voter registration and voting in the Primary and General Elections from members of the mähü, LGBTQIA+, and QTPI+ community.

Hawai'i Mähü, LGBTQIA+ & QTPI+ Voter Registration and Civic Engagement Plan
Building Community Power Through Participation

Campaign Vision

Create a statewide, culturally grounded, community-led effort to increase voter registration, civic participation, and long-term political engagement among mähü, LGBTQIA+, and QTPI+ communities across Hawai'i.

1. Core Goals

Primary Goals

- Increase voter registration rates within LGBTQIA+ and QTPI+ communities statewide.
- Educate community members about voting rights, deadlines, and election processes.
- Empower historically underrepresented voices to participate in local and state elections.
- Build sustainable civic engagement beyond a single election cycle.

Long-Term Goals

- Normalize voting as a form of community care and collective liberation.
- Increase representation of LGBTQIA+ and QTPI+ voices in public policy.
- Strengthen relationships between advocacy organizations and local communities.

2. Campaign Messaging Themes

Key Narrative

"Voting is an act of protection, visibility, and collective power."

Suggested Taglines / Catch Phrases

Empowerment-Focused

- Queer the Vote
- Your Vote Is Your Voice
- Pride at the Polls
- Vote With Pride
- Our Future, Our Vote
- Equality Starts at the Ballot Box
- Mähü Voices Matter
- QTPI Voices Count
- Pride Means Participation
- Out, Proud, and Voting

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- Love Votes Here
- Voting Is Community Care
- Protect Our Rights — Vote
- Votes Save Lives
- We Show Up. We Vote.
- Ballots Over Bigotry
- Representation Starts With Registration
- From Resistance to Representation
- Empower the Rainbow Vote
- Vote for the Hawai'i We Deserve

Hawai'i & Cultural Identity Focused

- Aloha for All Starts at the Ballot Box
- Ea Through Participation
- Our Kūpuna Fought. We Vote.
- Māhū Power at the Polls
- Rooted in Aloha, Rising Through Action
- Lōkahi Through Civic Engagement
- Community, Culture, and the Vote

Youth-Oriented

- Slay the Ballot
- Vote Like Your Rights Depend On It
- Hot People Vote
- Register. Rise. Resist.
- Make Pride Political
- Democracy Looks Better in Rainbow

3. Target Audiences

Priority Communities

- LGBTQIA+ youth (18–24)
- Native Hawaiian/Māhū communities
- QTPI+ individuals
- Transgender and nonbinary residents
- Rural and neighbor island communities
- Newly eligible young voters
- Unhoused or housing-insecure LGBTQIA+ individuals
- College students
- Drag, ballroom, nightlife, and arts communities

4. Outreach Strategies

A. Community-Based Registration Drives

Host Registration Booths At:

- Pride festivals and parades
- Drag shows and ballroom events
- College campuses
- Farmers markets
- Community health fairs
- Cultural festivals
- Beach gatherings and concerts
- Mutual aid events

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Materials Needed

- QR codes linking to voter registration portal
 - Tablets/laptops for same-day registration assistance
 - Printed deadlines and election guides
 - Pride-themed stickers/buttons
 - "I Registered to Vote" photo signs
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B. Digital & Social Media Campaign

Content Ideas

- Short videos explaining how to register
- "Why I Vote" testimonials
- Candidate issue explainers
- Myth-busting posts about voting
- Countdown graphics for deadlines
- Pride-themed civic engagement graphics

Suggested Hashtags

- #QueerTheVote
 - #VoteWithPride
 - #RainbowVoteHI
 - #MahuVotes
 - #QTPIVotes
 - #YourVoteYourVoice
 - #PrideAtThePolls
 - #AlohaVotes
 - #OutAndVoting
 - #HawaiiVotes
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C. Peer-to-Peer Organizing
Train Community Ambassadors

Recruit:

- Drag performers
- Community organizers
- Influencers
- Student leaders
- Cultural practitioners
- Faith leaders
- Healthcare advocates

Ambassador Responsibilities

- Share voter information online
 - Host conversations with friends/community
 - Assist with registration drives
 - Encourage voting plans
 - Combat misinformation
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5. Accessibility & Inclusion

Ensure Materials Are:

- Gender-inclusive
- Trauma-informed

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- Multilingual where possible
- Accessible for disabled community members
- Easy to understand
- Mobile-friendly

Important Considerations

- Explain ID requirements clearly.
- Address concerns from trans and nonbinary voters regarding names and identification.
- Include guidance for unhoused voters and people without permanent addresses.
- Offer confidential support for first-time voters.

6. Partnerships

Potential Partners

- Māhū, LGBTQIA+, QTPI+ nonprofits
- Native Hawaiian organizations
- Student groups
- Labor unions
- Community health centers
- Faith communities
- Civic engagement nonprofits
- Local artists and performers
- Pride organizations statewide

Suggested Collaborative Activities

- Joint registration drives
- Candidate forums
- Community town halls
- Civic education workshops
- Pride Month voter campaigns

7. Civic Education Components

Workshops & Trainings

- "Voting 101 in Hawai'i"
- Understanding local government
- How legislation impacts LGBTQIA+ communities
- Why local elections matter
- How to testify at the Legislature
- Building long-term political power

8. Election Engagement Timeline

Year-Round

- Civic education
- Community storytelling
- Youth outreach
- Leadership development

6 Months Before Election

- Launch registration campaign
- Begin social media rollout
- Train volunteers

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3 Months Before Election

- Intensify registration drives
- Candidate education events
- Mail ballot education

1 Month Before Election

- GOTV (“Get Out The Vote”) push
- Text banking and reminders
- Ride-to-the-polls coordination

Election Week

- Visibility actions
- Hotline support
- Poll assistance
- Celebration events

9. Visibility & Branding Ideas

Visual Themes

- Rainbow + Hawaiian cultural motifs
- Lei, kalo, ocean, and aloha imagery
- Bold affirming typography
- Pride flag color palettes
- Community photography

Merchandise Ideas

- Stickers
- Shirts
- Fans
- Tote bags
- Buttons
- Temporary tattoos
- “Vote With Pride” leis

10. Success Metrics

Track:

- Number of voter registrations completed
- Event attendance
- Social media engagement
- Volunteer participation
- Website traffic
- Mail ballot signups
- Youth voter participation
- Community survey feedback

11. Sample Campaign Events

Examples

“Pride at the Polls”

A statewide registration day hosted simultaneously across islands.

“Drag the Vote”

Drag performers lead civic engagement nights with registration stations.

“Māhū Voices Matter”

Community storytelling and civic education event centered on Native Hawaiian Māhū perspectives.

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“Ballots & Brunch”

Casual voter education gatherings for first-time voters.

“QTPI Civic Power Summit”

Leadership and advocacy training for QTPI+ organizers and youth.

12. Closing Message

Voting is more than a civic duty — it is a declaration that Māhū, LGBTQIA+, and QTPI+ communities belong, deserve protection, and have the power to shape Hawai'i's future. Through collective action, cultural grounding, and visible participation, our communities can transform pride into political power.

37TH ANNUAL

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SATURDAY NIGHT FEATURE

JULY 11 | 7 PM



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Internal Procedures Manual (Draft)

Purpose:

This document is intended to capture standard operating procedures so that Commission work is consistent, transparent, and easy to hand off when roles change.

1. Approval and Distribution of Letters and Statements

1.1 Finalizing an Approved Document

When a document (letter or public statement) is approved for distribution by vote of the Commission:

- The creator of the document is responsible for preparing the final version.
- The final version must be placed on official Commission letterhead.
 - Letterhead and commission logo can be found in Commission Google Docs *** (link)
- The document will include the names and titles of the Commissioners who voted in favor, as appropriate.
- The final document should be saved in the shared Commission records folder with a clear file name and date.

1.2 Distribution Methods

Once finalized, the document may be distributed using one of the following methods:

Option A: Physical Mail

- The preparer goes to the Department of Health (DOH) offices to:
 - Print the letter with address(es) on official letterhead.
 - Prepare and stuff envelopes.
 - Submit the envelopes to the DOH mail system.
- The preparer should keep a simple log of:
 - Date mailed
 - Recipients
 - Subject of the letter

Option B: Email Distribution

- The preparer may send the document directly from their official Commission email address.
- The preparer is responsible for:
 - Attaching the final approved version.
 - Verifying recipient email addresses

- To: will generally be the Commission and recipient addresses in the BCC line for privacy
 - Using appropriate subject lines and professional formatting.
- A copy of the sent email and final attachment should be saved to the Commission records folder.

Option C: Email Distribution by Chair

- The preparer may send the finalized document to the Chair.
 - The preparer must include:
 - The final document on letterhead.
 - A complete list of recipient email addresses.
 - Any relevant context and suggested email language.
 - The Chair will send the document on behalf of the Commission.
 - The preparer or Chair should save a copy of the sent communication to the Commission records folder.
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2. Agenda and Board Packet Deadlines

2.1 Agenda Submission and Posting

- Commission meeting agendas must be publicly posted by the Monday before the Commission meeting.
- To allow sufficient processing time, Commissioners must submit proposed agenda items with background materials to the Chair by the Friday before agenda posting.
- This is typically 10 days prior to the Commission meeting.
- Submissions should include:
 - Agenda item title
 - Brief description/purpose
 - Any supporting documents or background information

2.2 Board Packet Submission and Posting

- The Board packet must be publicly posted by the Wednesday before the Commission meeting.
- Any additions or materials for the Board packet must be emailed to the Vice Chair.
- Deadline for Board packet additions is 8:00 AM on Wednesday before the Commission meeting.
- Late additions are permitted only if they relate to an item already added by another Commissioner.
- New agenda items submitted after the deadline should be included in the Board packet for the following month.

2.3 Reminder Emails

- Reminder emails are sent to the Commission email list by the Vice Chair.
- Reminder emails are sent:
 - Once the agenda is posted.
 - Once the Board packet is posted.
- Reminder emails must be sent using the official Commission email address.

- Reminder emails should include:
 - Link to the posted agenda or Board packet.
 - Date, time, and location (or virtual link) for the meeting.
 - Any key deadlines or instructions for Commissioners.
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3. Rainbow Leaders or “Rainbow Pau Hana” meetings

- Meeting scheduling and agendas
 - Public testimony and legislative tracking
 - Media requests and public communications
 - Records retention and document storage
 - Onboarding new Commissioners
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Last updated: 5/4/26

<i>LGBTQ+ Commission Expenses 25-26:</i>	State Paid	Reimb.	Total Spent
1. August Zoom Subscription 2025 (KAT) PO 1984103		167.43	167.43
6. Honolulu Pride (10.18.25)			
a. Philip Steinbacher		268.00	268.00
b. Joe Tolbe	154.01	20.00	174.01
7. Kona Pride			
a. Kat O'Dell	128.08	61.66	189.74
b. Michael Golojuch	147.09	20.00	167.09
c. Shanda Brack	128.08	20.00	148.08
8. Aiea Copy Center Banner	136.11		136.11
9. Creating Change Conference 2026			
a. Michael Golojuch	983.81	1,714.21	2,698.02
10. Queer Day			
a. Accel Events	1,136.35		1,136.35
b. Aiea Copy Center	125.64		125.64
c. Joe Tolbe	293.20		293.20
11. The Bus Ad (Total to print and have posted in the buses - \$1,507.85) - To be split between the LGBTQ+ Commission and the HSCSW	753.93		753.93
a. Aiea Copy (Total cost for the project: \$917.28)	458.64		458.64
12. Kaua'i Pride Parade & Festival 6/6/26			
a. Sponsorship	1,000.00		1,000.00
b. Travel	1,000.00		1,000.00
13. Maui Pride Festival 06/14/26			
a. Sponsorship	1,000.00		1,000.00
b. Travel	1,000.00		1,000.00
14. Hawaii Island Pride 6/27/26			
a. Sponsorship	500.00		500.00
b. Travel	700.00		700.00
15. Kona Pride Festival 9/19/26			
a. Sponsorship	500.00		500.00
16. Honolulu AIDS Walk 6/27/26			
a. Sponsorship	500.00		500.00
17. Gender Journey Days Sponsorship 7/11/26	2,000.00		2,000.00
18. Swag (Fans) - for the Pride Parades & HNL AIDS Walk	2,434.80		2,434.80
19. Table Covers	148.50		148.50
20. Retractable Banner	114.94		114.94
21. Tabletop Retractable Banner	137.14		137.14
TOTAL:	15,480.32	1,734.21	16,785.35



**Annual Report
July 2026
Hawai'i State
Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer Plus
Commission
(HI LGBTQ+ Commission)**

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Submitted to:
Governor Josh Green and the Hawai'i State Legislature

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1. Introduction

The Hawai'i State Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer Plus Commission (HI LGBTQ+ Commission) was established by the 2022 Hawai'i State Legislature via [Senate Bill 2670, SLH 2022 – Act 41](#) with the following guiding purpose:

“...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.” ([HRS 369](#))

Commission Mission Statement:

The Hawai'i State LGBTQ+ Commission is dedicated to advancing equity, inclusion, and opportunity for the Māhū, LGBTQIA+/MVPFAFF+ community, connecting their voices and the Hawai'i State government. We serve as a vehicle for collaboration, advocacy, and education, promoting public awareness and policy change to ensure equal rights. Through civic engagement and partnerships at all levels, we strive to create a more just and inclusive Hawai'i for all.

The HI LGBTQ+ Commission is composed of fourteen (14) members:

Eight (8) voting commissioners: four (4) representing the City and County of Honolulu, one (1) each representing the counties of Kaua'i, Maui and Hawai'i, and one (1) representing the Hawai'i Sexual & Gender Minority (SGM) Working Group of the State of Hawai'i's Department of Health. Six (6) ex-officio (non-voting) members representing the University of Hawai'i System, and Hawai'i State's Departments of: Education; Labor and Industrial Relations; Human Resources Development; Human Services; and Health.

The Officers and Commissioners:

- Sandy Harjo-Livingston, PhD (he/him/they/them) – Chair (C&C Honolulu)
- Michael Golojuch, Jr. (he/him) – Vice Chair (C&C Honolulu)
- Shanda Brack (she/her) – Finance Director (SGM Working Group)
- Christopher Luthy (he/him) - Member (Hawai'i County)
- Kathleen O'Dell, PhD (she/her) – Member (C&C Honolulu)
- Philip Steinbacher (he/him) – (Kaua'i County)
- Joe Tolbe (he/him) – Member (Maui County)
- Richard Velasquez (he/him) – Member (C&C Honolulu)

Ex-officio Members:

- Superintendent of Education designee Beth Schimmelfennig, Director of the Department of Education, Civil Rights Compliance Office
- President of the University of Hawai'i System designee Camaron Miyamoto, PhD., (he/him) Director, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender & Queer+ Center, UH Mānoa
- Director of Labor and Industrial Relations designee David Rodriguez
- Director of Human Resources Development designee Signe Nakamura-Dureza
- Director of Human Services (DHS) designee Jonathan Kimura, Executive Specialist
- Director of Health designee Thaddeus Pham (he/him), MPH, Viral Hepatitis Prevention Coordinator, Harm Reduction Services Branch

Staff:

- Hanne Lorre Bulagay, Administrative Assistant (DHS) [supports Commission on Fatherhood also]
- Erin Yamashiro, Deputy Attorney General (AG)
- Shaun Joaquin, Webmaster (DHS)
- Jerron Oyama, Public Information Officer (DHS)

The Commissioners would like to extend their deepest gratitude to everyone at DHS for their support in helping the HI LGBTQ+ Commission as we complete our 2nd year. The Commission would not have been able to do anything without their instrumental support.

Creating Change Conference Participation Report

Vice Chair Michael Golojuch, Jr. attended the 2026 Creating Change Conference in Washington, D.C., where he participated in policy institutes, advocacy trainings, caucuses, workshops, and community-building events focused on advancing LGBTQIA+ equality and responding to ongoing national attacks on LGBTQIA+ rights.

Before the conference, Vice Chair Golojuch met with staff from US Senator's Mazie Hirono's office to discuss federal anti-transgender legislation, the need to modernize Hawai'i's hate crimes statutes to improve data collection and reporting, and continued support for access to gender-affirming care.

Key themes throughout the conference included the importance of civic engagement, coalition-building, data-driven advocacy, cybersecurity and privacy protections, labor solidarity, and defending democracy against rising extremism. Workshops emphasized that advocacy must occur at every level of government and community life, and highlighted the importance of coordinated organizing, effective messaging, and protecting vulnerable populations.

Vice Chair Golojuch also attended sessions focused on ballroom culture and LGBTQIA+ history, voter engagement strategies, labor organizing, and the disproportionate impacts of criminalization and discrimination on marginalized LGBTQIA+ communities. Discussions reinforced the value of culturally grounded organizing, community care, and ensuring LGBTQIA+ people remain fully engaged in the democratic process.

Participation in the conference provided opportunities to build relationships with national and local advocacy organizations, share Hawai'i's leadership and history in the movement for LGBTQIA+ equality, and gather strategies and best practices that continue to inform the Commission's work, including initiatives such as Queer Day at the Capitol and Rainbow Pau Hana events.

The conference also reinforced the importance of the Commission's statutory role under Hawai'i Revised Statutes §369-5 by strengthening the Commission's ability to monitor emerging national issues, connect with advocacy networks, and bring resources and innovative policy ideas back to Hawai'i.

Vice Chair Golojuch's full report can be found in the February 27, 2026 Board Packet: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/17RGjtPFPvqqdMFasyxzwQzREWnxEmtbD/view?usp=sharing>

2. Major Projects

Rainbow Pau Hana

< Insert Summary of the events >

2nd Annual Queer Day at the Capitol

Commissioners Present: Michael Golojuch, Jr. (he/him), Shanda Brack (she/her), Rick Velasquez (he/him), and Joe Tolbe (he/him)

Theme: Love, Care, and the Fight for Our Futures

Date: Tuesday, February 17, 2026

Directory: <https://bit.ly/2026QueerDayAtTheCapitol>

We had 38 exhibitors signed up which is a 30% increase over 2025.

Budgeted: \$1,500 **Spent:** \$1,261.99

Initial invitation emails to be an exhibitor were sent on 12/30/25 and a reminder was sent in mid-January to 158 separate emails to over 135+ different organizations. There were several posts to the Commission's social media platforms looking for exhibitors. A MAHALO email went out on 2/17/26, with a link to a survey to all the exhibitors to get their feedback to help plan for **2027 Queer Day at the Capitol**.

Their responses can be found in March Board packet:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/u/0/folders/1R9ZRB0LajTSnxZwSh2pRLuGanwTjdTkG>

The Commission wants to say – Mahalo nui loa to the following for helping make 2026 Queer Day at the Capitol a huge success:

- DHS Director Ryan Yamane and his staff for their support especially Kristen and Devyn;
- Representative Kanani Souza and her staff for reserving the Capitol Auditorium for Queer Day at the Capitol's panels;
- Jon and the talented crew at 'Ōlelo Community Media for videoing the panels;
- Representative Adrian Tam and his AMAZING staff for pitching in when needed;
- All the elected officials and their staff that came by and talked story with our exhibitors and attendees; and
- The members of the general public for coming down to their Capitol and experiencing some QUEER JOY firsthand.

What was new this year:

Morning and afternoon panels in the Capitol Auditorium

Banner outside the Capitol advertising the event the week before, it went up on February 9th.

Advertising campaign:

Fliers were posted in the Capitol elevators.

Digital fliers were on all our social media platforms.

Facebook event was created: <https://www.facebook.com/share/185wpcpgsq/>

[Click here for the press release.](#)

Emails were sent to all the elected officials inviting them to Queer Day with the first one being sent on January 14, 2026. Reminder emails were sent out the week of February 9th with a final one being sent on President's Day.

A couple of requests to all the exhibitors to help advertise Queer Day were sent out.

Program:

9:00 – 10:30 AM: *Healthcare, Not Politics: The Case for Gender-Affirming Care* (and why we need to protect access), in the Capitol Auditorium organized by *Hawai'i Health and Harm Reduction Center*

11:00 AM – 1:00 PM: Community tabling on the 4th floor

2:00 – 3:30 PM: *From Policy to Protection: Defending Queer Lives Against Federal Attacks* in the Capitol Auditorium organized by *ACLU of Hawai'i*

The panels aired live on Channel 55, they were also placed on 'Ōlelo's YouTube Channel and they were rebroadcasted in February and March on 'Ōlelo Channel 49.

Healthcare, Not Politics: The Case for Gender-Affirming Care

YouTube link: https://www.youtube.com/live/5RDyvKuv_QQ?si=aY3_S7AXlpmlgd_w

From Policy to Protection: Defending Queer Lives Against Federal Attacks

YouTube link: https://www.youtube.com/live/5RDyvKuv_QQ?si=aY3_S7AXlpmlgd_w

Inclusive Glossary

The Commission has received a couple new entries for the glossary from the public. The responses from the public, State staff and Legislators has been positive. The glossary can be found here: <https://humanservices.hawaii.gov/lgbtqiaplus-glossary/>

No Hate in the 808 Campaign

Over the past year, the Commission received multiple inquiries regarding the status of Hawai'i's non-discrimination laws in light of Executive Orders issued by the White House. In response, the Commission invited the Hawai'i Civil Rights Commission (HCRC) to speak at a Commission meeting to help address these concerns and provide clarity on existing state protections.

At the November 17, 2025 meeting, Heather McVay, former Deputy Executive Director of the Hawai'i Civil Rights Commission, presented on Hawai'i's non-discrimination laws and the kuleana of HCRC. Following the meeting, Vice Chair Michael Golojuch, Jr. met with Heather McVay to discuss the possibility of partnering to expand public awareness of the information shared during the presentation.

HCRC agreed to collaborate with the Commission with the understanding that it did not have funding available to contribute toward a public campaign. Vice Chair Golojuch subsequently reached out to other state commissions to identify potential co-sponsors who could help share costs and expand the campaign's reach through a bus and digital advertising campaign. The Hawai'i State Commission on the Status of Women agreed to partner in the effort.

On May 1, 2026, the three commissions — the Hawai'i State LGBTQ+ Commission, the Hawai'i State Commission on the Status of Women, and the Hawai'i Civil Rights Commission — officially launched the historic "No Hate in the 808" campaign in Hawai'i County and the City and County of Honolulu. The campaign also included digital advertisements across the commissions' social media platforms and websites. Efforts are ongoing to place the ads on buses in Kaua'i and Maui Counties, and sufficient signage has already been printed for those placements.

Mahalo nui loa to Representative Jeanne Kapela for coordinating with Representative Matthias Kusch to deliver the bus advertisements to Hawai'i County Mass Transit in time for posting, saving the Commission the cost of mailing the advertisements to Hawai'i Island.

Mahalo to Rainbow Family 808 www.rainbowfamily808.com for serving as the campaign's nonprofit sponsor, saving the commissions \$7,560.00 plus GET in advertising costs for placement across the entire City and County of Honolulu bus fleet.

The total project cost was \$2,425.13, including \$917.28 for printing the bus advertisements through Service Printers and \$1,507.85 for placement on Honolulu buses. Costs were shared equally between the Hawai'i State LGBTQ+ Commission and the Hawai'i State Commission on the Status of Women, resulting in an expense of \$1,212.56 per commission. The Hawai'i State LGBTQ+ Commission had budgeted \$1,500 for its portion of the project and ultimately completed the campaign under budget.

On Tuesday, April 28, 2026, Vice Chair Michael Golojuch, Jr. and Llasmin Chaine, Executive Director of the Hawai'i State Commission on the Status of Women, delivered copies of the bus advertisement and a cover letter to every member of the Hawai'i State Senate and Hawai'i House of Representatives, as well as to the offices of the Governor and Lieutenant Governor.

Here is the bus ad:



NO HATE IN THE 808
 HAWAII CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION

Monday - Friday
 (Closed on State Holidays)
 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
 TEL: (808) 586-8636
 dlir.hcrc.intor@hawaii.gov
 labor.hawaii.gov/hcrc

Have you experienced discrimination for...

Employment on the basis of

- Sex
- Gender Identity &/or Expression
- Disability
- Age
- Race
- Ancestry/National Origin
- Religion
- Color
- Marital Status
- Sexual Orientation

• Assignment of Income for Child Support Obligations

- Arrest & Court Record
- National Guard Participation
- Breastfeeding
- Credit History or Credit Report
- Survivor of Domestic Violence or Sexual Violence
- Reproductive Health Decisions
- Retaliation

Public Accommodations on the basis of

- Sex
- Gender Identity &/or Expression
- Sexual Orientation
- Race
- Ancestry
- Religion
- Color
- Disability

or in **Housing, Real Estate Transactions, or State Funded Services** - they each have their own protected basis, please...

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廣東話/广东话 - 國語/普通话 - Kapasen Chuuk - ʻŌlelo Hawai'i - Ilokano - 日本語 - 한국어
 Kajin Majōl - Gagana Samoa - Español - Tagalog - ภาษาไทย - Tiếng Việt - Visayan - Lea Faka-Tonga

Presented by:

Hawai'i State Commission on the Status of Women

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

Nonprofit Sponsor: Rainbow Family 808

Access to the digital assets (social media ads) are available here:
<https://drive.google.com/drive/u/1/folders/1NXe5vsR8Iq24OowBDtdOENVzuTqWNLvc>

3. Legislative Efforts for 2025

The following are the priorities that were voted on by the Commission in 2025 for the 2026 Legislative session and their respective bills:

1. Protecting access to a Gender Affirming Care
 Bills: [HB1875/SB2868](#) - **Commission Lead: Michael Golojuch, Jr. (he/him)**
2. Expand gender markers for birth certificates
 Bill: [SB812](#) - **Commission Lead: Michael Golojuch, Jr. (he/him)**
3. Ensure accurate counts of Hate Crimes in Hawai'i
 Bills: [HB614/SB1149](#) - **Commission Lead: Sandy Harjo-Livingston, PhD (they/them/he/him)**
4. Expand the Commission to 11 voting members
 Bills: [HB1877/SB2870](#) - **Commission Lead: Michael Golojuch, Jr. (he/him)**
5. Ensure access to mental health care for māhū, LGBTQIA+ community members i.e. through education requirements
 Bills: [SB1445/SB2679](#) / [HB1537/HB1562/SB2184/SB2206/SB2224/SB2287](#) - **Commission Lead: Michael Golojuch, Jr. (he/him)**
6. Ensure Hawai'i Revised Statutes in inclusive with regards to gender language
 NOTE: This was discovered during the start of the session it was not needed as another bill became law that dealt with this issue. Should anyone find outdated terminology please notify the Commission and they will work with needed parties to have it addressed.

The Commission testified on the following Bills, Resolutions, and Governor's Messages during the 2026 Legislative session:
 INSERT LIST

Legislative Successes

The following are the bills that the commission supported that are sitting on Governor Green's desk:

The Commission's #1 Priority **HB 1875** - Gender-Affirming Health Care Services; Reproductive Health Care Services; Protections; Abusive Litigation; Medical Malpractice Insurance; Health Carriers; Protected Health Information

Passed the House:
42 YES; 8 No; 1 Excused

Passed the Senate:
21 YES, 4 No

MAHALO NUI LOA to all the elected officials that voted YES & their staff; as well as the advocates, & organizations; with a special MAHALO to Rep. Tam, Rep. Ichiyama & activist Abby Simmons for their leadership on this bill.

HB 1961 - Prohibits persons from interfering with another person's access to or from a health care facility or disrupting the normal functioning of a health care facility.

SB 2143 - Ensuring a line of succession for Hawai'i's Chief Elections Officer.

SB 2239 - Requires a person who applies for an identification card or driver's license to be automatically registered to vote.

SB 2268 - Requires all places of public accommodation and public entity construction projects to provide at least one universal changing accommodation.

SB 2727 - Lengthens the statute of limitations to file a complaint of discrimination with the Hawai'i Civil Rights Commission to one year.

On May 6, 2026, the Commission launched the 2027 Legislative Questionnaire where we asked the public to rank the Commission's 2025 & 2026 legislative priorities. Those that responded were also given the opportunity to provide recommendations for future legislative and policy priorities. Executive summary from the questionnaire can be found here:
<INSERT LINK IN JULY>

At the City and County of Honolulu level the Commission has been advocating and providing as much support as possible for P 239, a proposal introduced by Councilmember Tyler Dos Santos Tam, that would create the City and County of Honolulu LGBTQIA+ Commission in the Managing Director's Office. P 239 is in front of the 2026 Honolulu Charter Commission and as of this report it is..... <INSERT UPDATE> at the end of June.

4. Non-Legislative Recommendations

The HI LGBTQ+ Commission recommends an official onboarding program and/or guideline for all new State Commissioners especially for commissions without an Executive Director. This way the commissioners know what trainings they need to take and what forms they need to fill out after being confirmed. They would like to thank the Legislature for the clarification which Commission members need to fill out the Hawai'i State Ethics Commission – Financial Disclosure form.

5. Commissioner's Reports

Sandy Harjo Livingston, PhD (he/him/they/them):

In August 2025, I began my tenure as the chair of the Hawaii State Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer Plus Commission. In that time, we lost one Hawaii Island commissioner, Rocco Vick, but gained a new representative for the island, Christopher Luthy.

I began my time as the chair with a great deal of violent push back from right wing activists who disrupted our meetings, threatened violence and caused fear amongst many in the community who attend the meetings. By staying the course and not allowing their antics to disrupt our democratic duties to represent the 2SLGBTQ+, we have been able to continue with our intended mission.

One of the first responsibilities I was able to celebrate with my fellow commissioners was Honolulu Pride. We were able to bring in all commissioners from all islands to come together to commemorate and be a part of one of Hawaii's largest parades and festivals. As a commission, we had the amazing opportunity to gather at the same time in person for Honolulu Pride. It was a morale booster and a good avenue to meet more people and organizations and establish and strengthen bonds in our community.

We also began working with our new administrative assistant, Hanne Bulagay, in April 2026 after our previous admin was promoted in 2025.

Over the last year, we have been able to guide our commissioners and empower them to pursue as much community advocacy as possible, including:

- Conference attendance.
- Inter-organization collaborations,
- Community campaigns.
- Educational initiatives.
- Advocacy.

At the end of 2025, I was able to represent the commission on panel discussions regarding 2SLGBTQIA+ rights and legal protections in the state with the Hawai'i LGBT Legacy Foundation and with 'Ōlelo Community Media. This led to further relationships with agencies such as the Hawaiian Council and O'ahu Native Nations Organization.

I was also able to represent the commission at the quarterly community leaders pau hana networking meetings that bring together dozens of agencies and organizations to foster and support collaboration, stability, and communication.

The heaviest lifting done through the 2025-2026 year has been our Legislative work. From coordinating our Legislative agenda that integrated each commissioner into the work of advocating for more legal protections and freedoms to develop strategic relationships with Legislators that have fostered respect between the Legislature and the commission, our commissioners tackled some big wins for the state.

As my tenure comes to a close in July, I leave this chair with a greater sense of purpose, stronger connections in the community, bigger views of how we can advocate and educate, and a renewed vision for structure and consistency. I look forward to my next year as a commissioner and how I can support our next chair.

Michael Golojuch, Jr. (he/him):

During the 2026 legislative year, I continued to play a leading role in advancing the work of the Hawai'i State LGBTQ+ Commission by overseeing major community engagement, advocacy, and outreach initiatives across the state. My work focused on strengthening partnerships, increasing public awareness of LGBTQIA+ issues, supporting civic participation, and responding to growing national attacks on LGBTQIA+ rights.

In January 2026, I represented the Commission at the national Creating Change Conference in Washington, D.C., where I participated in policy institutes, advocacy trainings, workshops, and caucuses focused on LGBTQIA+ equality, democracy, labor solidarity, cybersecurity, and community organizing. While in Washington, I also met with staff from Mazie Hirono's office to discuss anti-transgender legislation, improvements to hate crime data collection, and continued protections for gender-affirming care. Strategies and best practices gathered during the conference continue to inform the Commission's work, including Queer Day at the Capitol and Rainbow Pau Hana events.

I also helped organize and oversee the 2nd Annual Queer Day at the Capitol, held on February 17, 2026, under the theme "Love, Care, and the Fight for Our Futures." The event featured 38 exhibitors — a 30% increase from the prior year — along with educational panels focused on gender-affirming care and federal attacks on LGBTQIA+ communities. Through expanded outreach, social media promotion, live broadcasts, and community partnerships, the event further strengthened relationships between LGBTQIA+ organizations, elected officials, and the public.

In addition, I oversaw the Commission's social media platforms, webpage updates, and the Inclusive Glossary, which has received positive feedback from members of the public, state employees, and legislators as an educational resource supporting inclusive language and understanding across Hawai'i. While also being the lead in the Commission's efforts to support the process to create a City and County of Honolulu LGBTQIA+ Commission.

I also spearheaded the historic "No Hate in the 808" campaign in partnership with the Hawai'i Civil Rights Commission and the Hawai'i State Commission on the Status of Women. The campaign was developed in response to community concerns regarding federal executive actions and increasing anti-LGBTQIA+ rhetoric nationwide. Launched on May 1, 2026, the campaign included bus advertisements in Honolulu and Hawai'i Island, digital outreach, and public education efforts affirming Hawai'i's non-discrimination protections. The project was completed under budget through collaborative partnerships and community sponsorships.

As part of the Commission's statewide outreach efforts, I represented the Commission in the 2025 Honolulu Pride Parade and at Kona Pride. I will also represent the Commission at Pride events on Kaua'i, Maui, and Hawai'i Island, helping strengthen relationships with neighbor island communities and ensuring the Commission maintains a visible presence across the state.

Shanda Brack, MSN, APRN (she/her):

As a team, we were honored by an invitation from the Governor to attend the ceremonial raising of the Pride flags at the Capitol on October 1st.

I represented the Commission at several community events, fostering education and collaboration:

- Opening Day at the Capitol
- Queer Day at the Capitol
- Transgender Day of Visibility
- Transgender Day of Remembrance
- Gender Journeys Day
- AIDS Walk (planned)

During these community events, many people I met were unaware of the Commission's existence and appreciated learning about the state's support for LGBTQ+ communities.

Last year, I attended Gender Journeys Day as a representative of the Hawai'i State LGBTQ+ Commission and participated in the advanced track for healthcare providers, along with several plenary sessions. The event brought together educators, healthcare professionals, therapists, families, and transgender youth in a supportive and collaborative environment focused on improving the lives of transgender young people. In the midst of an increasingly difficult social and political climate, the day offered a rare sense of safety, validation, and community.

Opportunities for advocacy, networking, and collaboration were woven throughout the experience, while transgender youth were able to simply exist as themselves without fear of ridicule or attack. One of the most meaningful aspects of the event was hearing powerful stories of resilience from local 'ohana with lived experience.

Along with fellow members, I proudly marched in the Honolulu Pride Parade and attended the Kona Pride Festival. In our monthly meetings, we listen to community concerns and share resources and events to improve lives across diverse groups.

As the Commission's liaison to the Department of Health's Sexual and Gender Minority (SGM) Workgroup, I regularly shared updates from the Commission and communicated feedback from the Workgroup. In my role as chair of the SGM Kupuna Committee, I have worked to broaden our collective efforts to improve the well-being of LGBTQ+ elders. I also reached out to several healthcare organizations and held meetings to actively cultivate collaboration.

In addition to these efforts, I supported legislative proposals adopted as Commission priorities by contacting legislators and submitting written testimony to advance these critical measures. As a practicing Family Medicine Nurse Practitioner, I remain available to members of the Legislature and Hawai'i's government to provide evidence-based information about LGBTQ+ health issues.

Kathleen O'Dell, PhD (she/her):

In July of 2025, I ended my time as Chair of the LGBTQ+ Commission to allow another member to take a turn at leadership. I continued to participate as an active member representing Oahu. I was honored to attend all of the Pride festivals in Hawai'i, representing the Commission in parades and at our tables. I was thrilled to have the opportunity to speak to so many active members of our community, as well as our allies. I was particularly impressed by the advocacy I saw represented by the younger generations.

As my 2-year term comes to a close, I am committed to remain an active participant in the advocacy for the rights of my LGBTQ+ community here in Hawai'i. I feel this experience has helped me to learn so much about the needs of our community, the organizations who support LGBTQ+ adults and youth, and the legislative process. I am very grateful for this opportunity and wish the best for those commissioners serving going forth.

Philip Steinbacher (he/him):

As the Kaua'i representative to the Hawai'i State LGBTQ+ Commission, I have had a range of opportunities to address areas of concern and participate in events which strengthened my understanding of the needs of the LGBTQ+ population of Hawai'i. My priorities in serving as a commissioner are supporting LGBTQ+ youth in regard to personal safety and equal treatment in schools; securing protections for gender-affirming healthcare; and supporting LGBTQ+ families. I represented the Commission in the October 2025 Pride Parade and Festival on O'ahu, which offered me the opportunity to connect with diverse members of the community and develop a deeper understanding of their positions and needs. I am currently working with local organizations to facilitate the exhibition of the "Toward Queer Justice" display, curated and produced by the Lei Pua'ala, here on Kaua'i. I also organized and oversaw the Commission's participation in the June

2025 Kaua'i Pride Parade and Festival, appearing in the Parade, helping host a table at Festival, as well as presenting the Governor's Pride Proclamation to attendees at the festival. I am currently working on ways in which to increase participation of LGBTQ+ youth and families in this Kaua'i event. Additionally, I have created a LGBTQ+ Resource Guide for the state of Hawai'i which is posted on the Commission's website.

6. Pride Month Events

Flag Raising Ceremony

Pride Flags at the Capitol

Kaua'i Pride Parade & Festival

Maui Pride Festival

Hawai'i Island Pride Parade and Festival (Hilo)

2026 Honolulu AIDS Walk

7. Statements from the Commission

These are the links to Statements released by the Commission to address the tempestuous times that we all are living in. The Statements came from the entire Commission or from Chair O'Dell and Vice Chair Golojuch in-between meetings.

Addressing the Continued Attacks on the Māhū, LGBTQAI+, QTPI+ Community from the Federal Government – February 20, 2025

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1FuevtfvErQ4eaxbl2PTziBFSIHqxVyyt/view?usp=sharing>

Regarding the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa's Response to Executive Orders Attacking Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion – March 10, 2025

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/10g2q4zruJblqSaXzs-L99ZgDQ7PDRMbi/view?usp=sharing>

Support for Māhū, Transgender, Intersex, and Non-binary Athletes – April 12, 2025

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1gmESSmT7BLkIVmeJBwNEK10MOqz_Ehoi/view?usp=sharing

Support for University of Hawai'i President Wendy Hensel's Stance in Defense of Academic Freedom – April 22, 2025

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1C6hW5WN7wCZb2prZKTVazXfiHt42fiVm/view?usp=sharing>

Opposition to U.S. Supreme Court's Decision to Allow the Trump Administration's Transgender Military Ban – May 6, 2025

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1_g_yPWJ2HTnPe4NtYDKOIsI3YmrJH5Oo/view?usp=sharing

Hawai'i State LGBTQ+ Commission Condemning the Order to Rename the USNS Harvey Milk – June 3, 2025

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1YJ6yOSvVd9qQ3a2FoY5eXzvaPWa-Yy7e/view?usp=sharing>

Hawai'i State LGBTQ+ Commission Condemning the Skrmetti Ruling – June 18, 2025
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1urH_NXHZAmF8PY0L_jx0LqhZqPPEDiSg/view?usp=sharing

Hawai'i State LGBTQ+ Commission responds to multiple SCOTUS decisions – June 27, 2025
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1iL5KdrxWTII2W9kIdF_25iF9ZSpDZ_HZ/view?usp=sharing

8. Earned Media

The links to the media coverage that the Commission has generated.

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9. Financial Reports

< Insert final report in July >

10. Summary

The Hawai'i State Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer Plus Commission had a very productive and historic inaugural year, from:

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Lt. Governor Sylvia Luke challenged the Commissioners at their swearing in ceremony to set the bar high for future commission members and treat each battle as it is their last. From this lengthy report it is clear that the Commission has met this challenge.

Definitions:

1. MVPFAFF+

Fakafine activist Phylesha Brown-Acton coined the acronym MVPFAFF to recognize & honor identities that don't align with the LGBTQIA+ acronym & are specific to Pasifika communities. With each having their own different & unique meanings as well as different cultural significance. Prior to western contact these identities were honored and embraced by their own communities.

M - Māhū (Hawai'i & Tahiti)
V - Vaka sa lewa lewa (Fiji)
P - Palopa (Papua New Guinea)
F - Fa'afafine (Samoa)
A - Akava'ine (Rarotonga)
F - Fakaleiti (Tonga)

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F - Fakaffine (Niue)
+ - Fakaleiti, Rae rae, & Fafafine & more

2. QTPI+

The term “Queer and Trans Pacific Islanders” (QTPI) was coined during a gathering of Pacific Islander organizers from UTOPIA WA, UTOPIA PDX, and UTOPIA Eastern WA in Fresno, CA. The term is pronounced "Cutie-Pie".