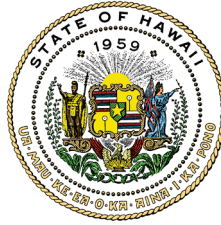


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PABEA LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
In Person Location: Executive Office on Aging
No. 1 Capitol District | 250 South Hotel Street | Conference Room 410
Friday, May 1, 2026 | 9:30 a.m.

Agenda: Posted on the State electronic calendar as required by HRS section 92-7(b)

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AGENDA

- I. Call to order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Review PABEA Meeting Protocols: Professional Rules of Decorum will be discussed so that expectations of all PABEA members are understood.
- IV. Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes: March 6, 2026 (See attached)
- V. Old Business – Legislative Discussion
 - A. Bills tabled at the February meeting:

KupunAloha (HB1973 HD1, SD1/SB2864) (More Info Needed) Establishes within the Department of Health a one-year KupunAloha pilot program to provide in-home health care and support services to eligible participants who do not otherwise qualify for government assistance for these services. Appropriates funds for the program. Pilot program sunsets 6/30/27. Effective 7/1/3000.
Status: Scheduled w/ WAM Committee on 4/8/26.
 - B. PABEA Priority Bills: **Key 2026 Legislative Deadlines (Remaining Calendar):**
 1. **Final Decking (Non-Fiscal):** April 29, 2026

2. **Final Decking (Fiscal):** May 1, 2026
 3. **Adjournment Sine Die:** May 8, 2026
 4. **Governor's Action:** Following adjournment, the Governor must sign or veto bills, usually by early-to-mid July.
- C. Testimonies are **not accepted** during state conference committee sessions, as these meetings are typically focused on legislators negotiating compromises, rather than hearing new evidence. While public testimony is a key feature of earlier standing committee hearings, conference committee meetings are often limited to discussions between the appointed conferees.
1. **Conference Committee Rules:** While conference committee meetings are generally open to the public to watch, they are intended for lawmakers to work out compromises on the final language of bills.
 2. **Exceptions:** In some cases, such as when a conference committee is tasked with reviewing specific matters (e.g., judicial committees), they may hold hearings to take sworn testimony from topic experts.
- D. Kupuna Caucus Legislative Package Status updates as of the week of April 20, 2026:
1. **Caregiver Tax Credit (HB1972)** was returned from the Senate in amended form (SD1) on April 10, 2026. The bill proposes a \$3,000 nonrefundable credit for family caregivers starting in the 2026 tax year, with a \$3.1 million appropriation. It is in the final stages of negotiation.
 2. **Hearing Loss State Plan (HB1974)** is in disagreement. The House disagreed with Senate amendments (SD1) on April 16, 2026, and it was sent to conference. The bill requires the State Health Planning and Development Agency to create a state plan on hearing loss.
 3. **Kupuna Rent Supplement Program (SB2866)** is in disagreement. The Senate received a notice of disagreement from the House on April 16, 2026. The bill aims to make the Kupuna Rent Supplement Program permanent and provide funding.
 4. **First Responder Dementia Training (HB1976)** is in disagreement. The House disagreed with Senate amendments (SD1) on April 14, 2026, and it moved to conference. The bill mandates at least one hour of dementia training for first responders by Jan 1, 2027.
 5. **Cryptocurrency ATM Transactions (HB2003 / SB2387)**
 - *HB1972-HB1976 and SB2863-SB2867 were the primary bills in the "Kupuna Caucus" package for 2026. HB2003/SB2387 were not highlighted in the provided 2026 legislative reports.*
 6. **Long-Term Care Financing (HB1804)**
 - *These specific bill numbers for Long-Term Care Financing did not appear in the 2026 legislative search results provided. The primary, related 2026 bill covering caregiver financial support is HB1972.*
 7. **Family Caregiver Tax Credit (HB701 HD3 SD2 / SB879)**
 - *Note: The 2026 legislation addressing the family caregiver tax credit is listed under HB1972/SB2863.*
 8. **Medicaid In-Home Services Funding (HB702 HD1 / SB877)**
 - *Note: Search results for 2026 focus on HB1972-HB1976 as the primary 2026 caregiver support bills.*

VI. Public Testimony on Agenda Items

VII. Announcements

1. PABEA meeting scheduled for Friday, May 1, 2026 at 12 p.m. In person and remote meeting via Zoom.

2. Kupuna Caucus meeting scheduled for Friday, May 1, 2026 at 2 p.m. via Zoom

The next **Legislative Committee meeting** is scheduled for **Friday, June 5 from 9:30-11am**. Meetings are held in-person in the EOA Large Conference Room 406, and remotely via Zoom.

How to provide written and oral testimony: Individuals may submit written testimony by U.S. mail, hand delivery to 250 South Hotel Street Suite 406, or by email at ea@doh.hawaii.gov. To ensure members can review testimony prior to the meeting, we encourage interested persons to submit written testimony at least 24 hours prior to the meeting. Any written testimony submitted after such time will be retained as part of the record and distributed to members as soon as practicable, but we cannot ensure members will receive it in sufficient time to review prior to any decision-making. Individuals may also provide oral testimony at the meeting. Meeting materials are available for review at: <https://hawaiiadrc.org/pabea>.

Meeting Packet: Materials for this agenda will be available for review at the Executive Office on Aging (EOA), an attached agency to the Department of Health (DOH), 250 S. Hotel Street, Suite 406, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813 on and after April 24, 2026.

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