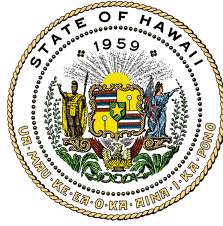


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**PABEA LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**IN-PERSON AND VIA ZOOM**

No. 1 Capitol District | 250 South Hotel Street | Conference Room 410  
**Friday, December 5, 2025 | 9:30am-11am**

*PLEASE MUTE YOUR MIC/PHONE DURING THE MEETING UNLESS YOU ARE SPEAKING.*

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**AGENDA**

- I. Guest Speaker: Dr. Ka'ohimanu Dang Akiona, Native Hawaiian Family Physician and Researcher will present the Hawai'i Healthcare Task Force policy and advocacy priorities from a physician's direct patient care perspective. Discussion to include:
  - Healthcare challenges disproportionately facing rural communities
  - Proposed solutions and priorities directly focused on patient care for kupuna
- II. Call to Order and Roll Call
- III. Review Meeting Procedures – Chair Tabor to review at each meeting
  - This meeting is being recorded.
  - A quorum of Board members is required to be visible on screen for the full duration of the meeting.
  - If quorum is not achieved at the beginning of the meeting or quorum is

lost, the meeting will be stopped and cancelled.

- If a Board member leaves the meeting, the Board member will need to notify the Chairperson (must record in mtg minutes).
- Raise hand to speak unless called upon.
- Identify yourself before speaking.

IV. Correction on Expectations for Legislative Committee Members

V. Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes: November 7, 2025 (See attached)

VI. Suggestions for Guest Speakers

Suggested speakers include but are not limited to Representative Lisa Marten (Chair of the Human Services & Homelessness Committee), Connie Mitchell, Executive Director for the Institute on Human Services, Coby Chock, Director of Public Policy and Advocacy for the Alzheimer's Association, and Tori Caraphelo, founder of Hearing 4 Hope.

- Other suggestions for speakers?
- Identify 2 speakers for January meeting.

VII. 2026 Kupuna Caucus (KC) Legislation Proposals (See attached document, "2026 Kupuna Caucus Legislation Proposals")

The 2026 Kupuna Caucus Legislative Package will include 5 bills selected by the caucus through an online poll. Legislative proposals for consideration were presented at the Friday, November 7<sup>th</sup> meeting. The top 5 bills will be revealed at the December 5<sup>th</sup> KC meeting.

- Review 2026 Kupuna Caucus Legislative Proposals
- Does PABEA Legislative Committee want to support the 5 bills selected for the 2026 KC legislative package?
- Which 2026 KC legislative proposals should the committee consider supporting?

VIII. Review and Discussion of Current and Pending 2026 Houselessness- Related Legislation

Existing 2025 legislation and funding – review current legislation and funding measures

- Act 282 (HB703) – enacted in 2025. Act 282 extends the Kupuna Rent Supplement Program to June 30, 2028
- State Executive Budget – includes general funding for houselessness initiatives in SFY2026 and 2027.
- Potential 2026 houselessness-related legislation, particularly those impacting older adults.
- Mental Health and Involuntary Treatment Measures - HB1225 –amends existing statutes to broaden involuntary treatment criteria. Includes revising

the definition of “danger to self”, defines “gravely disabled” and “psychiatric deterioration”, and broadens the term, “imminently dangerous to self and others”, and increases period of emergency hospitalization. Allows a physician, advanced practice registered nurse, or psychologist to hospitalize an individual to a psychiatric facility for emergency hospitalization.

- Federal context - President Trump’s Executive Order, “Ending Crime and Disorder on America’s Streets,” encourages states to expand civil commitment laws to allow for the involuntary treatment of individuals with mental health or substance use issues experiencing homelessness.

## IX. Review Priority Areas/Issues of Concern for Hawai’i’s Older Adults

Major priority areas or issues of concern for Hawai’i’s older adults include:

- High Cost of Living - impacts housing and food security, and increased need for resources to support aging population.
- Healthcare Workforce Shortage - Includes doctors, nurses, and paid caregivers
- Affordable Housing Crisis- Critical issue for kūpuna on fixed incomes (e.g. Kupuna Rent Supplement Program extended).
- Food Insecurity- High cost of food and recent Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) restrictions and funding cuts.
- Shortage of Caregiving and Health resources
  - Loneliness and Social Isolation- Risk factor for physical and mental health issues, including suicide.
  - Hearing Aids- Access to affordable hearing aids and mandatory hearing assessments every three years for those 55 years and older as part of their annual physical.
  - Growing “Super Aged” Population- Increased demand for resources exacerbated by housing crisis driving away younger caregivers.
  - Alzheimer’s and Dementia- Need for trained healthcare providers (Act 283).
  - Health Infrastructure- Access to care, especially in rural areas. Potential impact of Medicaid and Medicare cuts could make this challenging in 2027.
  - Caregiver Shortage and Burnout- Need for more home health services, adult day care, and respite care. Hawai’i was designated a “high-risk” state for family caregiving.
  - Specialized Youth Caregivers- Challenges for child development when children become caregiver for their kūpuna.
- Safety and Security Issues
  - Consumer Faud and Scams
  - Missing Persons & Dementia (Act 158) – Update on the implementation of the Silver Alert program.
  - Access to Technology- Need for tech support programs to address digital divide.
- Hawai’i Specific Concerns

- o Houselessness- Address the 87% increase (5,414 more people) in homelessness (2023 – 2024); Need for affordable housing, financial assistance, senior-friendly shelters.
- o Churches & Temples- Building insurance cost is unaffordable.
- o Burial Sites (*Iwi Kūpuna*) - Sensitive cultural issue regarding the handling of ancestral remains (*iwi kūpuna*).
- Other Older Adults Issues Discussed from Prior Meetings
  - o Long-Term Care Master Plan and SNAP (Discussed by Representative Chun)
  - o “2025 Legislative Outcomes & Future Opportunities” (Discussed by Senator Moriwaki at the September 5, 2025, Legislative Committee meeting) - Bills related to fireworks, traffic safety, houselessness, condo insurance, caregiver tax credit, SNAP funding, paid family and medical leave, hearing aid coverage, mandatory hearing tests, supportive and care-based community living related laws, and concerns regarding marijuana and gambling.
  - o Medicaid and SNAP Cuts- Identifying impacted populations (Suggested by Derrick on September 5<sup>th</sup> meeting).
  - o Uniform Health Care Directive Bill
  - o Disaster and Emergency Preparedness
  - o Needs of Non-Medicaid Senior Population
  - o Long-Term Care Insurance Cancellation Notification
  - o Increased Medicaid Funding

X. Preamble for PABEA Testimony Reminder:

Below is the recommended preamble for committee members to use when submitting testimony on behalf of PABEA:

“I am first and last name [“Chair, Vice Chair, member] of the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs (PABEA), which is an appointed board tasked with advising the Executive Office on Aging (EOA). My testimony does not represent the views of the EOA but of PABEA.”

XI. Agenda Items for Next Meeting

XII. New Business: January Meeting Date

XIII. Public Testimony

XIV. Announcements

1. RAC (Recognition & Awards) Committee Meeting held remotely via Zoom and scheduled on Thursday, December 4 @ 9:00am.
2. PABEA Meeting scheduled on Friday, December 5 at 12p.m. In person only meeting.

3. Kupuna Caucus meeting scheduled on Friday, December 5<sup>th</sup> via Zoom or YouTube Live.

Per Sunshine Law, any agenda item/s and announcement/s will need to be listed on the agenda. Please reach out to the Chair to request an agenda item/s or announcement be added for future meetings.

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

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