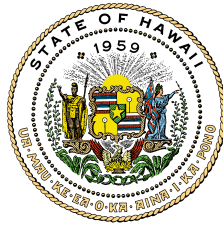


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PABEA LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
IN-PERSON AND VIA ZOOM

No. 1 Capitol District | 250 South Hotel Street | Conference Room 410
Friday, February 6, 2026 | 9:30am-11am

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

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Meeting ID: 864 3394 2558
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AGENDA

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call
- II. Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes: December 5, 2025 (revised) and January 9, 2026 (See attached)
- III. Old Business
Review focus areas and how these areas integrate with the State Plan.
 - Food (e.g. food insecurity, SNAP, etc.)
 - Shelter (e.g. high cost of living, affordable housing, houselessness, etc.)
 - Safety (e.g. access to healthcare, Medicaid, hearing loss, fraud and scams, disaster/emergency preparedness)

IV. New Business-

A. Caroline Cadirao, EOA Director, to review

1. Review of PABEA Bylaws regarding legislative committee
2. Governor's directive to state departments regarding legislative session, including economic climate
3. EOA capacity and limited resources
4. Alignment with EOA's legislative strategy

B. 2026 Legislative Discussion

Discuss, vote on bills for PABEA legislative priorities, and assign lead

1. Kupuna Caucus Legislative Package

- Caregiver Tax Credit ([HB1972/SB2863](#)) Establishes a family caregiver tax credit for nonpaid family caregivers. Requires the Department of Taxation to submit annual reports to the Legislature. Appropriates moneys. The tax credit applies to taxable years beginning after 12/31/2026.
- KupunAloha ([HB1973/SB2864](#)) Establishes within the Department of Health the KupunAloha 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 moneys for the program.
- Hearing Loss State Plan ([HB1974/SB2865](#)) Requires and appropriates funds for the State Health Planning and Development Agency to develop and publish a state plan on hearing loss.
- Kupuna Rent Supplement Program ([HB1975/SB2866](#)) Repeals the sunset for the State Rent Supplement Program for Kupuna. Appropriates funds to the Hawai'i Public Housing Authority for the State Rent Supplement Program for Kupuna and for positions to support the program.
- First Responder Dementia Training ([HB1976/SB2867](#)) Requires the Hawai'i Emergency Management Agency, fire chiefs, Law Enforcement Standards Board, and Department of Health to provide or require the provision of at least 1 hour of dementia-specific training for first responders, including law enforcement officers, fire first responders, and emergency medical services personnel. Requires the Executive Office on Aging to review and recommend dementia-specific training curricula that address the recognition and signs of Alzheimer's disease

and related types of dementia.

2. Cryptocurrency ATM Transactions (AARP – [HB2003/SB2387](#)).
Establishes limits on transactions through digital financial asset transaction kiosks. Requires operators of digital financial asset transaction kiosks to use blockchain analytics and tracing software to prevent fraud; make certain disclosures; provide receipts to customers; provide full refunds under certain circumstances; provide live customer service and a dedicated communications line for the Attorney General, Office of Consumer Protection, Department of Law Enforcement, and county police departments.
3. HANAI Memory Network ([HB1853/SB2269](#))
Establishes the Hanai Memory Network Program within the Executive Office on Aging to create a network of dementia care specialists and support systems to assist individuals with dementia and their caregivers. Appropriates funds.
4. Hearing Aids Coverage (2025- [SB1494 SD2](#))
Requires health insurance policies and contracts issued on or after 1/1/2026 to provide optional coverage for the cost of hearing aids at a minimum \$1,500 per hearing aid for each hearing-impaired ear every thirty-six months. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)
5. Long-Term Care Financing ([HB1804/SB2554](#))
Establish a joint legislative Long-Term Care Financing Advisory Commission to examine the feasibility of different financing options for long-term care services and supports. Permits the Commission, through the Legislative Reference Bureau, to contract for services of a part-time project director and prepare proposals for contracts for consultants to support the work of the Commission. Requires the Commission to submit reports to the Legislature. Appropriates funds.
6. 2025 Kupuna Caucus bills
 - Family Caregiver Tax Credit ([HB701 HD3 SD2/SB879](#))
Establishes a family caregiver tax credit for nonpaid family caregivers. Requires the Department of Taxation to submit annual reports to the Legislature. Appropriates moneys to the Executive Office on Aging. The tax credit applies to taxable years beginning after 12/31/2026. Effective 12/31/2050. (SD2)

[HB2464](#) similar to HB701 HD3 SD2

- Medicaid In-Home Services Funding ([HB702 HD1/ SB877](#))
Appropriates funds to increase the funding for Medicaid in-home services, conditioned on the Department of Human Services obtaining the maximum federal matching funds. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)
- SNAP; Hawai'i Food Security Special Fund ([HB704/ SB 881](#))
Establishes the Hawai'i Food Security Special Fund to restore Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefit levels to those provided in federal fiscal year 2023. Requires reports to the Legislature. Appropriates funds.

C. Legislative Handouts

1. State Council on Developmental Disabilities: 2026 Legislative Priorities
2. Legislative Resources
 - 2026 Hawai'i Directory of Public Officials
 - [2026 Session Calendar](#)
 - [Which Bills Apply to my Bill?](#)
 - [Use Your Voice at the Legislature](#)
 - [Communicating w/ Hawai'i State Legislators: Tips for Success](#)
 - [What Does It Take for a Bill to Become Law?](#)
 - [Tips on Testimony](#)
 - [How to...Find Bills](#)
 - [How to...Set Up a Measure Tracking List](#)
 - [How to... Submit Testimony](#)
 - [How to...Receive Hearing Notices by Email](#)
 - [2025-2026 Legislative Directory: Email, Room, & Phone Directory](#)
 - [2025-2026 House of Representatives: Leadership & Committee Assignments](#)
 - [2025-2026 Senate: Leadership & Committee Assignments](#)
 - **[Public Access Room](#)**
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V. Agenda Items for Next Meeting

VI. Public Testimony on Agenda Items

VII. Announcements

1. RAC (Recognition & Awards) Committee meeting held remotely via Zoom and was scheduled on Thursday, February 5 @ 9:30am.
2. PABEA meeting scheduled for Friday, February 6 at 12p.m. In person and remote meeting via Zoom.
3. Kupuna Caucus meeting scheduled for Friday, February 7 via Zoom or You Tube 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/s be added for future meetings.

The next **Legislative Committee meeting** is scheduled for **Friday, March 6 from 9:30-11am**. Meetings are held in-person in the EOA Large Conference Room 406, and remotely via Zoom.

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NOTE: 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 February 3, 2026.

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