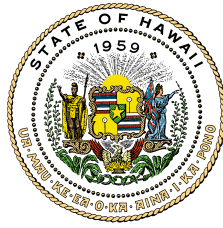


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**PABEA LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Executive Office on Aging (EOA)**

**IN-PERSON AND VIA ZOOM**

No. 1 Capitol District | 250 South Hotel Street | Conference Room 410

**Friday, March 6, 2026 | 9:30am-11am**

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

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Agenda: Posted on the State electronic calendar as required by HRS section 92-7(b)  
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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: February 6, 2026 (See attached)

### III. Old Business – Legislative Discussion

- A. Bills tabled and/or were not discussed at the February meeting
- a. KupunAloha (HB1973 HD1/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.
  - b. SNAP; Hawaii Food Security Special Fund (HB704/ SB 881) (Need more info. Special funding may have been covered from last year)  
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.

Both bills are dead.

#### B. PABEA Priority Bills:

- a. Kupuna Caucus Legislative Package
  1. Caregiver Tax Credit ([HB1972 HD2/SB2863](#)) (Lead= Gary)  
Establishes a family caregiver tax credit for nonpaid family caregivers. Requires the Department of Taxation to submit annual reports to the Legislature. Appropriates funds. Applies to taxable years beginning after 12/31/2026. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)
  2. Hearing Loss State Plan ([HB1974 HD1/SB2865](#)) (Lead =Rick)  
Requires and appropriates funds for the State Health Planning and Development Agency to develop and publish a state plan on hearing loss. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)
  3. Kupuna Rent Supplement Program ([HB1975 HD1/SB2866 SD1](#)) (Lead = Sara)  
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. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)
  4. First Responder Dementia Training ([HB1976 HD1/SB2867](#)) (Lead= Rick)  
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 one 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 take certain steps when reviewing and recommending dementia-specific training curricula. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

b. Other Aging-Disability Related Bills

5. 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.

6. 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.

c. 2025 Kupuna Caucus Carryover bills

7. 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.

[HB2464](#) like HB701 HD3 SD2

8. 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.

#### IV. New Business

##### A. Additional 2026 Bills for Consideration of PABEA Legislative Priorities - Discuss, vote on bills for PABEA legislative priorities, and assign lead

###### 1. HB1965 HD1 Rural Healthcare bill

Establishes the Primary Care Providers Working Group within the State Health Planning and Development Agency to address issues relating to, and develop recommendations for the stabilization of, primary care services in Hawai'i. Requires the Working Group to make a report to the Legislature. Sunsets the Working Group on 6/30/2027. Effective 7/1/3000.

###### 2. SB 2557 relating to Homelessness

Requires the Statewide Office on Homelessness and Housing Solutions to make an annual report on the number of sheltered and unsheltered homeless individuals and on housing placement. Requires the Statewide Office on Homelessness and Housing Solutions to annually report to the Legislature on contracts and plans or proposals to enhance kauhale projects. Requires the Statewide Office on Homelessness and Housing Solutions to annually report to the Legislature on coordination between the office and any county, state, or federal agencies, or private or nonprofit organizations.

###### 3. SB 2563 relating to Homelessness

Establishes a three-year homelessness sanctuary pilot program to be administered by the Coordinator on Homelessness on designated land for the pilot program, which shall serve as a safe location for unhoused women and young children, under the age of ten, to reside and access services. Requires the Coordinator on Homelessness and the Coordinator's partner agencies to provide certain facilities and services to the designated location. Requires reporting to the Legislature. Appropriates funds.

##### B. Guest Speakers: Discussion to Invite Speakers to Present on Proposed Bills.

##### C. April Meeting Date – April 10, 2026 at 9:30am

##### D. Agenda Items for Next Meeting

#### V. Public Testimony on Agenda Items

#### VI. Announcements

1. PABEA meeting scheduled for Friday, March 6 at 12p.m. In person and remote meeting via Zoom.
2. Kupuna Caucus meeting scheduled for Friday, March 6 via Zoom or You Tube Live.
3. RAC (Recognition & Awards) Committee meeting scheduled remotely via Zoom and was scheduled on Thursday, April 9 (Tentative) @ 9:30am .

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, April 10 (Tentative) from 9:30-11am**. Meetings are held in-person in the EOA Large Conference Room 406, and remotely via Zoom.

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