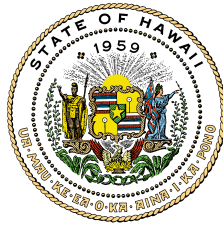


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PABEA LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
IN-PERSON AND VIA ZOOM

No. 1 Capitol District | 250 South Hotel Street | Conference Room 410
Friday, November 7, 2025 | 9:30am-11am

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

Sunshine Law requires all appointed members joining the meeting via Zoom to have their cameras on for the duration of the meeting to be counted as present.

Join Zoom meeting at:

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AGENDA

- I. Guest Speaker: Audrey Suga-Nakagawa, AARP Advocacy Associate Director
 - What's important in 2026?
 - 2026 AARP legislative bills
 - How can PABEA support AARP?
 - Closing thoughts
- 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. Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes: September 10, 2025 (See attached)

V. Guest Speaker Suggestions

Possible speakers include Representative Lisa Marten (Chair, Human Services & Homelessness Committee), Connie Mitchell (Executive Director, Institute on Human Services), Coby Chock (Director of Public Policy and Advocacy, Alzheimer's Association), Tori Caraphelo (Founder, Hearing for Hope), and others.

VI. 2026 Kupuna Caucus (KC) Legislative Package

- Review of legislative proposals submitted by October 31st deadline.
- Proposals presented at the Friday, November 7th Kupuna Caucus meeting.
- Following the meeting, online poll sent to members to select their top 5 preferences.
- Top 5 proposals with the most votes to be included in the KC legislative package.

VII. Framework for PABEA Legislative Priorities (Discussion and Input)

- Establish a methodology for identifying top-priority issue areas.
- Map out major issue areas for older adults.
- Members then track existing bills and support legislation by providing oral and/or written testimony.

VIII. SWOT (Strength, Weakness, Opportunities, and Threats) Analysis: Bill Support Limit

- Discussion: Should PABEA continue to support more than 5 bills during legislative session? Determine the optimal number of bills to support.

IX. Priority Issues 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, food security, and growing demand for resources for older adults.
- Healthcare Workforce Shortage: Doctors, nurses, and caregivers.
- Housing Crisis: Critical issue for kūpuna on fixed incomes (e.g. Kupuna Rent Supplement Program extended).
- Food Insecurity- High cost of food and recent federal 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 recommendation for hearing assessments every three years for those over the age of 55 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 (e.g. Act 283).

- o Health Infrastructure- Access to care, especially in rural areas. Potential impact of Medicaid and Medicare cuts.
- o Caregiver Shortage and Burnout: - Need for more home health, adult day care, and respite care services. Hawaii designated a "high-risk" state for family caregiving.
- o Specialized Youth Caregivers: Challenges for child development when children become caregiver for their kūpuna.
- Safety and Security Issues:
 - o Consumer Fraud and Scams.
 - o Missing Persons (Silver Alert): Implementation update on Act 158.
 - o Access to Technology: Need for tech support programs to address digital divide.
- Hawai'i Specific Concerns
 - o Homelessness: 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 costs unaffordable
 - o Burial sites (*Iwi Kūpuna*): Sensitive cultural issue regarding the handling of ancestral remains (*iwi kūpuna*).
- Other Issues/Areas of Concern for Older Adults Discussed from Prior Meetings
 - o Long-Term Care Master Plan and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) (Representative Chun discussed at the September meeting).
 - o “2025 Legislative Outcomes & Future Opportunities” (Senator Moriwaki discussed at September meeting): Bills related to fireworks, traffic safety, homelessness, condo insurance, caregiver tax credit, SNAP funding, paid family/medical leave, hearing aid coverage, mandatory hearing tests, and concerns over marijuana and gambling.
 - o Medicaid and SNAP Cuts: Identifying impacted populations and strategies (Suggested by Derrick at the September meeting).
 - o Uniform Health Care Directive.
 - o Disaster and Emergency Preparedness.
 - o Needs of Non-Medicaid Senior Population.
 - o Long-Term Care Insurance 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. Appleseed Legislative Publications (click link below to view docs)

- [Hawai'i Budget Primer](#)
- [Policy in Perspective: 2025 Legislative Report](#)

XII. Agenda Items for Next Meeting

XIII. Public Testimony

XIV. Announcements

- A. RAC (Recognition & Awards) Committee Meeting held remotely via Zoom and scheduled on Thursday November 6 @ 9:00am.
- B. PABEA Meeting scheduled on Friday, November 7 at 12p.m. Hybrid meeting held in person and remotely via Zoom.
- C. Kupuna Caucus meeting scheduled on Friday, November 7 at 2pm. Meetings are held remotely or can be viewed on You Tube Live.

Per Sunshine Law, all agenda items and announcements must be listed on the agenda. To add an agenda item or announcement to future meetings please contact the Chair.

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

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