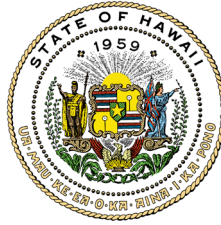


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**Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs (PABEA)
Legislative Committee Meeting
Via In Person or Remotely by Zoom**

MEETING AGENDA

**Wednesday, September 10, 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 during the duration of the meeting to be counted as present.

Written, public testimony may be submitted to the Executive Office on Aging at the address noted above or by email to eoaa@doh.hawaii.gov.

Physical Location: EOA Large Conference Room (250 S. Hotel St., Suite 406)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89151115835?pwd=SuWvnrxBPY0uhau5DEtbR263V83Y8y.1>

Dial: +1(719)359-4580

Meeting ID: 891 5111 5835 and Passcode: 020879

AGENDA

- I. Guest Speaker: Senator Sharon Moriwaki and Representative Cory Chun, Chairs of the Kupuna Caucus. Presentation to include but not limited to:
 - Brief intro to Legislative Kūpuna Caucus
 - Who each Chair is; mission & vision
 - What's important in 2026?

- Bills you hope to introduce
- How can PABEA help support you?
- Closing thoughts.

II. Call to Order and Roll Call

III. Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes: August 1, 2025 (See attached)

IV. Discussion: Future Guest Speakers

Prioritize guest speakers, including but not limited to: Tori Caraphelo (Hearing 4 Hope), State Council on Developmental Disabilities, Legislators/Committee Chairs, Senator Karl Rhoades (Human Rights Resolution), Keali'i Lopez/Audrey Suga-Nakagawa/Gary/Barbara (AARP Bills), Connie Mitchell (Stabilized Housing bills for Kūpuna), Mental Health America (Kūpuna Mental Health bills), and Alzheimer's Association (December/Jan)

V. Legislative Committee Bill/Topic Issues and Assignments

A. Interest Area Check In; Who's Covering What Issues?

B. Discussion on Potential Legislative Bill Topics and Recommendations for 2026 PABEA Legislative Priorities. Below are examples of topics/issues that members are interested in pursuing, including but are not limited to:

1. Houselessness, including SB1218 (Lead = Sara?)
2. Certified mail for Long Term Care Insurance (LTCI) notices (Assign Lead = ?)
Follow up on Peter Fitz's Certified Long Term Insurance Letter Bill suggestion. Would someone from PABEA like to track, promote and follow this bill?
3. Hearing Aid bill (Lead = Rick)
Update regarding meeting with Tori Caraphelo (Hearing 4 Hope).
4. Human Rights Resolution (Lead = Rick)
5. Update regarding meeting with Senator Karl Rhoads and Steve?
6. Uniform Health Care Decision Act (SB1323 SD2 HD2 CD1) (Assign Lead = ?)
7. Alzheimer's and/or Dementia bills (Assign = Lead?)
8. Disaster/emergency preparedness (Assign = Lead?)
9. Needs of the Non-Medicaid Senior population (Assign = Lead?)
10. 2025 PABEA Legislative Priority Bills that Didn't Pass

i. Kupuna Caucus Bills:

1. Caregiver Tax Credit (HB701 HD3 SD1)(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 to the Executive Office on Aging. Applies to taxable years beginning after 12/31/2026. Effective 12/31/2050. (SD1)
2. Medicaid Funding (HB702 HD1) (Lead = ?)
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)

Assign “lead” on bill/issue.

3. SNAP funding (HB704) (Lead = Barbara/Sara?)
Kupuna Caucus; Department of Human Services; SNAP; Hawai'i Food Security Special Fund; Reports; Appropriations.

Assign “lead” on bill/issue.

4. Paid Family Leave (HB755 HD2/SB852 Keiki Caucus package and HB695/SB1054) (Lead = Gary)
By 1/1/2028, requires the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations to establish a family and medical leave insurance program and begin collecting payroll contributions to finance payment of benefits. By 1/1/2029, requires the Department to start receiving claims and paying benefits under the program. Specifies eligibility requirements and employee protections under the program. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)

- ii. Other Legislative Bills and Resolutions That Didn't Pass
These bills were not one of PABEA's legislative priorities for the 2025 session but was discussed during legislative committee meetings.

1. Hearing Aids Coverage (SB1494 SD2) (Lead = Rick)
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)
2. GE Tax Hearing Aids (SB1495 SD1) (Lead = Rick)
Exempts from the general excise tax, gross receipts received by a hospital, infirmary, medical clinic, health care facility, pharmacy, or a practitioner licensed to administer drugs to an individual, from the sale of hearing aids. Effective 12/31/2050. Sunsets 1/1/2027. (SD1)

11. Other bills/topics for consideration and assignments

C. 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.”

VI. Suggestion/s of Agenda Items for Next Meeting

VII. Announcements

- A. Legislative Committee meeting in October is cancelled for an all PABEA training by Public Access Room (PAR). PAR training is scheduled on Friday, October 3 from 9:30am-11am.
- B. PABEA Meeting scheduled on Wednesday, September 10 at 12p.m. and Friday, October 3 at 12pm. Hybrid meeting held in person in the EOA Large Conference Room 406 and remotely via Zoom.
- C. Kupuna Caucus meeting tentatively scheduled on Friday, October 3 at 2pm via Zoom.
- D. Hawai'i Pacific Gerontological Society scheduled on Thursday & Friday, September 11-12, 2025 at Ala Moana Hotel. For more information see <https://hpgs.org/conference/>

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 be added for future meetings.

The next Legislative Committee meeting is scheduled on Friday, November 7 from 9:30-11am. Meetings are held in-person in the EOA Large Conference Room 406 and remotely via Zoom.

If you need an auxiliary aid/service or other accommodation due to a disability, call 586-0100 or email ea@doh.hawaii.gov as soon as possible. Requests made as early as possible have a greater likelihood of being fulfilled.

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