



Alyce Spotted Bear and Walter Soboleff Commission on Native Children

Hawai'i Regional Hearing AGENDA

Location:

Moana Surfrider
2365 Kalākau Ave, Honolulu, HI 96815

February 12, 2022 – February 18, 2022

**All start times listed in Hawaii Standard Time*

Hawai'i Regional Hearing Agenda Overview

- **Sunday – February 12**
 - Travel day
- **Monday – February 13**
 - Site Visit to Kula Kaiapuni 'O Ānuenuē, Hawaiian Immersion School K-12 (morning)
 - Life Course Model Overview (afternoon) –
 - At the Moana Surfrider – 3rd Floor Conference Room
- **Tuesday – February 14**
 - 8:30 a.m. – 4:14 p.m. – Report Writing Work Groups
 - At the Moana Surfrider – 3rd Floor Conference Room
- **Wednesday – February 15**
 - Regional Hearing Welcome and Panels 1 – 4 (morning & afternoon)
 - 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Public Virtual Hearing (evening)
 - At the Moana Surfrider – 3rd Floor Conference Room (all day)
- **Thursday – February 16**
 - Regional Hearing Welcome, Panel 5 Youth and Community, to include time for public comments (morning)
 - Commission Recommendations (Part 3) (afternoon)
 - At the Moana Surfrider – 3rd Floor Conference Room (all day)
- **Friday – February 17**
 - Site Visit to Kawaihoa Campus/Hawaii Youth Correctional Facility (morning)
 - Lunch hosted by the correctional facility
 - Site Visit to Doris Duke Shangri La (afternoon)
- **Saturday – February 18**
 - Travel day

COVID-19 Considerations

Moana Surfrider guidance related to COVID-19 will be encouraged and followed. All hearings will be hybrid (in-person and virtual) however, the Commission may decide to move to virtual-only for hearings and events depending on COVID-19 related developments and. Participants will be notified in advance.



Wednesday, February 15th –Regional Hearing

The Regional Hearing will take place in the Moana Surfrider Parlor Room

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Zoom link: [https://kearnswest.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZArfu-rqD8vGtVzUWMPmS3mGCzmLOVXbmLs](https://kearnswest.zoom.us/j/91234567890)

The public is welcome to attend and listen to the Regional Hearing. The dialogue will be between the panelists and the Commissioners only.

8:30 am **Doors Open to the Public (30 min)**

9:00 am **Native Hawaiian/Community Welcome Opening Session:**

Cultural Opening:

- **Kumu Hinaleimoana Wong-Kalu**
- **Kumu Kawika Mersberg and Hui O Nā ‘Ōpio**

Overview of the Commission

- **Commissioner Gloria O’Neill**, Chair
- Commissioners will briefly introduce themselves

Native Hawaiian /Community remarks:

The goal of this session is to provide a general overview of current issues faced by Native Hawaiian children and youth (both in rural and in urban communities) in the region, covering all topics to be studied by the Commission. Speakers will highlight common systemic challenges and discuss programs and strategies that have been effective in Native Hawaiian communities in the region (including trauma informed and culturally based strategies). Opening remarks (45 min)

Speakers:

- 1. Delia Parker Ulima**
- 2. Carmen Hulu Lindsey**, Board of Trustees Chair, Office of Hawaiian Affairs (video)
- 3. Dr. Noelani Goodyear-Ka’ōpua**, Trustee, Kamehameha Schools Bishop Estate
- 4. Kūhiō Lewis**, Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement

10:00 am **Panel 1: Physical, Mental and Behavioral Health (1.5 hours)**
(10:00 am HI, 11:00 am AK, 12:00 am PT, 1:00 pm MT, 2:00 pm CT, 3:00 pm ET)



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The goal of this session is to increase the Commission's understanding of the systems of health services provision available for Native Hawaiian children in the region (including physical, behavioral, and mental health, and traditional and cultural services). Panelists will discuss the strengths, challenges, and opportunities for improvement within the current health system. Each panelist will provide 15 minutes of testimony, followed by a 5-minute opportunity for questions from the Commissioners. After all panelists have spoken, there will be a 15-minute period of general conversation and discussion with the full panel.

- **Dr. Diane Paloma**, President and CEO, Hawaii Dental Service
- **Dr. Kimo Alameda**, CEO, Bay Clinic (Hilo, Hawaii)
- **Dr. Aukai Austin Seabury**, Executive Director, I Ola Lahui

11:30 am **Break (15 min)**
(11:30 am HI, 12:30 pm AK, 1:30 pm PT, 2:30 pm MT, 3:30 pm CT, 4:30 pm ET)

11:45 am **Panel 2: Education and Early Childhood Development (1.5 hours)**
(11:45 am HI, 12:45 pm AK, 1:45 pm PT, 2:45 am MT, 3:45 pm CT, 4:45 pm ET)

The goal of this session is to explore two issues. The first topic will be around supporting Native Hawaiian students by incorporating Native Hawaiian language and culture into educational systems at all levels of education, from early childhood to higher education. Panelists will discuss the characteristics of Native Hawaiian students in their systems, the ways that their systems incorporate Native Hawaiian language and culture, and the factors that support and hinder the health and well-being of Native Hawaiian children and youth. The second topic will be a discussion about the importance of early childhood programming serving children 0-5 in Native Hawaiian communities. Panelists will discuss programs like Head Start, childcare, pre-kindergarten, and home visiting and share results that have been shown to have positive impacts on child and family development, supporting increased child and family health, improved school readiness and academic achievement, and improved family economic self-sufficiency. Each panelist will provide 15 minutes of testimony, followed by a 5-minute opportunity for questions from the Commissioners. After all panelists have spoken, there will be a 15-minute period of general conversation and discussion with the full panel.

- **Dr. William "Pila" Wilson**, Professor, University of Hawai'i-Hilo



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- **Ekela Kaniaupio-Crozier**, Hawaiian Culture Based Education Coordinator, Kamehameha Schools Maui
- **Dr. Kalehua Krug**, Po’o Kumu (Principal), Ka Waihona o Ka Na’auao Public Charter School

1:15 pm **Lunch on your own** (1 hour)
(1:15 pm HI, 2:15 pm AK, 3:15 pm PT, 4:15 pm MT, 5:15 pm CT, 6:15 pm ET)

2:15 pm **Panel 3: Child Welfare, Juvenile Justice, and Violence** (1.5 hours)
(2:15 pm HI, 3:15 pm AK, 4:15 pm PT, 5:15 pm MT, 6:15 pm CT, 7:15 pm ET)

The goal of this session is to explore two issues. First, to increase the Commission’s understanding of issues around child welfare in Native Hawaiian communities in the region, addressing improving state-local -Native Hawaiian collaboration, and building Native Hawaiian capacity to prevent and respond to child abuse and neglect and related issues. Second, to discuss the efficacy of the juvenile justice system for Native Hawaiian children, youth and communities and the disproportionate rates of arrest, detention and incarceration among Native Hawaiian youth compared to non-Hispanic Whites. Research is generally agreed that a more behavioral health approach to juvenile delinquency is better for youth, especially in light of increasing mental health challenges, greater suicide risk, challenges accessing education, and feelings of isolation and disconnection from culture and community. Each panelist will provide 15 minutes of testimony, followed by a 5-minute opportunity for questions from the Commissioners. After all panelists have spoken, there will be a 15-minute period of general conversation and discussion with the full panel.

- **Elladine Olevao**, Branch Administrator, Child Welfare Services, Department of Human Services
- **Dr. Laurie Tochiki**, Executive Director, EPIC ‘Ohana
- **Dr. Shawn Kana’iaupuni**, President and CEO, Partners in Development Foundation

3:45 pm **Break** (15 min)
(3:45 pm HI, 4:45 pm AK, 5:45 pm PT, 6:45 pm MT, 7:45 pm CT, 8:45 pm ET)

4:00 pm **Panel 4: Systems Innovations and Best Practices in Native Hawaiian Communities** (1.5 hours)
(4:00 pm HI, 5:00 pm AK, 6:00 pm PT, 7:00 pm MT, 8:00 pm CT, 9:00 pm ET)



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The goal of this session is to highlight cross-system models, innovations, and best practices to meet the needs of Native Hawaiian children in a seamless and coordinated way. Each panelist will provide 15 minutes of testimony, followed by a 5-minute opportunity for questions from the Commissioners. After all panelists have spoken, there will be a 15-minute period of general conversation and discussion with the full panel.

- **Dr. Leialoha Benson**, LSW, Director, Opportunity Youth Programs, Lili'uokalani Trust
- **Kamuela Enos**, Director, University of Hawai'i Office of Indigenous Innovation

5:30 pm Closing Remarks and Adjourn

(5:30 pm HI, 6:30 pm AK, 7:30 pm PT, 8:30 pm MT, 9:30 pm CT, 10:30 pm ET)

The Commission will provide closing remarks for the day.

6:30 pm Regional Public Comment Virtual Meeting (2hrs)

(6:30 pm HI, 7:30 pm AK, 8:30 pm PT, 9:30 pm MT, 10:30 pm CT, 11:30 pm ET)

Welcome, Introduction, and Opening Remarks

The Commission Chair and individual Commissioners will have an opportunity to provide remarks to the audience around goals for the Commission and the hearing.

Formal Public Comment Session

This is a virtual session open to everyone in the community and offers people from diverse backgrounds a chance to express their views. The Chair will provide an introduction and ask for those assembled in the room to comment. Witnesses will register ahead of time (or will sign up onsite) and will be given 5 minutes each to speak. Testimony will be facilitated and open to any topic related to the health, education, and well-being of Native Hawaiian youth and children (age prenatal-24).

8:30 pm Closing Remarks and Adjourn

(8:30pm HI, 9:30 pm AK, 10:30 pm PT, 11:30 pm MT, (2/16,)12:30 am CT, 1:30 am ET)

The Chair will provide closing remarks and adjourn the meeting



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Thursday, February 16th –Regional Hearings

The Regional Hearing will take place in the Moana Surfrider Parlor Room

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The public is welcome to attend and listen to the Regional Hearing. The dialogue will be between the panelists and the Commissioners only for the morning session.

8:30 am **Doors Open to the Public** (30 mins)

9:00 am **Native Hawaiian/Community Welcome Opening Session:** (1 hour)
(9:00 am HI, 10:00 am AK, 11:00 am PT, 12:00 pm MT, 1:00 pm CT, 2:00 pm ET)

The Commission will provide remarks to the audience around Commission goals.

Cultural Opening:

- **Kumu Kahōkū Lindsey Asing and Haumāna of Pūnana Leo o Mānoa**

Native Hawaiian /Community remarks:

The goal of this session is to provide a general overview of the current issues faced by Native Hawaiian children and youth (both in rural and in urban communities) in the region, covering all topics to be studied by the Commission. Speakers will highlight common systemic challenges and discuss programs and strategies that have been effective in Native Hawaiian communities in the region (including trauma informed and culturally based strategies). Opening remarks:

Speakers:

- **Dr. Jonathan Kay Kamakawiwo'ole Osorio**, Dean of Hawai'i inuiākea School of Hawaiian Knowledge, University of Hawai'i-Mānoa
- **Dr. Sheri Daniels**, CEO of Papa Ola Lokahi
- **Sandra Gasca-Gonzalez**, Vice President, Center for Systems Innovation with the Annie E. Casey Foundation



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10:00 am

Panel 5: Youth and Community Panel (1 hr)

(10:00 am HI, 11:00 am AK, 12:00 am PT, 1:00 pm MT, 2:00 pm CT, 3:00 pm ET)

The goal of this session is to explore two issues. First, to provide an opportunity for youth from the region to provide a general overview of current issues faced by youth (both in rural and in urban communities), covering all topics to be studied by the Commission. Second, the community session is open to everyone and offers people with diverse backgrounds a chance to express their views.

- **Melissa Mayo**
- **Anastasia Neumann**
- **Isaiah Robert-Ramangmou**
- **Honu'āina (Honu) Nichols**
- **Ihilani Lasconia**
- **Kaiakahinalii Kaopua-Canonigo**

11:00 am

Break (15 min)

(11:00 am HI, 12:00 pm AK, 1:00 pm PT, 2:00 am MT, 3:00 pm CT, 4:00 pm ET)

11:15 am

Community/Public Panel (1 hr)

(11:15 am HI, 12:15 pm AK, 1:15 pm PT, 2:15 am MT, 3:15 pm CT, 4:15 pm ET)

The Commission invites Native Hawaiian children, their families, and community members to share their thoughts on issues that are important to protecting Native Hawaiian children served in the various communities. The Commission will provide an introduction and ask for those assembled in the room to comment. Witnesses will register ahead of time (or will sign up onsite) and will be given 5 minutes each to speak. Testimony will be facilitated and open to any topic related to health, education, and well-being of Native Hawaiian children (age prenatal-24).

12:15 pm

Closing Remarks/Prayer/ /Adjourn (15 min)

(12:15 pm HI, 1:15 pm AK, 2:15 pm PT, 3:15 pm MT, 4:15 pm CT, 5:15 pm ET)

The Commission will provide closing remarks, prayer, and adjourn.