

LANGUAGE ACCESS ADVISORY COUNCIL State Office of Language Access

The Language Access Advisory Council assists the Executive Director of the Office of Language Access by providing input on: implementation and compliance with Hawai'i's language access laws; the quality of oral and written language services provided under the law; and the adequacy of a state agency or covered entity's dissemination and training of its employees likely to have contact with LEP persons, its policies and procedures for language services, its competency in working effectively with in-person and telephone interpreters, and its understanding of the dynamics of interpretation between clients, providers, and interpreters.

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