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 Honolulu Subarea Health Planning Council

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Meeting Minutes

June 1, 2026, | 10:06 AM Hawaii Time
 Virtually via Zoom and Physical Meeting Location at
 The Keoni Ana Building, 1177 Alakea Street, Suite 402

MEMBERS: Tori Abe Carapelho, Creighton Liu, Katherine Finn Davis, Charlene Takeno
 MEMBERS ABSENT: Jodi Hashimoto, Trisha Kajimura, Wesley Sumida
 GUESTS: Rick Tabor
 SHPDA: John Lewin, Terry Visperas, Jason Espero

ATTENDANCE RECORD OF APPOINTED MEMBERS

Date	2/20/2025	3/18/2025	5/15/2025	7/18/2025	8/8/2025	09/12/2025	11/14/2025	3/2/2026	06/01/2026
Tori Abe Carapelho*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Katherine Finn Davis**	X	0	X	X	X	X	0	X	X
Trisha Kajimura	0	X	0	X	X	0	X	X	0
Wesley Sumida	X	X	X	X	X	0	X	X	0
Charlene Takeno	X	X	0	0	X	X	0	0	X
Creighton Liu	0	X	0	0	X	X	X	X	X
Jodi Hashimoto	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	0	0

Legend: X=Present; 0=Absent; /=No Meeting, *-Chair, **-Vice Chair

Meeting Recording: https://www.zoomgov.com/rec/share/du5SxE7FfwAyCL0GOQ_zvk1iFZshRzhCzlpXs-2HT31sfpjfsblLb45u55XDoMW.IQJ3jhQqViBGo5sz
 Passcode: 4*eh@s?^

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
<p>Call to Order</p> <p>Roll Call and Guests Introduction</p> <p>Minutes</p>	<p>The meeting was called to order at 10:06 a.m. by Tori Abe Carapelho, Chairperson, presiding.</p> <p>Rick Tabor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduced himself with extensive background in mental health, mediation, Rotary, elder services, and nonprofits. • Noted availability issues for Monday mornings due to mediation schedule. • Mentioned Alzheimer’s Association efforts, Hanai Memory funding, and other community initiatives. • Offered to share walk/fundraiser announcements and to serve as information conduit for SACs. <p>Motion to accept the minutes made from the November 14, 2025, meeting. By C. Liu, seconded by K. Finn Davis</p> <p>Vote: Unanimous. Motion Carried.</p> <p>Public testimony – None.</p>	
<p>State Health Planning and Development Agency (SHPDA) Updates</p>	<p>J. Lewin, SHPDA Administrator,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The expanded advisory role of the council under federal statute. • Overview of the AHEAD grant: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$12M planning funds; potential for \$200M/year in incentives if providers participate. • Value-based care focus starting 2028. • Overview of the Rural Health Transformation Program: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hawaii has been awarded \$189M/year for 5 years. • Funds to be encumbered by September. • SHPDA is responsible for major portions: \$70M/year for IT, analytics, and AHEAD readiness. 	

Discussion and Q & A

- Subarea Health Planning Council’s responsibility is to provide objective community feedback over next 5 years.
- Explanation of Hawaii’s low federal healthcare reimbursement due to formula inadequacies.
- Described legislative wins:
 - HB 1974 (hearing health assessment study).
 - Kapuna Law for home-based Medicare support.
 - Continuous glucose monitor access bill.
 - Reproductive rights, immigrant rights, language access, disability support bills.
 - Biomarker access for cancer patients.
- Noted Section 7 certificate of need application (HMSA/HPH) as major pending review.

Tori Abe-Carapelho

- Thanked Jack Lewin for legislative support, particularly for HB 1974.
- Led discussion on meeting scheduling.
- Expressed support for adding member “highlight” segments and inviting legislative speakers.

Katherine Finn Davis

- Asked questions regarding healthcare payment formula differences between Hawaii and Alaska.
- Highlighted “World Reef Awareness Day” as a public service reminder.

Creighton Liu

- Shared involvement with disaster planning through the Hawaii Community Foundation and suggested future group feedback.

Action Items

- **Terry** will send a Doodle poll to confirm August and October meeting dates.
- **All members** to provide availability for the proposed Friday 1 PM meeting schedule.
- **Terry & Jack** will explore bringing legislative committee chairs (e.g., Greg Takayama, Joy San Buenaventura) to future meetings.
- **Terry** will coordinate a rotating “member highlight” segment for upcoming agendas.

- **Creighton** may return with structured updates regarding disaster planning initiatives for group feedback.

Next Steps

- Finalize 2024-2025 meeting schedule via Doodle poll.
- Begin planning for member spotlights in future meetings.
- Coordinate potential legislative guest speakers.
- Share community event information with broader SAC network.
- Prepare for potential certificate of need public hearing later in the summer.

No committee reports

No public in attendance

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at **10:51 a.m.**

2026 Legislative Highlights

191 total bills tracked
33 bills or 17% passed

Bill Name	Summary
HB 1973	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Establish a one-year KupunAloha Pilot Program within the SHPDA.• Provide in-home health care and support services for people who do not qualify for existing government programs• Appropriation amount of \$2,000,000
HB 1974	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• SHPDA to develop and publish a comprehensive state plan on hearing loss• Appropriation amount of \$100,000
HB 2319	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Amend the functions and responsibilities of the SHPDA.• Add a new definition of "health care" for the purposes of health planning and resource development and health care cost control.• Increase the certificate of need exemption threshold for bed changes to up to thirty percent of existing licensed beds.• Exempt health care facilities or services operated by the Department of Health from certificate of need requirements
HB 1853	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Create the Hānai Memory Network Program to improve dementia care and support.• It would help with early detection, care coordination, public education, and long-term support for people with dementia and their caregivers.• Appropriation amount of \$3,000,000
HB 1804	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Require the Executive Office on Aging to plan a study on how Hawai'i could pay for long-term care services and supports• Appropriation amount of \$100,000
SB 3045	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Require health plans, including Medicaid managed care plans, to cover continuous glucose monitors and related supplies for eligible patients.
SB 847	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Create a three-year pilot program on Kaua'i allowing certain trained psychologists, under psychiatrist supervision, to prescribe some mental health medications for adults ages 18 to 65• Require employers involved in the pilot program to report information to SHPDA, including patient outcomes, adverse events, and when cases need to be escalated for higher-level care.

Community Voice

Legislative Session Ended Strong For Kūpuna-Related Bills

They include a measure to temporarily provide in-home health care and support services to eligible participants.

By Kevin Y. Kawamoto

May 25, 2026 - 1 min read



About the Author



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Kevin Y. Kawamoto, MSW, Ph.D., is gerontological social worker. He currently works at the University of Hawaii at Manoa Center on Aging.

Despite working with a lean state budget, Hawai'i legislators passed a handful of kūpuna-related bills this year that should help enhance the well-being of older adults in a state where their life expectancy, on average, surpasses the rest of the nation. More than 20% of the total population of Hawai'i is age 65 and over, and that number is expected to climb in the coming years.

Three of the five bills submitted as part of the **Kūpuna Caucus** package passed final reading and were transmitted to the governor's office. **House Bill 1973** establishes a one-year pilot program within the Department of Health called KupunAloha that will provide in-home health care and support services to eligible participants who do not otherwise qualify for government assistance for these services. An appropriation of \$2 million is being made for the pilot year.

House Bill 1974 requires the state Health Planning and Development Agency to develop a comprehensive state plan on hearing loss. The plan will be focused on improving access, affordability, awareness, and early detection of hearing loss in collaboration with community

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"Office on Aging" to develop the framework and scope of work for a proposed study - a one-year pilot program - plan will be focused on...

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<https://www.civilbeat.org/2026/05/legislative-session-ended-strong-for-kupuna-related-bills/>

2026 American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP) O'ahu Out of the Darkness Walk

is scheduled for **September 5, 2026**, at Magic Island in Honolulu, HI.

Check-in for the event begins at 9:00 AM HST, with the walk starting at 10:00 AM HST. <https://share.google/uwluneKV6al6vkTAq>

10/10/2026 at 8:15 am. NAMIWalks Hawaii

NAMIWalks 2026 will be at the **Kaka'ako Waterfront Park** on **Oct 10th**, from 9am-1pm.

Contact kelsey@namihawaii.org

The graphic features a blue and green background with several circular photo cutouts showing people at walks. A central banner reads "Join the joy!". Text boxes provide event details: "When: Saturday, October 10th 2026 9am-12pm", "Where: Kaka'ako Waterfront Park 102 Ohe St. Honolulu, HI", and "How to Participate: Register at namiwalks.org/hawaii *1K & 5K Options". A "Why We Walk" section at the bottom includes icons and text: a ribbon for "To promote awareness of mental health and reduce stigma", a bar chart for "To raise funds for NAMI's free, top-rated mental health programs", and stick figures for "To build community and let people know they are not alone". A "MENTAL HEALTH for all" logo and a QR code are also present.

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MENTAL HEALTH for all

Walk to End Alzheimer's Oahu, HI.

Saturday, November 7, 2026

https://act.alz.org/site/TR/Walk2026/HI-Aloha?pg=entry&fr_id=19563



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Oahu, HI**

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