

OPPORTUNITY YOUTH ACTION HUI POLICY PRIORITIES

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The Opportunity Youth Action Hui ("OYAH") advocated for initiatives in support of the hui member organizations and their missions, including Native Hawaiian equity in the criminal justice system, workforce training and development, trauma-informed care, and the education, mental health and well-being of youth.

FINAL DAYS OF THE 2022 SESSION

A big mahalo to OYAH intern Lyla Gonsalves who concluded her 12-week internship on a high note and will chair the student advocacy workshop on April 29.

Returning intern Leah Delos Santos will participate as a speaker along with OYAH leaders.

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APRIL 29, 2022

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OYAH ADVOCACY IN ACTION:

Bills in the Hawai'i legislature must be finalized ("decked") to be sent for floor votes by April 29. As of the last week before decking, the following priority bills were still alive:

OYAH opposed House Bill 1459, HD1, SD1, RELATING TO JUVENILE RESTITUTION. No House conference committee members have been named. This means that the bill will die unless committee members are named, the bill is finalized, and approved ("decked") by April 29.

The bail reform bill, of strong interest to OYAH and its members, House Bill 1567, HD1, SD1, RELATING TO CRIMINAL PRETRIAL REFORM, have had House conference committee members named, but not Senate conference committee members. This means that the bill will die unless Senate conference committee members are named, the bill is finalized and approved ("decked") by April 29.

OYAH strongly supported Senate Bill 1128, SD2, HD1, Relating to Office of Youth Services. Conference committee members were named, no hearing has been scheduled yet. OYAH also supported:

- SB 2115, SD1, HD2, RELATING TO THE ROOM CONFINEMENT OF MINORS. No Senate conference committee members have been appointed.
- SB 2770, SD1, HD1, RELATING TO NATIVE HAWAIIAN REHABILITATION PROGRAMS. A conference committee meeting has been scheduled for April 25, 1:45 pm.
- SB 3168, SD2, HD2, RELATING TO HOMELESSNESS, 'ohana zones pilot program to 6/30/2026. Conference committee members were named, no hearing has been scheduled yet.
- SB 3235, SD1, HD1, RELATING TO SAFE SPACES FOR YOUTH PILOT PROGRAM. Conference committee members were named, no hearing has been scheduled yet.
- HB 1570, HD1, SD2, RELATING TO THE YOUTH VAPING EPIDEMIC. No conference committee members have been named.
- HB 2309, HD2, SD2, RELATING TO INCARCERATION, comprehensive approach to successful prisoner reentry and integration.
- A conference committee meeting has been scheduled for April 26 at 10:30 a.m.