

OCTOBER 29, 2021

OPPORTUNITY YOUTH ACTION HUI POLICY PRIORITIES

An initial cohort of University of Hawai'i college student advocates has been engaged by members of the Opportunity Youth Action Hui to advance initiatives in support of the hui member organizations, including Native Hawaiian equity in the criminal justice system, workforce training and development, trauma-informed care, and the education, health and well-being of youth.

Legislative Research Yields Policy Possibilities

Opportunity Youth Action Hui externs Harley Broyles and Leah Delos Santos identified 25 bills that were introduced in 2021 as part of their preliminary research into opportunities for the 2022 state legislative session. The following is a bill that was passed in 2022, but was significantly modified between introduction and passage *and* includes a sunset date of 2023. Broyles and Delos Santos are conducting additional research to prepare policy recommendations for 2022, asking, "Were the changes on this bill favorable?" and, "Should the OYAH advocate for the sunset date to be removed?"

Act 23 (2022), Relating to Minors

Hawai'i House Bill 282, relating to minors, was adopted as Act 23. This bill clarifies the definition of "provider" as it relates to the entities eligible to provide no cost emergency shelter and related services to a consenting minor to include certain organizations who are not considered child placing organizations or child caring institutions. The law sunsets (ends) on 6/30/2023. Various versions of the bill were supported by Partners In Care, Oahu's Continuum of Care; Residential Youth Services & Empowerment; Hawaii Youth Services Network; Hawai'i Health & Harm Reduction Center; Catholic Charities Hawai'i; and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Governor's Coordinator on Homelessness and Department of Human Services. A copy of the bill can be found here:

https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session2021/bills/HB282_CD1_.htm

SAVE THE DATE!

OPPORTUNITY YOUTH ACTION HUI

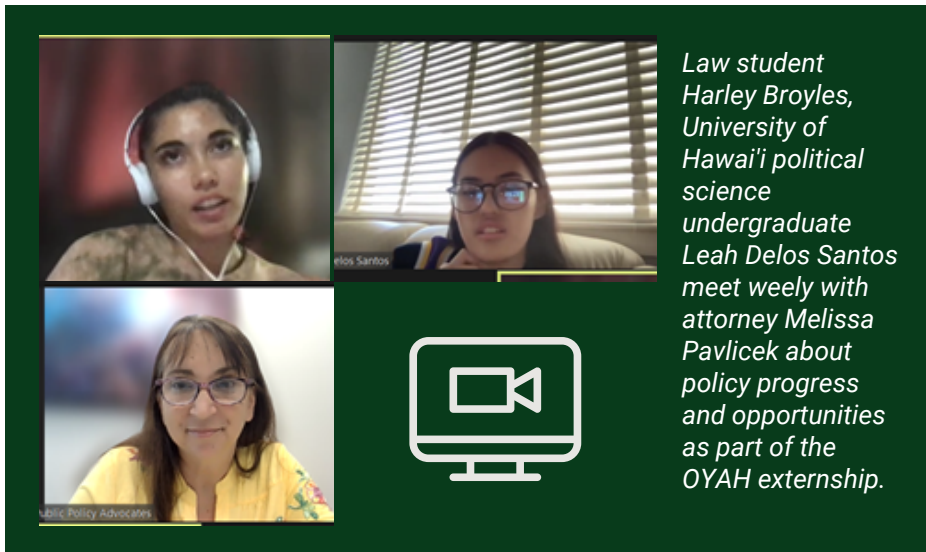
**SEEKING NATIVE
HAWAIIAN EQUITY
THROUGH POLICY**

NOVEMBER 17, 2021

12:15-1:00PM

MEET ADVOCATES IN NATIVE HAWAIIAN
NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS!

Dr. Shawn Kana'iaupuni and other representatives of the Opportunities Youth Action Hui are invited to speak to law students at a Virtual Discussion at 12:15 p.m. on November 17th. The program will focus on Native Hawaiian equity in the criminal and social justice systems. More information and a link to sign up will be available soon!



"Research is a tool for building knowledge and facilitating learning."

OYAH 2021 - 2022 Policy Priorities

- Improve and increase resources available for child and adolescent mental health programs.
- Improve the transition for youth and young adults transitioning from minor to adult programs and services.
- Eliminate housing discrimination.
- Secure a cost-of-living increase for the Imua Kākou stipend for young people aging out of foster care.
- Create a reporting system for the abuse of minors whose social security benefits are used by adults who no longer care for them.
- Promote a more holistic approach by agencies.
- Increase and improve the continuum of care for trafficked youth.
- Raise awareness about rights of minors to housing.
- Improve youth access to medical care.
- Gain approval for commercial opportunities for incarcerated youth concerning agricultural program.

How to do Hawai'i Legislative Research

More than 3,000 bills are introduced annually at the Hawai'i state legislature. The state legislative website at capitol.hawaii.gov is a wealth of information about the bills, including the names of legislative introducers, the legislative caucuses that may have included the bill in their endorsed package of bills, a summary of hearings and testimony on the bill, and all of the versions of the bill as it evolves during the legislative session. The externs are combing through the research to make informed recommendations to the Opportunity Youth Action Hui members.

Hawaii State Legislature
31st Legislature, 2021
View Legislative Calendar
The Legislature has adjourned sine die.
Find Your Legislator

Sign In | Register

HB282 HD1 SD2 CD1 [Submit Testimony](#)

Search for another measure [Go](#)

All Versions of this Measure

- [HR282_SD2](#)
- [HR282_SD1](#)
- [HR282_HD1](#)
- [HR282_CD1](#)
- [HR282](#)

Committee Reports

- [HR282_HD1_HSCB607](#)
- [HR282_HD1_HSCB826](#)
- [HR282_SD1_SSCR1122](#)
- [HR282_SD2_SSCR1645](#)
- [HR282_CD1_CCR42](#)

Sort by	Status Text
1/22/2021	H Pending introduction.
1/25/2021	H Introduced and Pass First Reading.
1/27/2021	H Referred to HHH, JHA, referral sheet 1
2/11/2021	H Bill scheduled to be heard by HHH on Tuesday, 02-16-21 11:00AM in House conference room 329 Via Videoconference.
2/16/2021	H The committees on HHH recommend that the measure be PASSED, WITH AMENDMENTS. The votes were as follows: 8 Ayes: Representative(s) Yamane, Tam, Gates, Har, Kapela, LoPresti, Nishimoto, Ward; Ayes with reservations: none; Noes: none; and Excused: none.
2/19/2021	H Reported from HHH (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 607) as amended in HD 1, recommending passage on Second Reading and referral to JHA.

1099 Alakea Street, Suite 2530
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813
(808) 447-1840