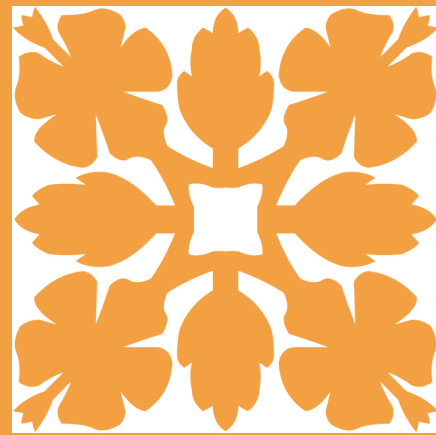


OPPORTUNITY YOUTH ACTION HUI POLICY PRIORITIES



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The second cohort of 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, mental health and well-being of youth.

2022 Priority Legislation OYAH Supports

YOUTH CRISIS CENTERS SB 2481	NATIVE HAWAIIAN REHABILITATION SB 2770 HB 2311	KAUHALE PROGRAM SB 3018 HB 1990	YOUTH EMANCIPATION SB 2878
'OHANA ZONES PILOT PROJECT SB 3168	SEX TRAFFICKING PREVENTION SB 1347	OFFICE OF YOUTH SERVICES REVOLVING FUND SB 1128 HB 947	SAFE SPACES FOR YOUTH PILOT PROGRAM SB 3235

The bills displayed above are among the many bills being tracked, following OYAH's commitment to reduce the harmful effects of youth incarceration; and improving and increasing resources to address adolescent and young adult mental health needs. Of these bills includes **SB 3235**, relating to the Safe Spaces for Youth Pilot Program, which was passed unamended and referred to WAM. OYAH submitted testimony in support of this bill. It is scheduled to hold a public decision making on 02.22.22 at 10:00AM.

In addition, some significant bills that are advancing are:

- **SB 2481** SD1 (Youth crisis centers)
- **SB 3168** SD1 (Ohana zones pilot project)
- **SB 2770** (Native Hawaiian rehabilitation programs)

HWN: Hawaiian Affairs

HHH: Health, Human Services & Homelessness

JHA: Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs

PSM: Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs

FIN: Finance

WAM: Ways and Means

JDC: Judiciary

OHA Native Hawaiian Data Book A Resource for Advocacy

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs' (OHA) Native Hawaiian Data book, first initiated in 1994, contains valuable information, helpful to OYAH's advocacy efforts. This data book provides statistical data, that is constantly updated, on Kānaka Maoli; identifying the "physical, sociological, psychological, and economic needs" for Hawaiians. OHA's data book allows OYAH, to gather the necessary research and information to assist the keiki and opio of Hawai'i.

One of the many ways this resource can be utilized is through background research for bills, and testimonies.

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