



## **Hawai'i Republican Party**

### **2024 Platform**

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## PREAMBLE

We, the Hawai'i Republican Party, support the historic concept of our Constitutional Republic, established by our nation's founders. We oppose the concept that the state is sovereign over the affairs of men, the family, or the church. We believe that government properly exists by the consent of the governed and must be restrained from intruding into the freedoms of its citizens. The function of government is not to grant rights, but to protect the unalienable, God-given rights of life, liberty, property, and the pursuit of happiness of all.

We are grateful for divine guidance, and mindful of our Hawaiian heritage and uniqueness as an island state, dedicate our efforts to fulfill the philosophy decreed by the Hawai'i State motto, "Ua Mau ke Ea o ka 'Āina i ka Pono" (The life of the land is perpetuated in righteousness).

Affirming our belief in God, we still hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness and Property ownership.

Throughout the world, people dare to dream of freedom and opportunity. The Hawai'i Republican Party unequivocally defends that dream. We strive to preserve the freedom given to us by God, implemented by our Founding Fathers, and embodied in the Constitution, to control our destiny, nurture the integrity of our people and culture, and preserve the quality of life that we desire.

We honor the leadership of our Republican forefathers who passionately believed and applied these principles and values so well with special appreciation for the leadership of President Abraham Lincoln, Prince Jonah Kuhio Kalaniana'ole, and President Ronald Reagan.

## OUR PRINCIPLES

We, the Hawai'i Republican Party, expect our elected leaders to uphold these principles in words, actions, and legislation. We believe in:

- “The laws of nature and nature’s God,” and we support the strict adherence to the original language and intent of the Declaration of Independence and the Constitutions of the United States and of Hawai'i.
- The sanctity of innocent human life, created in the image of God, which should be equally protected from fertilization to natural death.
- Preserving individual, Hawai'i state, and American sovereignty and freedom.
- Limiting government power to those items enumerated in the United States and Hawai'i Constitutions.
- Personal accountability and responsibility.
- Self-sufficient families, founded on the traditional marriage of a biological man and a biological woman.
- Having an educated population, with parents having the freedom of choice for the education of their children.
- The unalienable right of the people to defend themselves, their family, and their property.
- A free enterprise society unencumbered by government interference or subsidies.
- Honoring all those who serve and protect freedoms.
- Individual liberty and the right to privacy.
- We champion personal integrity, honor, and ethical behavior.

## CONSTITUTIONS

- The U.S. and Hawai'i Constitutions serve as the law of the land, outlining the fundamental rights and liberties of individuals while establishing the structure and three branches of government (Executive, Judicial, and Legislative). Within the framework of the Constitutions, law enforcement agencies operate to ensure public safety and uphold the rule of law.
- The United States is a constitutional republic.
- "Our constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other." Quote by President John Adams.
- Powers not specifically enumerated as belonging to the Federal Government belong to the states (Amendment X) and the people (Amendment IX). These two Amendments support the concept of federalism (authority of the states).
- Within the framework of the Constitution, law enforcement agencies operate to ensure public safety and uphold the rule of law. Police safety, criminal justice, and the Constitution of the United States are interconnected aspects of law enforcement and governance that play crucial roles in maintaining a just and orderly society.
- The First Amendment guarantees the right to practice our religion, freedom of speech and the press, to peacefully assemble to petition the government regarding grievances.

### The Hawai'i Republican Party:

- We oppose any bill or resolution that impose restrictions on our first amendment free speech rights, especially those creating "hate speech," or "misinformation" prohibitions or penalties.
- Believes church services must be allowed to continue regardless of health risks or any other government-imposed restrictions including future mandates.
- Supports prayer and the pledge of allegiance in schools and public places.
- Opposes mandates, lockdowns, and restrictions on our mobility, ability to gather, and peacefully protest.
- Opposes censorship of our speech or postings except for engagement in illegal activities. All other speech, even that which hurts another person's feelings, are allowable.

- Opposes government pressure on social media entities to censure, ban, block, or hide content (shadow banning).
- Opposes gun free zones.
- Wants Hawai'i gun laws to comply with the guidelines stated in the Second Amendment of the U.S. Constitution.
- Opposes arbitrary restrictions on the type of "arms," including ammunition, that a citizen can own and use.
- Opposes registration of guns and restrictions on transporting and transferring ownership to another citizen.
- Supports conceal and carry for law abiding citizens.
- Supports "stand your ground" laws to protect life and property.
- The Fifth Amendment requires our citizens to be protected against threats to their life, liberty, or property without due process of law.
- The Sixth Amendment affords all accused in criminal prosecutions the right to a speedy and public trial by an impartial jury.
- Opposes the unjust and unconstitutional treatment of citizens who attended and assembled at a political rally on January 6, 2020, being tracked down, and incarcerated without being given access to videos that would exonerate them, and incarcerated, for extended periods, without trial in clear violation of their constitutional rights.

The Electoral College: The Electoral College was established to ensure all states have the ability to affect the outcome of a presidential election. Repealing Act 62 of May 1, 2008 that entered Hawai'i into an interstate compact to determine the winner of a presidential election by "national popular vote," would effectively eliminate the electoral college.

We support calling a Convention of States for proposing amendments pursuant to Article V of the United States Constitution limited to proposing amendments:

- impose fiscal restraints on the federal government;
- limit the power and jurisdiction of the federal government, and
- limit the terms of office for its officials and for members of Congress.

The Fourth Amendment protects Americans in their persons, houses, papers, and effects from unreasonable searches and seizures, therefore:

- Repeal the Patriot Act
- Repeal the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA) to prevent warrantless spying on innocent American citizens
- Reject any treaties and laws that violate our Fourth Amendment rights.
- We oppose the taking of private property for another entity's private use and profit as occurred in the 2005 Kelo v City of New London Supreme Court case. The 5th amendment allows the taking of private property only for public use with just compensation, not private or commercial use.
- We support the Legislature to pass legislation to put the amendment of Hawai'i's Constitution Article IV, Reapportionment, and Section 4.6 to specify that Hawai'i will use the decennial census to determine the number of permanent residents in Hawai'i to be in alignment with every other state in determining reapportionment.
- Put a constitutional amendment before the voters on the next ballot that provides for the direct election of county school boards which are accountable to the electorate to govern the schools of their county.
- We oppose any further gun control legislation and support the right of all Hawai'i citizens to own and bear guns and ammunition for any lawful purpose.

## GOVERNMENT

We are united by the principles in the Declaration of Independence, the U.S. Constitution, and the Hawai'i Constitution. The principles cited in these documents shape our beliefs about the form, function, and size of government. Primary among these are:

- Governments derive their powers from “We The People”.
- The power of the majority is limited by the rule of law.
- The Separation of Powers prevents the concentration of power which is the root of tyranny.
- We support withdrawing from the United Nations.
- We oppose Socialism, Communism, and all Marxist ideologies.
- No emergency and no government have the just cause to suppress the Constitution.
- Regarding our Election Integrity: Our constitutional republican form of government is only secure as long as we maintain the election integrity of the vote. The Hawai'i Republican Party advocates for:
  - Definitive voter photo identification for voting.
  - Elimination of same day voter registration.
  - Repealing Act 136 SLH 2019 that mandates all mail-in voting. We support in-person same day voting at local precincts.
  - Criminalization of “Ballot Harvesting.”
  - Supporting quarterly updates of the voting rolls and the elimination of all duplicate, deceased, former residents, and non-citizen registrants.



## TRANSPORTATION

- Civil engineers at the federal and state level have deemed Hawai'i's infrastructure to be in egregiously poor condition.
- Hawai'i was reported to have the 3<sup>rd</sup> worst road conditions of the states with only 57% of roads in acceptable condition.
- Hawai'i should prioritize longer-term solutions such as using more durable road maintenance materials such as asphalt or concrete to minimize the need for frequent repairs.
- We oppose the "complete streets" concept of having few commuter lanes and restricted lanes for buses and bicycles adds to congestion and endangers lives.
- We support the immediate construction of new roads to provide two entry/exits for each residential community.
- We support an independent forensic audit of Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transit (HART) in order to provide the public with a full accounting of the rail project.
- We oppose the Environmental Social Governance ("ESG") programs that forces everyone out of their homes, out of their cars, and into Smart Cities.
- We oppose the government subsidies and mandates financially incentivizing Electric Vehicles due to the unsustainability of the non-biodegradable lithium batteries.
- Amend the Jones Act so that ships no longer need to be built in the U.S.
- Bring back the Super Ferry. We are an island state. It is difficult for families to visit their loved ones when there are only airline connections to neighboring islands. Most countries that are composed of multiple islands have a ferry system.
- For airports, the state should consider organizational and procedural changes to mitigate delays and improve efficiency, especially maintaining runways to reduce flight delays and cancellations and to promote flight safety.

## IMMIGRATION

The Hawai'i Republican Party supports strong borders where immigration law is enforced. All immigrants must undergo a thorough background check to preclude allowing individuals, who pose a threat to our personal and national security, to enter our nation. Individuals who enter the country through illegal means must be deported.

Immigration numbers should be controlled and based on the ability of the new residents to become self-sufficient and assimilate into and make positive contributions in their chosen communities. We support the following policies:

- Mandatory deportation for non-citizen gang members, drug dealers, human traffickers, and other criminals;
- Asylum should be sought once a person is in the first safe country they arrive in and asylum seekers should remain in that country until their entry into the U.S. is approved.
- Increase enhanced security enforcement to prohibit human trafficking at our ports of entry, especially since Hawai'i has been identified as a major hub for this activity.
- Prohibit Non-Government Organizations (NGO) from receiving government subsidies to settle illegal immigrants within our borders.
- Terminate the Unaccompanied Minor Immigration Program as it separates children from their families, and it makes them vulnerable to being exploited and abused by human traffickers.

## PUBLIC SAFETY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE

- Our commitment to a safe, peaceful, and law-abiding Hawai'i is unwavering. We believe in ensuring public safety under the rule of law.
- Police safety involves measures to protect officers while carrying out their duties, including training, equipment, and policies aimed at minimizing risks. We support full funding of our law enforcement agencies.
- Criminal justice, governed by the Constitution of the United States of America and the State of Hawai'i encompasses the detection, investigation, prosecution, and punishment of crimes, with a focus on fairness, accountability, and due process.
- The United States Constitution and Hawai'i Constitution protects the rights of both law enforcement officers and individuals accused of crimes, including protections against unreasonable searches and seizures, the right to a fair trial, and freedom from cruel and unusual punishment.
- The residents of Hawai'i have a right to be safe in their homes, neighborhoods, or while in public spaces. We have high expectations based on the United States and Hawai'i Constitution, our judicial system, federal law enforcement organizations and our local police.
- Whistleblowers who report the wrong doings of any public servant must be protected from retaliation.
- It is essential that Hawai'i establish an adequate local prison system to house, without overcrowding, Hawai'i's criminals.
- We support surety bail and releasing suspects charged with felony crimes only after posting appropriate bail and wearing a GPS monitor.
- Career criminals shall not be eligible for parole or early release from incarceration.
- We support recidivism efforts to rehabilitate inmates to become functioning and contributing members of society.
- There is a double standard of justice. The weaponization of our justice system needs to be neutralized. We, therefore, support legislation wherein Hawai'i State Judges are elected by the people, rather than appointed by the Governor.

- We oppose any instance of our state or a local city becoming a “sanctuary” for those in the country illegally. Individuals who enter the country illegally pose a danger to communities and should be deported to their home country. Those who re-enter after being deported, must be treated under our criminal justice system and not released back into the public.
- All retail theft (smash and grab) must be prosecuted.
- Under no circumstance shall an individual who entered the country illegally receive any taxpayer funded social services or be eligible to vote.
- Victims should receive restitution from a person found guilty of a crime for any injury, physical or financial, they incurred as a result of the crime.
- We oppose the legalization of recreational cannabis and gambling in Hawai‘i not only because of the possibility of addiction and damage to one’s own mental and physical well-being, but also because of the increased incidence in criminal activity that results.
- We support the establishment of a Constitutional Sheriff, in each county within the state of Hawai‘i, who is elected by the people and whose duty is to uphold and defend the US and Hawai‘i Constitutions and state law.
- Hawai‘i must pass “Castle Doctrine/Stand your Ground” legislation that includes:
  - No duty to retreat before using force in self-defense, defense of another, or defense of that person's residence if that person is in a place in which the person lawfully has a right to be, especially in their home, vehicle, and workplace.
  - The possibility of retreat must not be considered as a factor in determining whether or not the person believed that the force was necessary to prevent injury, loss, or risk to life or safety.

## EDUCATION

The Hawai'i Republican Party firmly believes that families are the best stewards of a child's education and the basic purpose of schooling is to teach children how to read, write, do math, solve problems and learn social skills necessary to be a contributing member of society.

We support legislation and policies to:

- Abolish the U.S. Department of Education. There is no provision in the U.S. Constitution to federalize the education system.
- Return the state-wide Hawai'i Department of Education to local control of the counties with elected school boards, with term limits. Currently, the school board members are appointed by the Governor.
- Endorse the parental/guardian right to select the type of formal education that they prefer for their children—Department of Education (DOE) school, Charter School, Private School, or Home Schooling.
- Public money for education follows the students into whatever delivery system the parents select—basically, an unrestricted Voucher system, direct payment to the parents, or the creation of an Education Savings Account (ESA).
- The right of homeschoolers to access all Hawai'i DOE schools, classes and activities, such as laboratories, sports, and performing arts.
- Schools must provide parents with the curriculum for all subjects in which their children are enrolled (and we encourage parents to be involved in the development of curriculum).

We vehemently oppose:

- Any curricula such as Critical Race Theory (CRT), Social Emotional Learning (SEL), and woke ideologies.
- Public schools' libraries having a legal exemption from pornography laws.
- Comprehensive Sexuality Education (CSE) as a part of the curricula.
- Discrimination in college admission based on race.

- Biological males competing against female athletes and using female locker rooms, bathrooms, and other single sex facilities.
- Schools allowing teachers and professors that advocate for ethnic division in the school curriculum.
- Parents and students shall have the freedom to choose what is in the best interest of their children regarding vaccines, masks, and mandates.
- We support curricula that accurately depicts America's history through multiple, balanced perspectives, such as Hillsdale College's 1776 curriculum.
- We strongly support the immediate removal of Planned Parenthood from the Hawai'i Education System and all sexually explicit/pornographic books and materials from classrooms, school websites, and school libraries.
- We support teaching methods that encourage the accelerated education for students based on their ability, tenacity, and desire, and object to a one size fits all approach.
- We support adding and developing high school curricula in vocational, technical, and trade skills (to include cadet training with the Hawai'i Fire Department and the Hawai'i Police Department) and developing internships and apprenticeships for students in vocational, technical, and trade skills, including cadet training with the Hawai'i Fire Department, the Hawai'i Police Department and Information Technology (IT) companies. This should include IT training which should be complemented by the enhanced development of community college IT programs. In addition, all counselors should receive additional exposure to vocational, technical, and IT programs.
- We support the instruction of basic life skills in the areas of home finance, health (nutrition, exercise, hygiene), and interviewing skills.
- All approved curricula must be made public including all supporting materials used by teachers.
- We support parental rights to opt their children out of any curricula they deem inappropriate for their children.
- As required by federal law H.R. 4818 of 2004, classes on the U.S. and Hawai'i Constitutions must be a part of high school curricula.
- We support an elected school board for all counties.

## TAXATION, ECONOMY, AND TOURISM

### TAXATION:

- We believe in fair treatment for all taxpayers, and we support a flat tax on income.
- Every year the Hawai'i legislature reviews bills that could impact the taxes and fees paid by residents. We suggest that for every proposed tax increase in a bill, an equivalent reduction in a different tax must be presented as the funding source before the bill is passed.
- We support a General Excise Tax (GET) no more than 5% on goods and services with the exception of food, medicine, gasoline, and gold and silver bullion.
- Ensure that property owners do not suffer from property value inflation, and reduce the maximum annual property tax increase to 0% for a homeowner 65 or older.

### ECONOMY:

- According to the April 2022 Research Economic Analysis Division report titled "Hawai'i Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism, the top sectors of our economy are Government (22.5%), Real Estate and Rental and Leasing (18.6%), Health and Social Assistance (7.9%), Retail Trade (7.%) and Accommodation and Food Service (6.7%).
- One approach to reduce the government's percentage within the economy is to implement policies aimed at streamlining government operations, cutting unnecessary spending, and promoting private sector growth.
- A diversified economy, along with lower taxes and reduced regulation (such as lowering barriers to the market) will reduce poverty, boost job creation, improve our eco-systems, promote sustainability, and encourage former residents to return and prosper.
- Ensuring the preservation of all facets of our economy while expanding into sectors such as information technology, research, manufacturing, construction, lumbering, food processing, and medical technologies would make our economy more sustainable.
- Eliminate excessive and punitive over-regulation of all businesses in Hawai'i.

- Provide incentive programs for entrepreneurs and farmers as a way to attract and support individuals to quality careers.
- Upgrade the information technology infrastructure to improve telecommuting.
- We oppose a 100 percent cashless digital monetary system and any implementation of a social credit score or digital ID.

## TOURISM

- Tourism is the single largest source of private capital for Hawai'i's economy, sustaining employment for over 216,000 residents. In 2023, more than 9.6 million tourists visited Hawai'i, with the first half of 2023 yielding \$10.78 billion in visitor spending, and over \$1.25 billion in tax spending
- Transient vacation rentals also support tourism which is known to be a vital source of income for Hawai'i residents. Statutes which deprive a citizen of the rights of person or property, and usage are unconstitutional.
- Hawai'i must maintain a safe, welcoming, and affordable environment to attract tourists, especially families with children, from all cultures and economic backgrounds.
- We oppose any additional tax burden on visitors such as the proposed Visitor fee/tax in addition to TAT.
- We advocate for a family friendly tourist experience, and therefore oppose any industries that normally attract a criminal element to the locale.



## ENERGY

Energy resources are the engine that drives our productivity and mobility. It must be available in quantities that enable a productive work and day-to-day living environment. The Republican Party of Hawai'i encourages the use of diversified energy sources that are clean, plentiful, and economic. Solutions we support include:

- Having American energy independence. Not relying on foreign energy sources from countries that are adversaries such as Iran, Russia, and Venezuela would improve our national security. American energy production also applies higher environmental standards than those foreign nations.
- Repealing the mandate to transition to 100% renewable energy by 2045. Energy policies have been the cause of recent rolling blackouts throughout the state.
- Reactivating the coal plant, implementing alternative energy resources, maximizing the output of the H-power plant, and start dialog about the safe implementation of a nuclear power floating plant.
- Investing in sources of electricity which will reduce the cost for Hawai'i residents.
- Getting the approval of area residents who will be impacted when large structures such as wind turbines or solar farms are placed in a neighborhood or on agricultural land.

Electrical power is a fundamental life sustaining resource. Any energy innovations must take into account its ability to sustain energy production through all weather conditions and natural disasters, especially hurricanes.

There is agreement on temperature changes, but not the causes nor their relative importance, nor whether it is an existential threat. Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) reduction should not be the sole driver in our energy policies.

## AGRICULTURE

Agriculture is a fundamental necessity for sustaining life in our island state, especially due to the great distances from out-of-state food sources and our dependence on shipping services. Land has been designated for this purpose, however, we are not using that land to grow crops to feed our population. The Hawai'i Republican Party supports the following measures to address this issue:

- Add agriculture and aquaculture courses to our secondary school curriculum.
- Ensure that state land used for agriculture has long term leases regardless of acreage, sustainable water resources, upgraded irrigation systems, reliable electricity sources, and road access.
- To make Hawai'i food production sustainable, farmers need access to "[food hubs](#)", farmers markets, and co-ops, and we need local food processing plants.
- Reduce government regulations and procedures that increase costs and reduce agricultural production.
- Do not allow electrical power generation initiatives or 5G on "agricultural land" that support agricultural production if they impede agricultural activities.
- Require that well-publicized public hearings take place prior to awarding permits for the conversion of agricultural land to residential.
- Develop agricultural curricula for all educational levels to support agriculture careers for both crops and livestock while incorporating regenerative agriculture principles.
- Continue to support roadside sales of farm products, neighborhood gardens, home gardens, and programs such as 4-H.
- Institute measures to enable farmers to build and provide farm worker housing for their employees to make farming affordable, attractive, and rewarding.
- Allow farms to diversify and include eco-tourism with activities such as farm tours.
- Advocate for clean farming practices and enforce regulations prohibiting the use of glyphosate, roundup, atrazine, and GMOs.

## HOUSING

- The housing shortage in Hawai'i poses a significant challenge for residents and the economy with an estimated deficit of 50,000 units in the State of Hawai'i.
- In 2024, Hawai'i was reported by Forbes magazine as having the most expensive cost of living and least disposable income of all 50 states. Hawai'i ranked as the most expensive state for home prices, with a staggering median price of \$837,324 and an average monthly mortgage payment of \$5,004 as well as the highest monthly rental expenses of \$2,423, resulting in Hawai'i being recognized as having the highest housing and rental unit monthly costs in the nation.

### We support:

- Correcting the bureaucratic obstacles that have delayed Prince Kuhio's vision of home ownership for Native Hawaiians.
- Providing Lahaina, Maui homeowners access to their property and expedite the processing of their building permits to rebuild their homes on their private property.
- Limiting property tax increases to no greater than 2% per year unless the property is sold.
- Enforcing statutes which restrict Temporary Vacation Units (TVUs) and Bed and Breakfasts (B&Bs) as illegal. TVU and B&B operations reduce the housing supply for the people of Hawai'i and drives up housing costs.
- Immediately amending the Jones Act (aka Merchant Marine Act of 1920) and instituting permanent exemptions for Hawai'i. This will lower the cost of all building materials used to construct homes.
- Legislation allowing homeowners the flexibility of building another smaller complete home on their property to help alleviate the housing crisis in Hawai'i.
- Legislation allowing homeowners the flexibility of subdividing their home for the purpose of creating rentals to help ease the housing crisis and to help our residents keep up with the excessive cost of living increases in our state.

## HOMELESS CRISIS

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's 2023 Annual Homeless Assessment Report indicated that Hawai'i had the highest percentage of people experiencing chronic homelessness.

The homeless can be divided into multiple groups. Among them are:

- The Houseless, those working and perhaps trying to support their families but cannot afford the high cost of food, clothing and rent, etc.
- Those suffering from drug and substance abuse and mental health issues.
- Those who choose to live on the streets.
- Those who have been deposited in Hawai'i from other states.
- Those who were forced into homelessness by an unexpected life event or circumstance.

Hawai'i has the second highest rate of far-reaching and concerning impacts, particularly in three key areas:

- There's a significant concern for public health due to lack of sanitation and hygiene among the homeless population, leading to potential outbreaks of diseases like hepatitis.
- The environmental impact is substantial, with homeless camps generating large amounts of waste that can pollute our oceans, streams and water tables, tarnishing the natural beauty of our islands.
- The presence of homeless encampments disrupts normal life for both residents and tourists, obstructing sidewalks, monopolizing public restrooms, and deterring the enjoyment of public spaces meant for everyone.

We support a "Repatriation Program" which relocates homeless individuals.

## FAMILY

- We believe that the traditional family structure consisting of a biological mother and a biological father is optimal. However, all types of family structures, whether brought together in marriage, by guardianship, or through adoption, including the “hanai” concept, benefits individuals, families, and the strength of society at large.
- Families should be protected and empowered to make decisions for their minor children that are consistent with their values, beliefs, faith, and the U.S. Constitution.
- Studies show that a positive male role model decreases incidences of juvenile delinquency, incarceration, vulnerability to predators, and risk of using illegal substances at a young age.
- The Hawai’i Republican Party supports legislation that incentivizes intact families to include tax credits for children, a reduction in the overall tax burden on working families, assistance for first time home buyers, and assistance for small family-owned businesses.
- We support President Trump’s policy in Executive Order 13930, “Strengthening the Child Welfare System for America’s Children”, that encouraged permanent adoption instead of foster care whenever possible and allowed government funding for faith-based organizations to provide adoption services based on religious preferences.
- We support the choice of the mother in selecting the adoption service to be utilized.

## LIFE

The Hawai'i Republican Party acknowledges the truth that life begins at fertilization and ends with natural death.

We support bills limiting abortion procedures in scope and occurrence and will defend measures that protect life, including:

- Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act - H.R.26 (2023)
- Heartbeat Protection Act - H.R.175 (2023)
- Life at Conception Act - H.R.431 (2023)
- Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act - H.R.36 (2021)

We support bills that provide conscience protections for medical professionals in the course of their work and request they or similar bills be passed this Congressional session:

- Pharmacist Conscience Protection Act - H.R. 279 (2023)
- Conscience Protection Act of 2021
- HHS Rule "Safeguarding the Rights of Conscience as Protected by Federal Statutes" (2024)

We support the rights of peaceful protesters to assemble and protest the operation of abortion facilities.

We oppose the allocation of public funds for abortion to include the use of funds to transport military personnel to areas/states that allow and promote abortions, make the Hyde Amendment (National) and the Mexico City Accord (International) policies permanent.

We stand firmly in opposition to Hawai'i's current practice of voluntarily providing Medicaid funds for abortions.

We are opposed to and advocate for the repeal of the recently enacted assisted suicide law (the "Our Care, Our Choice Act of 2018") in Hawai'i.

"We have the duty to protect the life of an unborn child." Ronald Reagan

## HEALTHCARE

- Hawai'i's health care systems' problems include a severe doctor shortage, a lack of specialty care in rural areas, the 6th fewest hospital beds per capita in the US, and the 5th longest emergency room wait times.
- We recommend the following initiatives to improve access to care, reduce the cost of healthcare, and address the problems cited above:
  - The state needs to tax-advantage HSAs over comprehensive health insurance.
  - Reduce administrative barriers to telemedicine, especially via reciprocity compacts with other states, which would allow providers licensed in those states to provide care to patients in Hawai'i.
  - Eliminate the Certificate-of-Need (CON) laws that require investors wishing to build a new medical facility to prove there is a "need". Let the market decide.
  - Hawai'i's doctor shortage is about 775 physicians. To attract more doctors to live and work in Hawai'i, the Medicare reimbursement rates must be increased to be comparable to those on the mainland. Having low Medicare reimbursement rates and Hawai'i's General Excise Tax means that Hawai'i's doctors earn considerably less than their counterparts in different states.
  - Incentivize the creation of private medical practices, migration of physicians to Hawai'i, and retention of physicians who are already here by eliminating the GET and regulatory barriers.
  - Eliminate service inclusion mandates so consumers can choose the coverage they want and services they desire.
  - Allow a wide variety of insurance options including out of state plans that are better able to meet consumer needs and eliminate service inclusion mandates so consumers can choose the coverage they want and services they desire.
  - Pass legislation that requires all health care practices and hospitals to be totally transparent with patients prior to treatment regarding the cost of their care.
  - Repeal the Affordable Care Act. The federal government should not be managing our healthcare programs.
  - We support a healthcare system that is open to alternative healing modalities.

- Repeal Act 13 of 2018 and provide minors with all counseling options related to sexual orientation, including Reparative Therapy.
- No person can be mandated by the state, county or any public entity in Hawai'i to take, be administered or otherwise receive a medical product (medical device, drug, or biologic) unless the manufacturer of the medical product is liable for any death or serious injury caused by the medical product.
- If any physician, nurse practitioner, or physician's assistant licensed to practice medicine completes the required medical exemption form stating that such vaccination may be detrimental to an individual's health, any state or municipal requirement to obtain a vaccination shall be inapplicable until such vaccination is found to no longer be detrimental to the individual's health by the individual's physician, nurse practitioner, or physician's assistant. No state or county agency, board, or commission may require any other condition or requirement for the medical exemption to a vaccine or vaccines.
- Absent fraud or intentional misrepresentation of verifiable facts, a physician, nurse practitioner, or physician's assistant shall not be subject to any disciplinary action or penalty by any state or county agency, board, or commission for issuing a medical exemption form.
- No one should be forced to accept a medical treatment or device that they do not want, including, but not limited to, vaccines and facial masks.
- Healthcare providers or organizations should not be mandated to provide, or refer for services and prescriptions, procedures at odds with their conscience.
- Providers should be required to inform their patients of experimental treatments available under the Right to Try Act.
- Providers must be allowed to prescribe, and pharmacies to issue, FDA approved off-label pharmaceuticals in accordance with law.
- Discrimination in care availability based on age, vaccination status, or refusal to release medical history must be prohibited; health providers must obey HIPAA laws.
- Parents must be informed and allowed to make health care decisions for their minor children.
- Medical interventions on a minor under the age of 18 that disable their future fertility, whether surgical or pharmaceutical, must be prohibited in law.



## MILITARY

- Hawai'i serves as a vital strategic location in the Pacific region. The primary military goal for Hawai'i is to defend our national and state sovereignty, protect its population from global harm and control, while also maintaining regional peace and security.
- The capability to project military power from Hawai'i is vital to our ability to deter and contain China and North Korea and to support our friends and allies.
- The large military presence is a key component of Hawai'i's economy and a deterrent to invasion and other hostile activities.
- Military leadership must focus on warfighting and organizational effectiveness. Our service academies must eliminate teaching Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. The pursuit of diversity, equity and inclusion, and political correctness generally, is getting in the way of the military's actual mission. Recruits must be mentally fit, physically fit, and battle-ready. US citizens and legal immigrants who pass the rigorous tests and training are commended for defending our country.
- Hawai'i should continue to provide training grounds for military exercises that are necessary for defense readiness in areas that will not affect our life-sustaining resources and the military must repair all environmental damage that results.
- Establish robust intelligence and surveillance programs and an aggressive, reliable missile defense system to ensure the security of our state and our nation.
- Hawai'i shall provide comprehensive education, medical, and employment services tailored to effectively reintegrate veterans into the community and address the specific needs of active-duty dependents.
- We oppose forcing women to register for the draft.

## NATIVE HAWAIIANS

- Prince Jonah Kuhio Kalanianaʻole, a Republican, was the first prince and native Hawaiian who served in the U.S. Congress where he represented Hawaiʻi for 19 years. While in Congress, he advocated and supported legislation for native Hawaiian rights to a land base for housing, farming, and preservation of traditional and cultural practices. Prince Kuhio's efforts were successful with the passage of the [Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1921](#).
- The Hawaiʻi Republican Party supports the following measures:
  - Accelerate the awarding of homestead ownership/leases.
  - Expedite the planning and budgeting of roads and utilities in Hawaiian Homeland areas.
- 'Olelo Hawaiʻi is an official language of our state. We encourage the state to include 'Olelo Hawaiʻi in the school curricula to foster correct 'Olelo Hawaiʻi pronunciation and use. 'Olelo Hawaiʻi translation services (Hawaiian to English and English to Hawaiian) in public affairs should be fully supported.
- We support Native Hawaiian rights to participate in traditional cultural practices.

## **Hawai'i Republican Party Platform Summary**

The Hawai'i Republican Party is a community of conservative patriot volunteers unified by our commitment to protect and secure our homes, our families, our state, and our country, by electing conservative Republican candidates, supporting our elected Republican officials, and fighting for the passage of conservative legislation. God, the United States Constitution and the Hawai'i Constitution are our guides. Our goal is to turn Hawai'i into a red state.

**So join us! As President Ronald Reagan once said,**

“Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same, or one day we will spend our sunset years telling our children and our children's children what it was once like in the United States where men were free.”