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WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL'S
YOUTH SERVICES COMMITTEE AGENDA

April 2, 2025

1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Remote Meeting:

This meeting will be held remotely by Zoom interactive conference technology. Board members, staff, and members of the public may participate in the remote meeting by using the following Zoom link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85679067954?pwd=j9Pq4btQ7pL32bdkjFOLvIkIArHPXK.1>

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Meeting ID: 856 7906 7954

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Physical Meeting:

A physical meeting location will be open to the public and will have an audiovisual connection, which will allow individuals at the physical meeting location to participate in the remote meeting. The address of the physical meeting location is 830 Punchbowl Street, Room #317, Honolulu, HI 96813.

Written and Oral Testimony:

Individuals may submit written testimony by U.S. mail or hand delivery at 830 Punchbowl Street, Suite 317, Honolulu, HI 96813 or by email at DLIR.Workforce.Council@hawaii.gov. To ensure that members are able to review testimony prior to the meeting, we encourage interested persons to submit written testimony by 24 hours prior to the meeting. Any written testimony submitted after such time testimony will be retained as part of the record and distributed to members as soon as practicable, but we cannot ensure members will receive it in sufficient time to review prior to any decision-making.

Individuals may provide remote oral testimony during the remote meeting at the Zoom link listed above. Individuals participating at the physical meeting location may also provide oral testimony during the remote meeting.

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AGENDA

- I. Call to Order.....Chair Tui Scanlan
- II. Presentation: Kawailoa: A Transformative Indigenous Model to End Youth Incarceration..... Naomi Caywood
Program Manager, Kinai Eha.

In 2022, the Partners in Development Foundation (PIDF) and its collaborators were awarded an eight-year, \$20 million grant from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation to support their joint efforts in the Kawailoa project, which focuses on restorative initiatives aimed at decreasing youth incarceration.

The Kawailoa project seeks to transform the youth justice system by replacing incarceration with a Native Hawaiian restorative approach—one that strengthens communities, equips youth with healing skills, and

reallocates resources toward culturally-rooted, community-led support systems. One of the partners in the project is Kinai Eha.

Kinai Eha is dedicated to supporting Native Hawaiian youth who are at risk of leaving school or encountering life difficulties. With a strong emphasis on personal growth and alternative education, the organization offers trauma-informed, values-driven programs that incorporate hands-on training in construction, opportunities for community service, and activities that strengthen cultural identity. Operating primarily in the Ko’olaupoko area, Kinai Eha works to break the patterns that often lead to incarceration by providing intensive guidance and support. Their impact is evident in meaningful outcomes such as helping participants achieve vocational certifications and stable housing.

1. Overview of the Kawailoa collaboration
2. Highlights of the Kinai Eha Program
3. Lessons learned and what the Future Holds
4. Opportunities for Community Collaboration

II. Next Steps: Roundtable Discussion:*Facilitated by Chair Scanlan*

Next Steps: *A conversation on participant’s insights on the issue of justice-challenged youth and their path to a viable workforce future.*

III. Executive Director’s Report*Bennette Misalucha, Executive Director, Workforce Development Council*

- a. Update on the transition of Workforce Development Council as an attached agency to Department of Labor and Industrial Relations

The Workforce Development Council and the Workforce Development Division are going through the process of delineating roles and responsibilities. This is a status report on the transition plan.

- b. Update on State 2024 Unified Plan.

After the Synergy Summit in December 2024, the Workforce Development Council is in the middle of implementing the State Unified Plan. Four teams have met to tackle each of the four pillars that is spelled out in the Plan. The update will provide information on the discussions from each of the Pillars.

c. Upcoming Events in 2025

IV. Announcements and Constituent Comments (if any)

At this time, the public is welcome to announce upcoming events and comment on relevant issues that were not included in this meeting's agenda. Please be advised that in compliance with the Sunshine Law, the Committee cannot discuss or act on issues that were not included in this meeting's agenda, but issues raised in constituent comments may be included in a future agenda for the Committee's consideration.

V. Next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for May 5, 2025 at 1:30 pm over zoom and at the Department of Labor offices, 830 Punchbowl Street, Room 317 Honolulu, Hawaii.

VI. Adjournment