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**WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL'S  
MILITARY AND VETERAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE AGENDA**

**Thursday, April 17, 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:*

***Join Zoom Meeting***

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89002773169?pwd=jFxfiYVQXjBaZoQHlje7aUY7jsNYsl.1>

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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](mailto: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 Trang Malone
- II. Presentations:

A. Pillar II of the State Unified Plan: Strengthening Education and Training  
Alliances Overview ..... Wanelle Kaneshiro and Joshua Kaakua, Pillar  
II Catalyst Team Leads

The presentation will provide an inspiring overview of the goals and objectives of the Pillar II Catalyst Team, focusing on building robust education and training alliances for our military veterans and their families as part of the State Unified Plan

B. Summary of "Mission Incomplete: Strengthening the Transition Assistance Program (TAP)" Congressional Hearing.....Cheryl Cross, Vice Chair, Military and Veteran Affairs Committee

A synopsis of the recent House Committee on Veterans Affairs Congressional hearing which tackled the subject of the Transition Assistance Program (TAP) and the recommendations for improvement.

C. Current Benefits for Military Veterans and Their Families at the University of Hawaii..... Dr. Farrah-Marie Gomes, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs, University of Hawaii

Dr. Gomes, who leads the Military-Connected Students Committee at the University of Hawaii, will provide a comprehensive overview of the current benefits available to military veterans and their families across all University of Hawaii campuses.

III. *Roundtable Discussion on Military Education Benefits..... Chair Trang Malone*

A discussion on ideas to support military education benefits and strategies to effectively communicate current benefits to service members, veterans, and their families.

IV. *Update on the Military Spouse Sub-Committee .....Carol Kanayama, Workforce Development Division*

A progress report and updates on initiatives supporting military spouses.

V. *Executive Director's Report..... Bennette Misalucha, Executive Director, Workforce Development Council*

A. Update on the 2024-2028 Unified Plan Implementation

A report on the activities related to the implementation of the State's Unified Plan including the recent convening of the four pillars of the Strategic Plan.

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

The Workforce Development Council became an attached agency to the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations in July 2024. The transition process is still ongoing, and the report will touch upon the status of the move.

C. Status on the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act unexpended funds for Program Year 2022.

1) Three Memorandum of Agreements with three Entities: a) University of Hawaii Community Colleges; b) Hawaii P-20 Partnership for Education; c) University of Hawaii Systems.

2) Three projects which will commence shortly: a) American Job Centers Awareness Public Relations Campaign; b) Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Research; c) Fiscal training for relevant fiscal officers.

VI. *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.

VII. *Next Meeting: The next meeting for the Military and Veteran Affairs Committee is tentatively scheduled for July 17, 2025, at 1:30 p.m. VIA Zoom or in person at 830 Punchbowl Street, Suite 317 Honolulu, Hawaii 96813.*

VIII. *Adjournment*