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**WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL
Workforce Synergy Summit II Agenda
Wednesday, July 9, 2025
8:00 am to 12:00 noon
Honolulu Community College
Building B, Second Floor, Loui Room
874 Dillingham Blvd, Honolulu, HI 96817**

This meeting will be held in person. Board members, staff, and members of the public may participate in the meeting.

Physical Meeting:

A physical meeting location will be open to the public and the address of the physical meeting location is Honolulu Community College, Building B, Second Floor, Loui Room at 874 Dillingham Blvd, Honolulu, HI 96817

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 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 participating at the physical meeting location may also provide oral testimony during the meeting.

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AGENDA

- I. Call to Order/ Roll Call.....*Chair Ken Loui*
- II. Aloha and Greetings
Dan Doerger, Honolulu Community College
Christine Sakuda, Chief Information Officer, State of Hawaii
- III. Agenda Overview*Bennette Misalucha,*
Executive Director, Workforce Development Council

The Executive Director will provide an overview of the day's activities and the goals of the Workforce Synergy Summit II.
- IV. Remarks

Ken Loui, Chair of the Workforce Development Council
As Chair of the Council, Chair Loui will underscore the Council's commitments to this effort, and will share the various themes that underpin the Council's priority initiatives.

Sophia Yager, National Governor's Association
Ms. Yager will provide a background of the technical grant from the National Governor's Association and the collaborative process which the Hawaii community underwent to get to this point.

Tui Scanlan, Council member, Workforce Development Council
Council member Scanlan will share his insights on why this Summit is important to our community. He will state his personal "why" on being involved with the Workforce Development Council and his experiences being on the Council.
- V. The Four Pillars: An Overview of the State Unified Plan..... *Bennette Misalucha,*

Executive Director, Workforce Development Council

The Executive Director will share the parameters of the State Unified Plan and the role of the Workforce Development Council in the development, modification, and implementation of the Plan. The presentation will also include an implementation timeline of the Plan.

VI. Pillar Presentations

The presentations will center around group meetings conducted by each of the Pillar Catalyst teams during the last six months and the priorities established. They will note which priority items should be pursued further.

Pillar I: Aligning With Economic Development*Dan Doerger and Thomas Chock*

Pillar II: Strengthening Alliances with Education and Training Providers....
Wanelle Kaneshiro, Keala Monaco, Joshua Koakua

Pillar III: Eliminating Barriers to Career Success *Cheryl Cross and Rona Fukumoto*

Pillar IV: Creating Workforce Synergies in our Community/ Prelude to the North Star Introduction *Keala Peters and Matthew Stevens*

VII. Unveiling of the North Star: Hawaii's Generational Commitment *Bennette Misalucha, Sophia Yager, Keala Peters, Matthew Stevens*

For the last six months, a small group of workforce stakeholders have been hard at work to develop Hawaii's North Star or what is now dubbed as "Hawaii's Generational Commitment." This presentation will provide information on the process, the elements and the data that guided its development.

VIII. Panel Discussion: How can our organizations align our efforts with Hawaii's Generational Commitment?

Facilitated by Sophia Yager and Malena Dailey, National Governors Association

Panelists:

<i>Hawaii P-20 Partnerships for Education</i>	<i>Stephen Schatz</i>
<i>Hawaii Department of Education</i>	<i>Tammi Chun-Oyadomari</i>
<i>University of Hawaii Systems:</i>	<i>Christine Beaulé</i>
<i>Non-Profit/Philanthropy:</i>	<i>Kathy Matayoshi (Hawaii Workforce Funders Collaborative)</i>

- IX. Next Steps in Hawaii’s Generational Commitment Journey... *Matthew Stevens, Bennette Misalucha*

The presentation will map out the data needs, the proposed measurements for success and the steps to a successful community roll out.

- X. Statewide Funding Map: Resources and Priorities..... *Matthew Stevens, Executive Director, Hawaii Workforce Funders Collaborative*

A presentation on the published results of the Statewide Funding project sponsored by the Hawaii Workforce Funders Collaborative and the Workforce Development Council, which provides a profile of the federal and local resources available for workforce development purposes.

- XI. Youth Speaker *Angela Chock, Hele Imua Intern, Workforce Development Council*

Topic: When you Imagine Your Life in 20 years, what kind of Hawaii do you want to live in? What would make you want to stay in Hawaii, or return, to build your life here in the Islands?

- XII. Closing *Ken Loui, Chair, Workforce Development Council*

- XIII. Adjournment