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# Sector Strategies and Career Pathways Committee Meeting Packet

Monday, May 11, 2026

1:00 pm to 2:30 pm

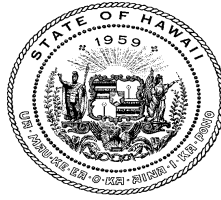


# Meeting Agenda

May 11, 2026

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**HAWAII WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL  
SECTOR STRATEGIES & CAREER PATHWAYS COMMITTEE MEETING**

**AGENDA**

**Date:** Monday, May 11, 2026

**Time:** 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm

**In-Person Meeting Location:** Princess Ruth Ke'elikolani Building  
830 Punchbowl Street, Room 317  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

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### **Vision Statement**

The Workforce Development Council’s vision is that all employers have competitively skilled employees and all residents seeking work or advancement have sustainable employment and self-sufficiency.

### **Mission Statement**

It is the intent of the Workforce Development Council to support and guide the implementation of the Unified State Plan through active collaboration and regional sensitivity for the purpose of aligning, coordinating, and integrating workforce services to meet the needs of employers and residents in order to foster a robust economy.

- I. Call to Order - Committee Chair Cary Miyashiro
- II. Approval of Minutes of April 13, 2026, Sector Strategies & Career Pathways Committee Meeting
- III. Presentations
  - A. Academy for Healthcare Innovation (AHI)
    - a. AHI Program
    - b. How can it support Health Academy programs in high school.
    - c. Resources available.
  - B. Pacific Asian Affairs Council (PAAC)
    - a. What is PAAC? What is its vision and mission?
    - b. Who does it serve? Who are its partners?
    - c. How it adds to or can add to Hawai'i's workforce?
- IV. Mission, vision, roles, and responsibilities of the Sector Strategies and Career Pathways Committee
  - A. Discussions of goals for the committee and current year
  - B. Discuss and change name of committee to reflect goals and targeted scope
- V. Executive Directors Report
  - A. Projects/ Activities

The Executive Director will report on the First Quarter Activities.

    - Recap of the First Hawaii Internship Summit, which was held on March 4, 2026
    - Recap of the Internship Excellence Awards, which were presented on March 4, 2026
    - Recap of the Modified State Unified Plan, which was approved on April 2, 2026
    - Implementation of the Modified State Unified Plan
    - Webinar series on the Transformation Journey of other states: Maine, North Dakota and North Carolina
    - Review of the Workforce Pell Grant Working Group
    - Review of the Eligible Training Provider List Task Force
    - Review of the Eligible Training Provider Platform Modernization project with University of Hawaii
    - Restructuring of the Employer Engagement Committee and the Sector Strategies and Career Pathways Committee
  - B. FOCUS FOR 2026 Quarter 2 and Quarter 3

The Executive Director will report on the focus for the next two quarters:

    - Orientation session for new Council members in April and May
    - Preparation for the implementation of the Workforce Pell Grant
    - Eligible Training Provider List (ETPL) Task Force (A specialized task force will be convened to streamline and strengthen the process for approving and monitoring eligible training providers.)
    - State Board Acting as the Local Board on Kaua'i (Training will be conducted to

ensure the State Board can fully meet its responsibilities when acting as the Local Workforce Board for Kaua'i)

- Certification of the Kaua'i American Job Center
- Prepare to conduct a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the operation of the Kauai American Job Center
- Mandatory Board Member Training – State and Local Boards (We are planning an in-person statewide joint training session in July, focusing on roles, governance, and compliance).
- Symposium Series on Artificial Intelligence, starting with April 30, 2026, event. (Other dates include June 25, September 3, October 29)
- Synergy Summit in July 2026
- Future of Work Conference on September 23, 2026
- Employer Engagement Listening Series (eight sessions) for June, July and August
- Research Project in collaboration with the Hawaii Employers Council
- Artificial Intelligence (AI) Research Project/ How are Hawaii companies preparing for AI?
- Building Staff Capacity (The Council will continue to strengthen its team and align staffing for optimum efficiency.)
- Establishing Parameters for Workforce Development Council Grants and Procurement of these services.
- Continuing to maximize the relevance of existing committees and adjust as needed.

#### VI. Next Meeting

Tentatively scheduled for Monday, August 3, 2026, from 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm. Virtual Videoconferencing Meeting via Zoom and in-person at 830 Punchbowl Street, Room 317, Honolulu, HI 96813.

#### VII. Adjournment

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# Meeting Minutes

April 13, 2026

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**Attendance:**

Cary Miyashiro, Committee Chair  
Jadyne Yomono-Manago  
Warren Kawano, Presenter, Hawaii P-20 Partners for Education  
Linda Weiland  
Randy Higa  
Karen Hanada, Presenter, Maui Food Innovation Center

**WDC Staff:**

Bennette Misalucha, Executive Director  
Jeanne Ohta  
Tyrone Apolinar  
Margaret Miura

- I. [Video 00:00:15] Meeting was called to order at 1:04 PM by Cary Miyashiro, Committee Chair.
- II. [Video 00:03:20] Minutes were approved as posted.
- III. Presentations
  - A. [Video: 00:03:44] Maui Food Innovation Center (MFIC) – Karen Hanada, Director, Extended Learning & Workforce Development, UH-Maui College
    - The Maui Food Innovation Center is a node or part of a larger vision for a statewide food and product innovation network.
    - The MFIC facility is a value-added food product entrepreneurship offering training in the following specialized services:
      - Cold Process
      - Dry Process
      - Wet Process
      - Packaging
    - MFIC contributes to economic diversification
      - Small business start-ups generated \$1 million per year of business revenue over the last two years
      - Global scaling
      - Disaster recovery and training
  - B. [Video: 00:37:04] Hawaii P20 Partnership for Education – Warren Kawano, Director, Career Pathway Strategies
    - Hawaii P20 Partnership for Education falls under the UH VP of Academic Strategy and covers a wide range of responsibilities from early childhood, K-12 academic readiness, post-secondary access, career pathways, and education to workforce
      - Gear Up Hawaii (annual grant from the US DOE)
      - Early awareness and readiness for undergraduate programs
      - Scholarships for College
      - Perkins V (and state CTE Plan)
      - [Hawai'i Career Pathways](#)
      - Career Counseling & Advising (UH & DOE Counselors)
      - Hawaii College & Career Navigators (Pilot Year 2): Enlist, Employ, Enroll
      - Career Pathway Development: Early college, work-based learning intermediaries, teaching as a profession (Educator Rising)
      - Education to Workforce Data ([Hawaii Data Exchange Partnership](#)) – longitudinal data from early childhood, K-12, post-secondary, and workforce; direct support to HIDEOE and UG for state and federal reporting; [Annual Review of Program Data](#)
- IV. [Video 01:20:28] Executive Director's Report – Bennette Misalucha, WDC Executive Director
  - A. Update on the 2024-2028 State Unified Plan Implementation & Plan Modification
  - B. Focus for the second quarter
- V. Discussion on the mission, vision, roles, and responsibilities of the Sector Strategies and Career Pathways Committee was deferred to the next meeting
- VI. [Video 01:26:28] Next Meeting: Monday, May 11, 2026, at 1:00 pm via Zoom and Room 317

VII. The meeting was adjourned at 2:31 p.m.

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# **Presentation: Academy for Healthcare Innovation**

**Bridget Lai**

Educate. Innovate. Elevate.

# Sector Strategies and Career Pathways Committee

May 11, 2026



## Mission

To educate the future healthcare workforce for a healthier Hawai'i

ACADEMY FOR  
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INNOVATION



## Pillars of Success



Stabilize the  
healthcare labor  
shortage



Provide work and education  
pathways to upskill and  
elevate students and the  
community



Partner with  
community-based  
education centers



Create alternative  
pathways to post-  
secondary degree  
acquisition

## Available Certificate Programs

	Length of Program (Weeks)	Tuition	Potential Salary Range*
Nurse Aide	8	\$1,500	\$59k - \$66k
Surgical Instrument Processing Technician	32	\$3,955	\$62k - \$75k
Medical Assistant	32	\$10,475	\$67k - \$79k
Surgical Technologist	40	\$13,350	\$110k - \$121k

\*Average Starting Salary with Benefits.

## Communities We Support

High School Graduates +  
Adult Learners



Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed



Native Hawaiians and  
Pacific Islanders



Women in STEMM

Science, Technology, Engineering, Math, Medicine

# Partners

**HAWAI'I  
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## Employers

## Education

## Community

# AHI Program Locations

## Nurse Aide

Leeward YMCA  
Waipahu

Kalanihookaha Community  
Learning Center  
Waianae

New  
Location!

## Surgical Instrument Processing Technician

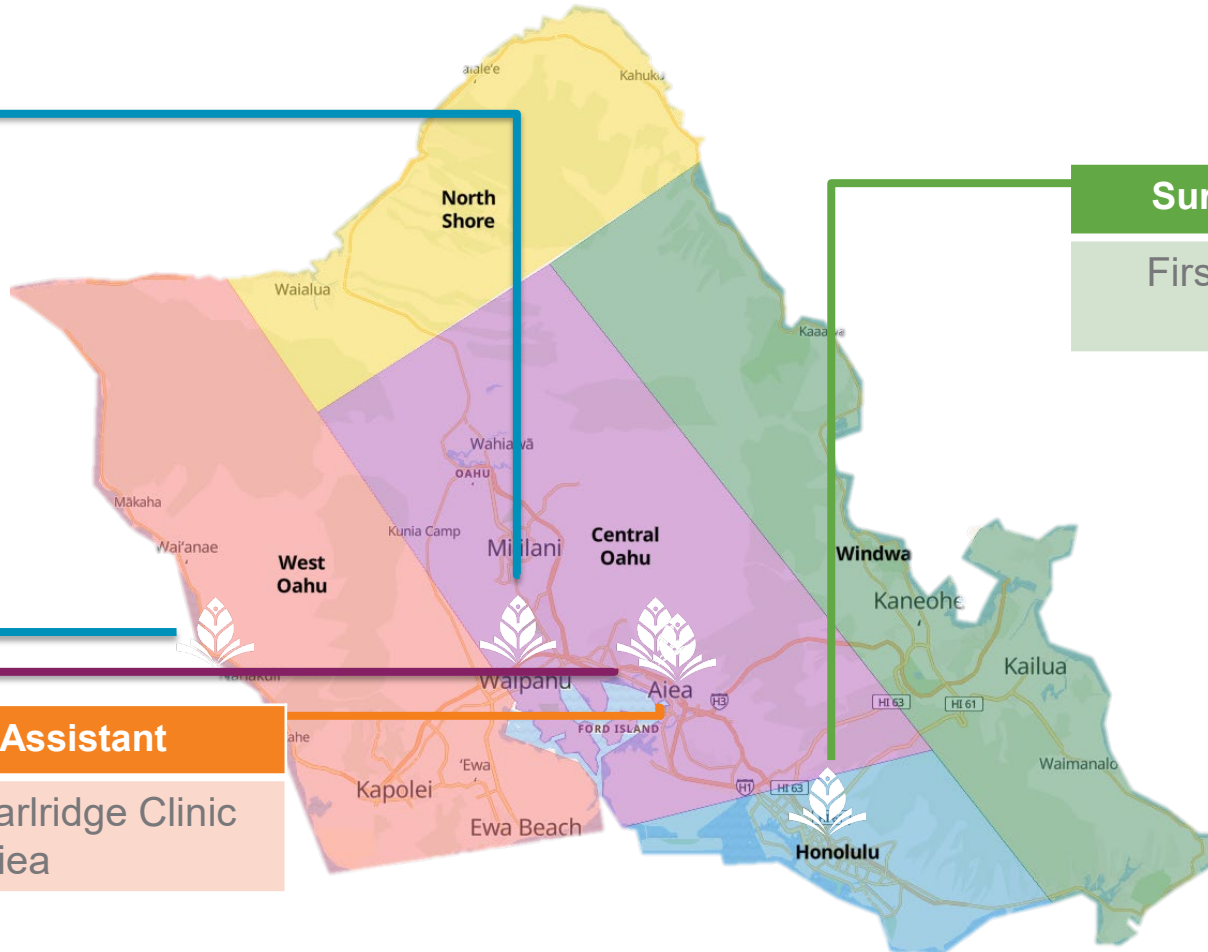
Pearlridge Office Center  
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## Medical Assistant

SBMC – Pearlridge Clinic  
Aiea

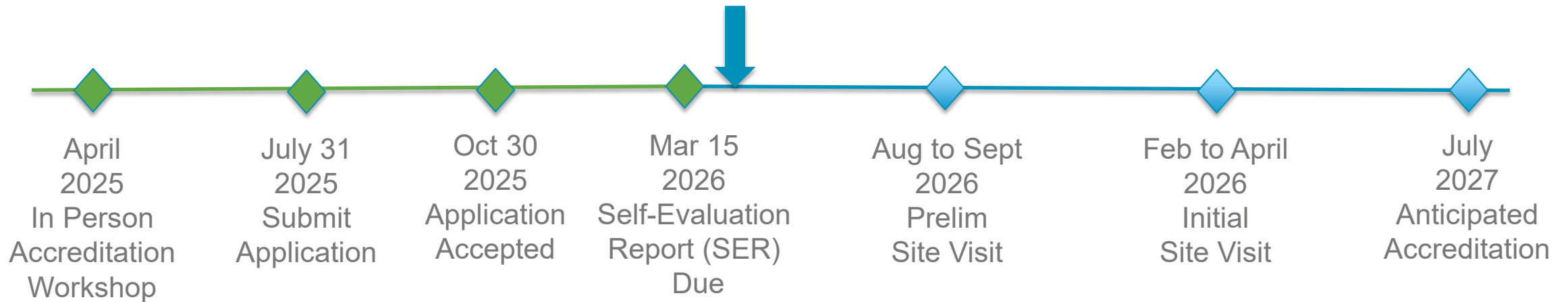
## Surgical Technologist

First Insurance Center  
Honolulu



# Journey to Accreditation

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HEALTH EDUCATION SCHOOLS



◆ Completed    ◆ Upcoming

# Student Demographic

## Gender

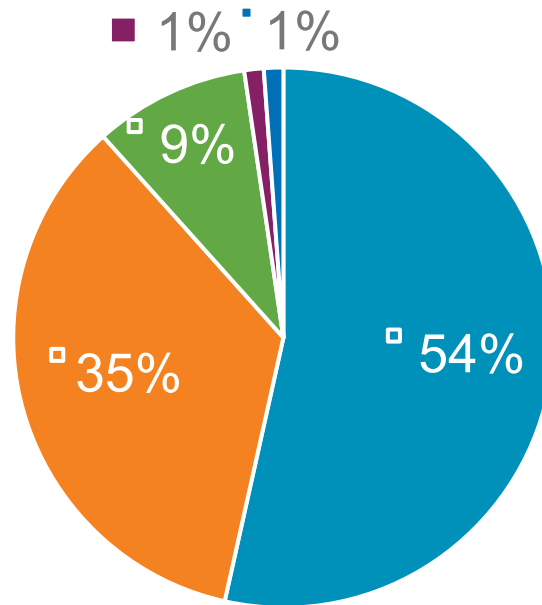


**80%**  
Female

**20%**  
Male



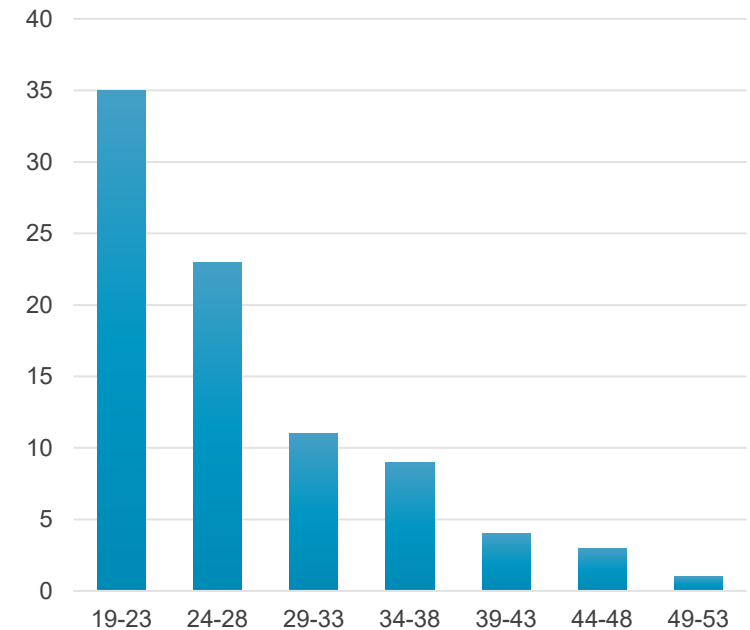
## Ethnicity



- Asian
- White
- Black or African American
- Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
- Hispanic or Latino

## Age






**Average Age 27**



# Tuition Assistance – AY 25-26



**73% Tuition Assistance**

	 MA	 NA	 SIPT	 ST
Employer Sponsored	19	24	2	8
	3	1	0	9
Independent	10	8	3	4
<b>Total Enrolled Students</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>21</b>

# Hands-On Learning in Action





# Recruitment – Career Fairs and Community Events

- Broad Community and Workforce Engagement
- Robust Student and Career Recruitment Outreach
  - Engagement with:
    - Students (6th – 12th grade)
    - Adult job seekers exploring entry into healthcare
- Building community partnerships



# Student Support – Wrap Around Services

Wrap Around Services Available



Resume Writing



Time Management



Workplace Etiquette



Financial Planning



**YMCA of Honolulu**  
Professional Development Program

## TRAINING Workshop

Advance your career through short, hands-on workshops that build practical, employer-relevant skills in leadership, conflict management, financial literacy, and job-seeking essentials.

**L** Saturday, Feb 21, 2026  
11:30AM-12:30PM

**L** Our Location  
LEEWARD YMCA

**Employer Relevant**  
workshops grounded in real workplace expectations and current industry practice.

**Interactive Sessions**  
Engage in dynamic, hands-on activities that allow you to apply what you learn in real-time.

[REGISTER HERE](#)

Additional Services Needed



Child Care



Transportation



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# Academy for Healthcare Innovation

Train in one of these positions and earn a certificate that opens doors to roles in the healthcare field.



## MEDICAL ASSISTANT

- Administers medications and measures vital signs
- Assists with medical procedures
- Manages medical records and insurance claims

Program Length: 32 weeks

Potential Salary Range: \$52K-\$61K



## NURSE AIDE

- Measures vital signs and monitors patients' conditions
- Assists patients with everyday activities (e.g., dressing, eating, etc.)
- Communicates effectively with other healthcare professionals

Program Length: 8 weeks

Potential Salary Range: \$46K-\$51K

## SURGICAL OPPORTUNITIES APPLY NOW



## SURGICAL INSTRUMENT PROCESSING TECHNICIAN

- Identifies and handles surgical instruments
- Operates sterilization equipment
- Helps to maintain a sterile environment

Program Length: 32 weeks

Potential Salary Range: \$48K-\$58K



## SURGICAL TECHNOLOGIST

- Prepares the operating room for surgical procedures
- Helps to ensure a sterile environment
- Assists surgeons during operations

Program Length: 40 weeks

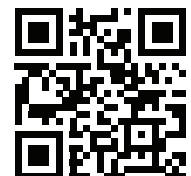
Potential Salary Range: \$85K-\$93K

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# **Pacific Asian Affairs Council**

**Niki Shishido**

# Roles and Responsibilities



## **Sector Strategies & Career Pathways Committee: Purpose, Scope, and Impact Roles and Responsibilities**

### **ORIGINAL ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

#### **Identify Priority Industry Sectors**

- Use statewide and regional labor-market intelligence to identify sectors critical to Hawai'i's economic growth (e.g., health care, green energy, technology, construction, hospitality, defense, and agriculture).
- Prioritize sectors that demonstrate strong job creation potential, quality career opportunities, and alignment with state economic priorities.
- Reassess sector priorities annually to reflect emerging trends, economic shifts, and statewide workforce needs.

#### **Develop and Maintain Sector Partnerships**

- Convene cross-sector partnerships that include employers, educators, workforce agencies, unions, community organizations, and economic development entities.
- Facilitate structured collaboration to solve shared workforce challenges such as talent shortages, skill gaps, and retention.
- Support the creation of sector “action tables” or working groups that meet regularly to implement strategies and monitor outcomes.

#### **Map and Strengthen Career Pathways**

- Identify existing and emerging career ladders within priority industries, from entry-level roles to advanced occupations.
- Align training and credential opportunities with progressive skill development and recognized industry certifications.
- Ensure that pathways are transparent, stackable, and accessible to youth, adults, career changers, veterans, justice-involved individuals, and other underrepresented populations.

#### **Align Training and Education with Industry Requirements**

- Work with training providers, community colleges, universities, and apprenticeship programs to ensure curricula match sector-specific competency needs.
- Promote short-term credential, apprenticeship, pre-apprenticeship, and work-based learning programs tied directly to in-demand occupations.

- Encourage the integration of emerging technologies, green skills, and digital literacy into all relevant training programs.

### **Integrate Labor Market Data into Decision-Making**

- Utilize real-time labor-market analytics to forecast skills demand, wage trends, and workforce shortages.
- Translate data into actionable guidance for providers, policymakers, and employers.
- Monitor performance metrics such as placement rates, credential attainment, wage growth, and pathway completion to assess impact.

### **Support ETPL and Workforce Pell Alignment**

- Ensure that sector strategies inform the development and vetting of programs on the Eligible Training Provider List (ETPL).
- Provide input on programs proposed for Workforce Pell eligibility to ensure alignment with priority sectors and quality outcomes.
- Promote consistency between federal, state, and local training investments.

### **Facilitate Employer Participation in Training Design and Delivery**

- Encourage employers to co-design curricula, provide equipment, share case studies, and host simulated learning environments.
- Advocate for structured internships, apprenticeships, and on-the-job training that embed mentorship and hands-on experience.
- Promote employer feedback loops to continuously refine program quality.

### **Promote Inclusive Talent Pipelines**

- Support initiatives that reduce barriers to entry such as childcare, transportation, language support, and supportive services.
- Champion outreach to rural communities, Native Hawaiian communities, immigrants, foster youth, displaced workers, and individuals with disabilities.
- Encourage programs that integrate career navigation, coaching, and job placement assistance.

### **Strengthen Regional Collaboration**

- Coordinate closely with county workforce boards to ensure sector strategies reflect regional realities and employer needs.
- Support alignment between American Job Centers, education partners, and economic developers at the local level.
- Share promising practices and regional lessons learned across the statewide network.

## **Monitor Progress and Report Outcomes**

- Establish clear goals, milestones, and accountability measures for each priority sector initiative.
- Track progress through dashboards and periodic committee briefings.
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## **COMMITTEE FOCUS ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES – for May 11, 2026, discussion**

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# **Executive Director's Report**

**Bennette Misalucha**



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Sector Strategies and Career Pathways Committee  
Monday, May 11, 2026

Bennette E. Misalucha



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# Agenda

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Report on First Quarter 2026 Event and Activities  
Focus on Second and Third Quarter

# First Quarter 2026 Activities

- *First Internship Summit – March 4, 3036*
- *Internship Excellence Awards*
- *Submission of the modified State Unified Plan – April 3, 2028*
- *Implementation of the State Unified Plan- Planning with Gen. Commitment Leadership Hui*
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# Hawaii State Unified Plan Timeline



# Second/Third Quarter Focus

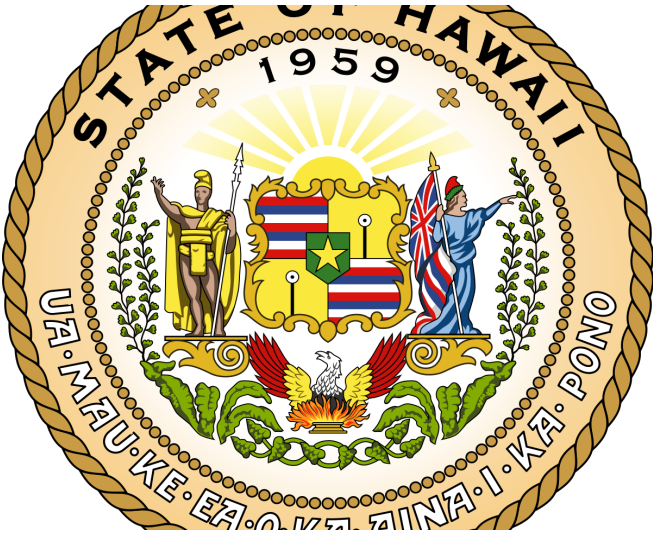
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- *Certification of the Kaua'i American Job Center*
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- *Mandatory Board Member Training - State and Local Boards (We are planning an in-person statewide joint training session in July, focusing on roles, governance, and compliance).*
- *Symposium Series on Artificial Intelligence, starting with April 30, 2026 event. (Other dates include June 25, September 3, October 29)*

# Second/Third Quarter Focus

- *Procurement of contracts using General Funds -Encumbered by June 30, 2026*
- *Synergy Summit in July 2026 (TBD)*
- *Future of Work Conference on September 23, 2026*
- *Employer Engagement Listening Series (eight sessions) for May, June, July, August and September*
- *Research Project in collaboration with the Hawaii Employers Council*
- *Artificial Intelligence (AI) Research Project/ How are Hawaii companies preparing for AI?*
- *Building Staff Capacity(The Council will continue to strengthen its team and align staffing for optimum efficiency.)*
- *Establishing Parameters for WDC Grants and Procurement of these services.*
- *Continuing to maximize the relevance of existing committees and adjust as needed.*

# UPCOMING EVENTS

- **April 30, 2026: Symposium 1: Where is AI Today and Where is it Going? 8:30 to 4:30 at Capitol Auditorium**
- **May 21, 2026 - WDC Quarter 2 Board Meeting**
- **May (TBD) - Listening Session 1**
- **June 2026 (TBD) - Listening Session 2 and 3**
- **June 25, 2026: AI Symposium 2**
- **July TBD : Synergy Summit III**
- **July 2026 (TBD) : Listening Sessions 4 and 5**
- **July 27, 2026: Mandatory Board Training**
- **August, 2026 (TBD) : Listening Sessions 6 and 7**
- **September 2026 (TBD) - Listening Session 8**
- **September: Workforce Development Month**
- **September 3, 2026: AI Symposium 3**
- **September 10, 2026: WDC Quarter 3 Board Meeting**
- **September 23, 2026: Future of Work Conference/ Workforce Heroes Awards**
- **October 29, 2026: AI Symposium 4**
- **November 12, 2026: WDC Quarter 4 Board Meeting**



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# Next Meeting

**Tentatively scheduled for Monday, August 3, 2026  
1:00 PM to 2:30PM**

# Adjournment