The Hawaii State Legislature’s
Keiki Caucus

Celebrating over two decades of advocacy on behalf of Hawaii’s Children and Youth!

2014 Legislative Package
The 2014 Legislative Session marks the **24th** anniversary of the Hawaii State Legislature's Keiki Caucus. Established in 1990, the idea of a Keiki Caucus spawned from a discussion with an elected official from another state at a conference in New York. Representative (now Senator) Suzanne Chun Oakland asked long-time children's advocate Representative Dennis Arakaki if he would work with her to establish a Children's Caucus in Hawaii. Rep. Arakaki immediately said "yes" and coined the name "Keiki Caucus". They believed a united group of legislators who were children and youth advocates, along with community groups could effectively streamline and identify more unified proposals that positively affected the well-being of Hawaii's children and youth. Elected officials often time introduce competing bills relating to children and the Keiki Caucus provides fellow lawmakers with a good process of assessing child well-being in Hawaii, brainstorming legislative and community solutions, and working together to implement those solutions. Currently, Representative John Mizuno and Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland serve as co-conveners.

The Keiki Caucus is a bipartisan group of **30** House and Senate members joined by a community resource group of over **150** children and youth advocates, various non-profits, educators, youth, parent groups, researchers, agency officials, businesses and other experts working to develop initiatives to address a variety of issues affecting Hawaii's children and youth, including **education, health, child safety, substance abuse, child welfare, youth development, leadership and employment opportunities and other critical issues**.

The bills and resolutions presented in the Keiki Caucus Legislative Package were submitted by the Keiki Caucus Resource Group after broad discussions and a vetting process from May through October, which culminates in the annual Children and Youth Summit, as well as bills and resolutions submitted by individual legislators. For an issue to become a part of the Keiki Caucus Legislative Package, at least 75% of members must approve it.

The annual Children and Youth Summit, held in October, brings together students, advocates, professionals, parents, policymakers and others interested in improving the well-being of Hawaii’s children and youth, to identify critical issues that affect the lives of our younger generation, their families and the broader community and work together to identify viable solutions and approaches to assure Hawaii’s keiki, ‘opio and their ohana remain happy, healthy, safe, ready to learn and succeed.
Membership

Rep. Henry J.C. Aquino  
D-38th Dist.

Rep. Karen Awana  
D-43rd Dist.

Sen. Rosalyn H. Baker  
D-6th Dist.

Rep. Tom Brower  
D-22nd Dist.

Sen. Suzanne Chun Oakland  
D-13th Dist.

Rep. Cindy Evans  
D-7th Dist.

Rep. Beth Fukumoto  
R-36th Dist.

Sen. Brickwood Galuteria  
D-12th Dist.

Rep. Faye P. Hanohano  
D-4th Dist.

Rep. Sharon E. Har  
D-42nd Dist.

Sen. David Y. Ige  
D-16th Dist.

Rep. Aaron Ling Johanson  
R-31st Dist.

Sen. Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran  
D-5th Dist.

Sen. Michelle N. Kidani  
D-18th Dist.

Rep. Bertrand Kobayashi  
D-19th Dist.

Sen. Donna Mercado Kim  
D-14th Dist.

Rep. Lauren Matsumoto  
R-45th Dist.

Rep. John M. Mizuno  
D-28th Dist.

Rep. Takashi Ohno  
D-27th Dist.

Rep. Karl Rhoads  
D-29th Dist.
Keiki Caucus Resource Group

- Abilities Unlimited
- ACTIVE Life Hawaii
- Adult Friends for Youth
- Aloha United Way
- Alu Like, Inc.
- American Cancer Society
- American Heart Association of Hawaii
- Blueprint for Change
- Boys and Girls Club of Hawaii
- Catholic Charities Hawaii
- Child & Family Service of Hawaii
- Children with Special Needs Coalition
- Coalition for a Drug-Free Hawaii
- Coalition for a Tobacco-Free Hawaii
- Community Alliance on Prisons
- Department of Education
- Department of Health
- Department of Human Services
- Department of the Attorney General
- Easter Seals Hawaii
- Epic ‘Ohana, Inc.
- Executive Office on Early Learning
- Family Hui
- Family Programs Hawaii
- Good Beginnings Alliance
- Hale Kipa
- Hawaii Alliance for Community Based Economic Development
- Hawaii Alliance of Nonprofit Organizations
- Hawaii Appleseed Center for Law and Economic Justice
- Hawaii Arts Alliance
- Hawaii Association for the Education of Young Children
- Hawaii Association of Independent Schools
- Hawaii Autism Foundation
- Hawaii Children’s Discovery Center
- Hawaii Community Foundation
- Hawaii Council on Economic Education
- Hawaii Families As Allies
- Hawaii Government Employees Association
- Hawaii Medical Service Association
- Hawaii Meth Project
- Hawaii Missing Kids
- Hawaii Pacific University
- Hawaii Primary Care Association
- Hawaii Public Health Institute
- Hawaii Youth Services Network
- Hawaiian Community Assets
Keiki Caucus Resource Group (cont.)

- Hawaii's Hearts
- Healthy Hawaii Initiative
- Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies Coalition of Hawaii
- Helping Hands Hawaii
- Highway Inn
- Hui for Excellence in Hawaii
- IMUAlliance
- INPEACE
- Iolani Palace
- Kama‘aina Kids
- Kamaka Green
- Kamehameha Schools
- Kanu Hawaii
- Kapiolani Medical Center - Cardiac Kids Parent Support Group
- Kapiolani Medical Center for Women and Children
- KEY Project
- Kids Hurt Too Hawaii
- Kokua Kalihi Valley Comprehensive Family Services
- Kusao & Kurahashi Inc.
- Learning Disabilities Association of Hawaii
- Loihi Communications
- Malama of Na Keiki
- March of Dimes
- Maui Chamber of Commerce
- Medical Home Works!
- Mental Health America of Hawaii
- Mililani Middle School PE Program
- Missing Child Center Hawaii
- NAMI Hawaii
- National Association of Social Workers-Hawaii Chapter
- Natural Investments LLC
- Nonie Toledo & Associates LLC
- Nutrition Unlimited
- Office of Hawaiian Affairs
- Office of the Lieutenant Governor
- Office of Youth Services
- Pacific Alliance to Stop Slavery
- Palama Settlement
- Parents and Child Together (PACT)
- Parents for Public Schools Hawaii
- Partners in Development Foundation
- PHOCUSED Hawaii
- Planned Parenthood of Hawaii
- Positive Moves Inc.
- Prevent Child Abuse Hawaii
- Public Access Room
- Salvation Army
- Special Parent Information Network
- State Council on Developmental Disabilities
- The Active Hawaii Organization
- The Affordable Housing and Homeless Alliance
- The Hilopa'a Project
- The Pacific American Foundation
- The Salvation Army
- UH Center on the Family
- UH Manoa - Bridge to Hope
- UH Manoa, JABSOM-Department of Psychiatry
- University of Hawaii
- University of Hawaii Foundation
- University of Hawaii Pediatric Residency Program
- Women Helping Women Maui
- YMCA of Honolulu

Photos submitted by Keiki Caucus and Resource Members
# 2014 Package

* Indicates priority identified at the 2013 Children and Youth Day Summit

## SAFETY and WELL-BEING

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<td>SB2211</td>
<td><strong>Relating to Youth</strong>&lt;br&gt;*Office of Youth Services; Safe Places for Youth Pilot Program; Appropriation&lt;br&gt;Requires the office of youth services to coordinate a five-year safe places for youth pilot program to establish a network of safe places where youth can access safety and services. Establishes the position of safe places for youth program coordinator. Establishes rules to allow minors to consent to enter the safe places program and provide immunity from liability to safe place providers and other related service providers. Makes appropriation.</td>
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<td>HB1697</td>
<td><strong>Relating to the Child Support Enforcement Agency</strong>&lt;br&gt;*Appropriation; Department of the Attorney General; Child Support Enforcement Agency&lt;br&gt;Appropriates funds to the department of the attorney general for various positions within the child support enforcement agency.</td>
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## EDUCATION

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<td>SB2060</td>
<td><strong>Pending Introduction</strong>&lt;br&gt;*Relating to Youth&lt;br&gt;Youth: After-School Programs; R.E.A.C.H. Program; Appropriation&lt;br&gt;Establishes the resources for enrichment, athletics, culture and health (R.E.A.C.H.) program in the Office of Youth Services to provide a standardized framework and funding for after-school programs in public middle and intermediate schools. Establishes a revolving fund to receive fees and other moneys to supplement the costs of administering and operating the program. Appropriates funds for establishing the R.E.A.C.H. program to provide funding for after-school programs in middle and intermediate public schools. Establishes one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) position to support the program and appropriates funds for that position.</td>
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<td>SB2213</td>
<td><strong>Pending Introduction</strong>&lt;br&gt;*Relating to Health&lt;br&gt;Keiki Caucus; Department of Education; Comprehensive Sex Education&lt;br&gt;SPECIFIES ADDITIONAL ELEMENTS OF HAWAI’I’S EXISTING SEXUALITY HEALTH EDUCATION LAW AND ITS IMPLEMENTATION. REQUIRES THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO PROVIDE CERTAIN TYPES OF INFORMATION TO THE PUBLIC AND PARENTS. ALLOWS PARENTS TO OPT OUT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION’S SEXUALITY HEALTH EDUCATION.</td>
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<td><strong>Pending Introduction</strong>&lt;br&gt;*Relating to Education&lt;br&gt;Restraint of Children in School; Seclusion&lt;br&gt;Establishes conditions and procedures for the use of restraint and seclusion in schools.</td>
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SB2210 (Companion) - pending introduction
Relating to Education
Youth Risk Behavior Survey
Requires the department of education to administer the youth risk behavior survey to all public school and charter school students in odd-numbered years for grades six to twelve. Requires all private schools to administer the youth risk behavior survey to all students in odd-numbered years for grades six to twelve. Allows parents or legal guardians to exempt their child from participating in the survey.

SB2203 (Companion) - pending introduction
Relating to Voting
Department of Education; Department of Human Services; Voluntary Foster Youth; Voter Registration Information
Requires the department of education to provide seniors at every public school with voter registration information prior to graduation. Requires the department of human services to provide young adults who are in the young adult voluntary foster care program with information on voter registration and authorizes the department to assist young adults with registering to vote.

SB2209 (Companion) - pending introduction
Relating to Higher Education
Board of Regents; Tuition; University of Hawaii
Requires the board of regents to conduct a study on the feasibility of implementing a plan at the University of Hawaii that will allow students to pay a fixed percentage of their income for a set number of years after graduation rather than pay tuition while attending school.

SB2225 (Companion) - pending introduction
Relating to Child Support
Child Support; Child Support Enforcement Agency; Adult Dependent Children; Education
Requires adult children to annually demonstrate educational enrollment to continue receiving child support.

Pending Introduction
Concurrent Resolution
Requesting the Board of Education and Department of Education to report on the status of the sexuality health education programs in public schools and the feasibility of developing a uniform, mandatory sexuality health education program for all public school students.

**HEALTH and EARLY INTERVENTION**

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| SB2220 (Companion) - pending introduction | Relating to Health
Healthy Start; Child Abuse Prevention; Appropriation
Appropriates funds for healthy start child abuse prevention services. |
| SB2212 (Companion) - pending introduction | Relating to Tobacco
Tobacco; Flavored Tobacco Products
Prohibits the sale of flavored tobacco products. |
| SB2226 HB1571 | Relating to Gardens
HCDA; Education; School Gardens; Community Gardens
Authorizes the department of education and Hawaii community development authority to develop programs that provide incentives to establish school and community gardens. |
Relating to Health
Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder; Appropriation
Creates a coordinating council and coordinator position within the department of health’s family health services division to coordinate and develop information, education, policy, and support services for fetal alcohol spectrum disorder.

Relating to Child Health
Child Health; Early Intervention; Appropriation
Creates an appropriation for early intervention services and a web-based early intervention data system. Creates an appropriation for services for children with developmental concerns who do not qualify for services through the Individuals with Disabilities Improvement Education Act including family liaison services and medical home integration with Hi’ilei Hawai’i. Creates an appropriation for school-based vision, hearing, and obesity screening. Creates an appropriation for expenses needed to fund multiagency reviews of child deaths and re-establish a child death review coordinator position.

Relating to Tanning
Tanning Facilities; Tanning Equipment; Notice; Warning Signs; Requirements; Minors; Penalties
Makes it unlawful for tanning facilities and operators to allow use of tanning equipment by anyone under the age of eighteen. Requires all tanning facilities and operators to provide written notice, post warning signs, and meet certain requirements relating to the safe operation of tanning equipment.

Relating to Flavored Tobacco Products
Tobacco Products; Tobacco Products; Electronic Smoking Devices; Menthol; Penalties
Prohibits the sale, offering for sale, or distribution of any flavored tobacco product, including menthol products and electronic smoking devices, within the State beginning on January 1, 2015.

Concurrent Resolution*
Requesting the Department of Education to partner with the Department of Agriculture, Office of Planning, Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation, and other agriculture stakeholders to develop a Farm-To-School Program to provide locally grown produce for salad bars at all public schools in the State.

Pending Introduction
Bill draft regarding the use of epinephrine in schools.

REDDUCING FINANCIAL BURDEN OF FAMILIES

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| SB2205      | Relating to Taxation  
Earned Income Tax Credit; EITC; Taxation  
Establishes a refundable state Earned Income Tax Credit. Requires the Department of Taxation to provide a report to the Legislature, Governor, and the public of the Earned Income Tax Credit's usage for the previous year. |
| SB2202      | Relating to Tax Credits  
Refundable Food/Excise Tax Credit  
Amends the refundable food/excise tax credit. Ties the credit to increases in the Consumer Price Index. |

SB2219  
HB1681

Similar: HB611
Relating to Taxation
Taxation; Low-Income Tax Credit; Earned-Income Tax Credit; Refundable Food/Excise Tax Credit; Low-income Household Tax Credit
Establishes an earned-income tax credit and reduces or eliminates the state income tax liability for taxpayers with a federal adjusted gross income of less than 125 percent of the federal poverty guidelines set forth each year by the United States Department of Health and Human Services. Amends existing tax incentives for low-income household renters and taxpayers utilizing the refundable food/excise tax credit. Applies to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2014.

SB2207 (Companion)-pending introduction
Relating to Income Tax
Income Tax; Credit; Tax Liability
Reduces or eliminates the state income tax liability for taxpayers with a federal adjusted gross income of less than 125 percent of the federal poverty guidelines set forth each year by the United States Department of Health and Human Services. Applies to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2014.

SB2208 (Companion)-pending introduction
Relating to Income Tax Credits
Income Tax Credit; Low-Income Household Renters
Amends income tax credit for low-income household renters to adjust for inflation.

ENVIRONMENT

BILL NUMBER | DESCRIPTION
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Relating to the Keiki, 'Opio, and Kupuna Trust Fund
Keiki, 'Opio, and Kupuna Trust Fund; Department of Land and Natural Resources; Food-bearing Trees; Native Trees; Keiki Caucus; Kupuna Caucus
Establishes a program for individuals to purchase native or food-bearing trees to be planted on state-owned lands. Establishes the keiki, 'opio, and kupuna trust fund to collect funds received by the program and to support the program. After ten years, requires the annual interest earned on the trust corpus to be used for programs supporting children, youth, and the elderly.

OTHER AREAS OF INTEREST

BILL NUMBER | DESCRIPTION
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HB1700
State Budget Bill
Bill of Interest: Relating to the State Budget
- Funding for early childhood education in public and private early learning settings
- Funding to the Board of Agriculture for outreach positions to assist in coordinating adequate local food supply and to help the DOE in their statewide school lunch and breakfast program*

Pending Introduction
Bill draft to establish paid family leave temporary caregiver insurance.
Relating to Youth Adult Offenders
Youth Adult Defenders; Department of Public Safety; Life Sentences without Parole
Establishes the young adult rehabilitation special fund. Exempts young adult defendants from a sentence of life sentence without the possibility of parole except where required for murder or attempted murder. Prohibits young adult defendants from being transported out of state to serve sentences. Establishes within the department of public safety the temporary young adult rehabilitation advisory group. Makes appropriation.

RELATING TO MEDICAL AMNESTY
Good Samaritan Policies; Medical Amnesty; Controlled Substances
Establishes limited immunity for individuals who seek medical assistance for victims of alcohol or drug-related overdoses or themselves during an alcohol or drug-related overdose emergency.

Relating to Child Visitation
Child Custody; Primary Caregiver Visitation
Permits family courts to award reasonable visitation to primary caregivers under certain circumstances. Establishes presumption that a parent’s decision regarding visitation is in the best interests of the child, which may be rebutted by evidence that denial would cause harm to the child. Identifies factors a court may consider in awarding visitation. Grants the court discretion to place reasonable restrictions, including time limitations, on visitation.

Relating to Child Visitation
Child Custody; Grandparent Visitation
Permits family court to award reasonable visitation to grandparents of a child if denial of visitation would cause significant harm to the child. Establishes presumption that visitation decisions by parent are in the best interests of the child. Presumption may be rebutted by a preponderance of the evidence. Identifies factors court may consider in awarding visitation.

Relating to Change of Name
Name Change; Children; Sexual Abuse; Divorce
Allows a family court to change the name of a minor child in a divorce proceeding of the parents if the child was the victim of child sexual abuse by either parent or if the court determines that the name change is in the best interests of the child when there has been no conviction of the parent for sexual abuse.

Relating to Guardianship of Minors
Guardianships; Minors; Notice
Amends the list of individuals that a petitioner is required to provide notice to regarding the time and place of the hearing for a petition for guardianship.

Relating to Minors
Conversion Therapy; Sexual Orientation; Minors
Prohibits teachers and persons who are licensed to provide professional counseling from engaging in sexual orientation change efforts with a person under eighteen years of age.

Bill of Interest: Relating to Foster Care Services
Foster Care Services; Monthly Board Rate; Increase; Appropriation
Increases the monthly board rate distributed by the Department of Human Services for foster care services for children. Effective 7/1/2051.
Bill of Interest: Relating to Agriculture
*Agriculture; Food Security; Appropriations*
Establishes an agricultural development and food security program.
Establishes state planning objectives to increase demand and access to locally grown foods. Establishes state planning objectives to increase production of locally grown foods. Makes appropriations. Effective July 1, 2030.

Bill Tracking


**Keiki Caucus Email List:** email t.maae@capitol.hawaii.gov to be added to the notification list.

Keiki Caucus Meetings

**During Session (January-May):** Meetings are held in conjunction with major deadlines. The next meeting is on **Thursday, February 6, 2014 from 2:00pm-3:00pm in State Capitol Conference Room 016 (chamber level).**

**During Interim (May-December):** Meetings are held monthly.
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