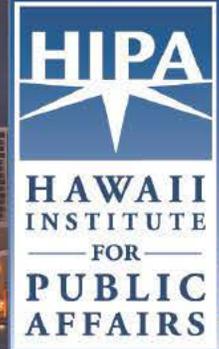


HAWAII INSTITUTE FOR PUBLIC AFFAIRS



The Hawaii Institute for Public Affairs (HIPA) generates and communicates new knowledge and original research to improve the quality of life in our islands. By creating an informed atmosphere for policymakers and community leaders, we provide tools and opportunities to strengthen Hawaii's public decision-making process.

We are Hawaii's first independent and nonpartisan public policy institute. HIPA is founded on a philosophy of community collaboration, fact-based research and issues education. Our tools include convening small- and large-scale community conversations, surveying stakeholders and industry leaders, providing sound research and data, gathering public input, and communicating through the media, Internet and additional channels.

Our Mission

The Hawaii Institute for Public Affairs ("HIPA") is a nonprofit, nonpartisan and independent research and educational organization whose mission is *to provide research, analysis and recommendations on public policy issues facing Hawaii, and to provide opportunities for individuals to develop as productive leaders and citizens in society.* We are a positive force that facilitates social and economic progress that benefits the people of Hawaii.

Our Guiding Principles

- *People are our greatest and most valuable resource. We teach skills, and give guidance in developing leaders that are visionary, courageous, effective, compassionate and inspirational.
- *We emphasize collaborative action and results in creating opportunities and solving problems.
- *Sound public policy is based on careful research and analysis.
- *We take no sides. We are a place where public issues can be aired, addressed and resolved.
- *Social and economic progress requires the commitment and participation of all sectors of society.

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PROJECTS & INITIATIVES

HEALTH POLICY

The Hawaii Healthcare Project

Recognizing the need to transform the way healthcare services are delivered, managed and reimbursed throughout our state, HIPA convened The Hawaii Healthcare Project, a public-private partnership between the State of Hawaii and healthcare industry stakeholders. HIPA is engaging parties in identifying strategies that will result in a significant, positive change in how we deliver and pay for care, use information technology and data for continuous improvement, and shape public policy and programs to support these changes.



Hawaii Uninsured Project ("HUP")

HUP was a research and community-based effort to reduce the number of uninsured in Hawaii. Currently, about 10 percent or 120,000 persons in Hawaii are without health insurance. The project received grants from the Hawaii Community Foundation, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration and the HMSA Foundation. The project was incubated in the HMSA Foundation and transferred to HIPA in April 2002. Project collaborators included the UH Social Science Research Institute, Hawaii Department of Health and the Hawaii Health Information Corporation.

Hawaii Health Policy Task Force

HIPA was requested by the Hawaii State Legislature to convene a statewide task force to address health policy and access to care issues. The taskforce, pursuant to HB1304 (SLH 2005), includes a cross-section of community members appointed by the Governor.

Hawaii Long Term Care Policy Summit

HIPA co-sponsored a statewide public policy summit with the Executive Office of Aging and the University of Hawaii to assess Hawaii's long term care infrastructure and service requirements. The Summit augmented the work of the Long Term Care Financing Board created in past legislative sessions.

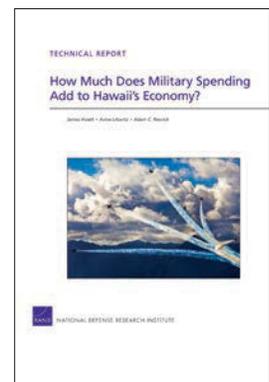
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES

Hawaii New Economy Initiative I & II

HIPA completed a comprehensive benchmark analysis of Hawaii's new economy activities. The study provides an assessment of Hawaii's activities relating to workforce development, technology infused industries, high tech products and services, entrepreneurial culture and globalization. Initial report was conducted in 2003, with an update in 2005.

Impact of the Military in Hawaii

HIPA, in coordination with the Military Affairs Council of the Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii, teamed up with the RAND Corporation in conducting a comprehensive study on the impact of the military in Hawaii. The study evaluated the role the military plays in Hawaii, including evaluating the economic and community impacts they have on our state.



Inventory on Public Infrastructure in Hawaii

HIPA received a grant from the U.S. Department of Commerce to conduct a statewide study on Hawaii's physical infrastructure needs. The study consolidated State and local government repair and maintenance requirements in attempts to provide baseline data for more comprehensive long-range infrastructure planning.

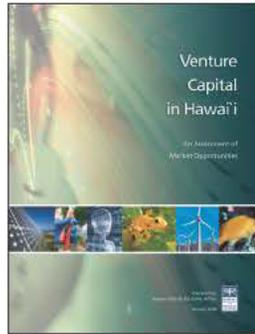
A Strategic Plan for Dual Use Technologies in Hawaii

HIPA assessed the role and potential of developing dual use technology in Hawaii, where DOD research and development can be used for both national security and commercial purposes. The study also provided recommendations on how this emerging sector can better develop as a viable industry in Hawaii.



Venture Capital in Hawaii

HIPA conducted a comprehensive review of the supply and demand of venture capital in Hawaii to support Hawaii's growth industries. As part of the study, HIPA evaluated 27 venture funds and 63 growth industry companies to determine the availability of business capital for start-up companies.



Hawaii Jobs Initiative

HIPA, in coordination with the Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii and Pacific Resource Partnership, conducted research and analysis on labor demands that large upcoming military construction projects will have on Hawaii's construction industry. Additionally, HIPA's efforts included assessment of other workforce, health, socio-economic, and housing impacts of increased demand and importation of construction labor to Hawaii.

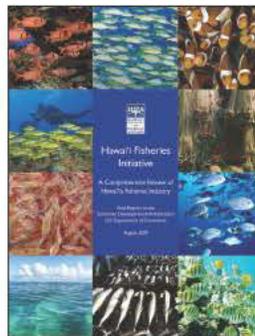
ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

Hawaii Energy Policy Forum

HIPA is partnering with the University of Hawaii Public Policy Center to develop an implementation plan to develop policy efforts to encourage alternative energy and energy efficiency strategies in Hawaii. The Hawaii Energy Policy Forum consists of over fifty policy and energy stakeholders who gather to evaluate, formulate and effectuate energy policy for Hawaii.

Hawaii Fisheries Initiative

HIPA conducted a statewide study on Hawaii's fisheries and seafood industry, including its economic impact on Hawaii; workforce status; import and export characteristics; seafood processing, marketing and quality control; conservation and marine resource management; cultural and historic aspects of fishing; policy and regulatory framework; industry support and data collection mechanisms; as well as the identification of opportunities, challenges and issues facing the industry.



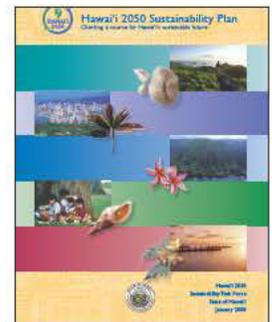
Hawaii Food & Biotechnology Initiative

HIPA received a national grant from the Pew Food & Biotechnology Initiative, a project of the Pew Charitable Trust, to serve as a neutral convener amongst key stakeholder groups on the use of genetically engineered ("GE") crops in Hawaii. With competing interests and objectives between organic and GE farmers, businesses, environmentalists, policy makers and consumers, HIPA facilitated a statewide policy dialogue to resolve major policy and regulatory issues on food & biotechnology in Hawaii.

OTHER PROJECTS AND POLICY INITIATIVES

Hawaii 2050 Sustainability Plan

Pursuant to Act 8 (SLH2005), HIPA and the UH College of Social Sciences Public Policy Center is providing technical assistance to the Office of the Auditor in creating a Hawaii 2050 Sustainability Plan. This community-based planning activities encompasses a wide range of issues relating to Hawaii future, including economic development, land use and conservation, education, health & human services, agriculture, tourism, amongst others.



Systemic Approach to Building 21st Century Schools

HIPA conceptualized and initiated a major public education and land use research project which has resulted in legislation to optimize underutilized public school lands to generate a sustained revenue stream to build 21st century schools in Hawaii. Sponsored by The Learning Coalition and the Ford Foundation, HIPA studied various public land trusts throughout the U.S., analyzed Hawaii's land use and education systems, and evaluated the potential value of public school lands as a basis for major land and educational reform in Hawaii.

Hawaii Directory of Elected Officials

Each year, HIPA publishes a statewide directory of elected officials which provides citizens with a comprehensive guide to federal, state and local elected officials. The directory, distributed to over 30,000 citizens, is the most widely used resource to contact government and elected officials. In 2013, HIPA introduced a web-based application optimized for use on smartphones.

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William M. Kaneko, President and CEO

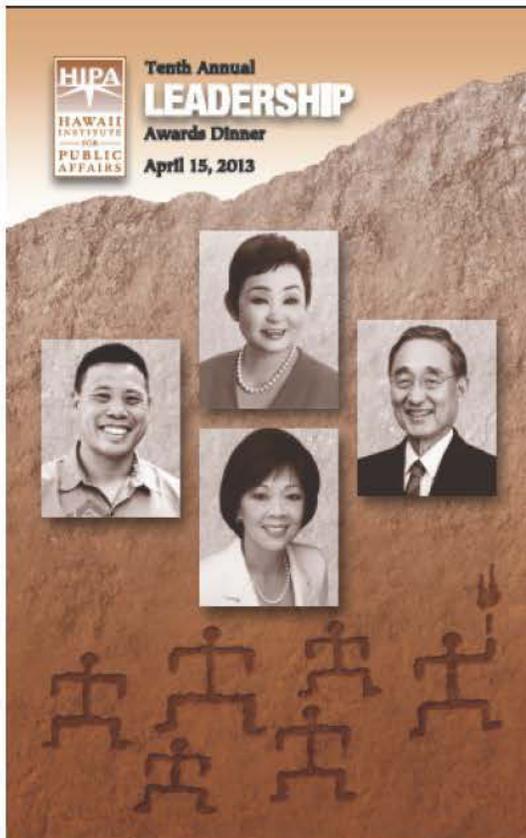
Mr. Kaneko is the founder, president and chief executive officer of HIPA. He is also an attorney with the Honolulu law firm Alston Hunt Floyd & Ing, where he specializes in government relations and administrative law. He served on the professional staff of Hawai'i Governor John D. Waihee III. He served as national vice president for public affairs for the Japanese American Citizens League, the largest Asian Pacific American civil rights organization in the country. He received his bachelor of arts degree from the University of Puget Sound and his juris doctor degree from the Catholic University of America. In 2003, he received an honorary doctor of laws degree from the University of Puget Sound.

Jeanne Schultz Afuwai, Executive Vice President

Ms. Afuwai has decades of experience in planning and implementation strategies in government and business. She served as executive director of the Office of Economic Development at the City & County of Honolulu; deputy director and interim director of the State Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT); and deputy director of the State Department of Transportation (DOT). Prior, she served as marketing manager at the James Campbell Estate, overseeing all aspects of the communications/branding program to accomplish the Estate's goal of developing the new City of Kapolei in Central Oahu. She earned a bachelor of science at the University of Wisconsin, Madison.

Andrew Takuya Garrett, Project Director

Mr. Garrett joined HIPA in April 2012 as project manager of The Hawaii Healthcare Project, a public-private partnership between the Office of the Governor and Hawai'i's leading healthcare organizations to transform Hawai'i's healthcare system. He previously served as vice president of Communications Pacific, where he managed the firm's Community Building practice. Earlier, he served as office manager and committee clerk for State Representative Kenneth T. Hiraki, then-chair of the House Consumer Protection and Commerce Committee. He is a graduate of the University of Hawai'i at Manoa, with a bachelor of arts in political science and a master of arts in public administration.



LEADERSHIP AWARDS DINNER

IN 2013, HIPA WILL BE HOSTING ITS TENTH ANNUAL LEADERSHIP AWARDS DINNER, WHERE IT WILL CONTINUE ITS TRADITION OF CELEBRATING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THOSE WHO HAVE MADE A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT IN THE PUBLIC POLICY ARENA.

EVERY YEAR, HIPA HONORS LEADERS IN BUSINESS, LABOR, GOVERNMENT, COMMUNITY, AND THE CULTURE AND ARTS WITH ITS PRESTIGIOUS HO'OU LU AWARD FOR THEIR DETERMINATION AND DEVOTION TO EXCELLENCE IN THEIR PROFESSIONS, AND FOR INSPIRING IN OTHERS AN UNWAVERING COMMITMENT TO MAKE HAWAI'I A BETTER PLACE.

NOTABLE PAST HONOREES INCLUDE THE LATE U.S. SENATOR DANIEL K. INOUE, U.S. SENATOR DANIEL K. AKAKA AND GOVERNOR GEORGE ARIYOSHI.

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