



WORKING TOGETHER TO HELP OTHERS

PLEASE JOIN US FOR LUNCH

Monday October 23, 2017, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Miyama Main Hall, Harris United Methodist Church, Nuuanu Ave & South Vineyard Blvd.

Ample parking—driveway off Nuuanu Ave.

ANNUAL SENIOR ADVOCATES AND STAKEHOLDERS PRIORITIES FORUM –

**A GATHERING FOR ORGANIZATIONS TO SHARE THEIR HIGHEST PRIORITIES FOR THE
COMING YEAR – A CHANCE TO SOLICIT MUTUAL SUPPORT**

Agenda:

- 11:30 Luncheon: Various Pizzas, Salad, and Dessert—\$5.00 Donation
- 11:45 Welcome, Introductions and Remarks, Jim Shon, Interim President
- 12:00 **3-5 MINUTE PRESENTATIONS BY INVITED AND CONFIRMED SPEAKERS**
- 1: 25 **3 x 5 CARD “VOTES” ON TOP FOUR PRIORITIES**

LEGISLATIVE KUPUNA CAUCUS ITEMS FOR REVIEW

Each year the joint House-Senate Kupuna Caucus selects ten items for priority advocacy in the coming legislative session.

Here is the current proposed “list” of 19 issues/priorities. The Caucus will meet again in December to select the top ten. Because this is the second year in the two-year cycle, many bills that did not pass last year may still be “alive.”

1. HB 833 from 2017: Tightens up the law to discourage licensed facilities from “converting” to unlicensed, and thus beyond the oversight of the Department of Health.

2. HB 611/ SB 532 from 2017: Provides for an Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementia Coordinator.
3. Clarifying the recertification requirements for Certified Nurses Aids – addressing house of work experience and other criteria.
4. Housing inspection visits for private construction.
5. Housing inspection visits for public construction.
6. HB 608 – Kupuna Care Appropriation.
7. HB 612 – Aging Disability Resource Centers (ADRC) Appropriation.
8. HB 615 – Healthy Aging Appropriation.
9. HB 607 – Kupuna Caregivers Appropriation.
10. HB 613 – Mandated Coverage for Hearing Aids.
11. Proposing Establishment of Kupuna Centers at each UH Community College Campus.
12. HB 443 – Promoting Public Financing of Elections.
13. HB 1401 – Expanding Voting by Mail.
14. HB 1012 – Capturing taxes on Investment Trusts owned by out of state investors.
15. HB 1815 – Taxing Air B&Bs.

16. Proposed \$250,000 Appropriation for the Hawaii Health Authority.
17. SB 1129 – Medical Aid in Dying.
18. SB 1201 – Mandates Resort Fees Subject to Tourist Tax.
19. Proposed Policy requiring timely reimbursement for county providers of senior services.

COUNTY FOUR YEAR PLANS ON AGING

This year all four counties will begin the process of updating their four-year aging plans.

Here are the goals each county plan must address:

Four-Year Goals and Objectives

GOAL 1:

Older individuals and their caregivers have access to information and an integrated array of health and social supports

GOAL 2:

Older individuals are active, healthy and socially engaged

GOAL 3:

Families are supported in caring for their loved ones

GOAL 4:

Older individuals are ensured of their rights and benefits and protected from abuse, neglect and exploitation

GOAL 5:

Older individuals have in-home and community based long-term care options

GOAL 6:

Hawaii's communities have the necessary economic, workforce and physical capacity for an aging society



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Who Are We?

The **Kokua Council** is one of Hawaii’s oldest advocacy groups. There is a \$10.00 annual membership to defray printing and postage costs. At each meeting, topical issues are presented for discussion and possible action. We embrace diversity and extend a special invitation to any senior or intergenerational minded individual interested in advocating for these important issues in Hawaii.” All are welcome. **WHEN:** 4th Monday of every month, 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. **WHERE:** Harris United Methodist Church @ Nuuanu & South Vineyard Blvd., Ample parking and a light lunch are provided for \$5.00 Donation. **REACH US:** c/o Harris United Methodist Church, 20 South Vineyard Blvd, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Mission: “Kokua Council advocates and seeks to empower seniors and other concerned citizens to be effective advocates in shaping the future and well-being of our community, with particular attention to those needing help in advocating for themselves. “

YOUR 2017 OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

Board and attending community members elected the 2017 Kokua Council Officers and Board Members. Officers: President – OPEN; Vice President (& acting President) - Jim Shon, 282-1509; Secretary – Lyn Moku; Treasurer – Barbara Service, 732-3688 Board Members: Charles Carole; T. J. Davies, tjdavies@juno.com ; Larry Geller, 540-1928; Phyllis Hiramatsu, Tony Lenzer, Lila Mower, Marilyn Seely, Barbara Service, Helen Wagner. Emeritus: Sam Cox, Laura Manis, Richard Miller.

Website: www.kokuacouncil.org

JOIN KOKUA COUNCIL!

Yes! I want to join Kokua Council. Here are my annual dues and my contact information. I understand that my phone number will be added to the Kokua Phone Tree and I will receive the monthly newsletter and occasional e-mails. Our fiscal year starts in January. Please make checks payable to **Kokua Council**.

Individual Member __ \$10.00 **Life Member** __ \$100.00 **Organizational Member** __ \$25.00

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