



2025 QUEER BILLS

What is still alive as of First Lateral - a major deadline for the Hawai'i State Legislative Session

HB 613 HD 1

RELATING TO HOMELESS YOUTH

- Safe Spaces for Youth; Permanent; Office of Youth Services; Department of Human Services; Appropriation
- Makes the Safe Spaces for Youth Pilot Program permanent within the Office of Youth Services. Appropriates funds.

40% of the homeless unaccompanied minors identify as LGBTQIA+

Next committee: Finance

HB 1193/SB 1231

RELATING TO PARENTAGE

- Uniform Parentage Act
- Repeals the Uniform Parentage Act of 1973 and updates laws relating to parentage, including enacting portions of the Uniform Parentage Act of 2017.

Senate bill has been heard and amended to remove the portion that requires all donors (sperm & egg) be anonymous.

House bill has a single referral to: Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs.

SB 116 SD 1

RELATING TO DISCRIMINATION

- DLE; Discriminatory Reporting; Protected Class; Law Enforcement Officer; Civil Remedy
- Establishes provisions relating to civil remedies for discriminatory reporting to a law enforcement officer. Provides that any person who contacts a law enforcement officer to contact a person on the basis of the person's actual or perceived race, color, ancestry, ethnicity, national origin, place of birth, sex, age, religion, disability, **sexual orientation, or gender identity** with the specific intent to infringe upon the person's certain rights shall be civilly liable for resulting damages. Requires the Department of Law Enforcement, in consultation with the Hawaii Civil Rights Commission, to provide guidance to the public on the enactment of this Act.

Next committee: Judiciary

SB 1149 SD 1

RELATING TO HATE CRIMES

- AG; Hate Crimes; Reporting; Agencies; Training
- Defines "reported hate crime". Requires reporting of all possible reported hate crimes to appropriate authorities, including consistent documentation and analysis of such incidents. Requires law enforcement officers to receive annual training to identify, investigate, and document hate crimes and possible hate crimes. Requires the Attorney General to establish or update guidelines, protocols, and training materials for the reporting and investigation of hate crimes and possible hate crimes.

Next committees: Joint hearing in Judiciary, and Ways & Means



SB 1150

RELATING TO HEALTH CARE

- AG; Hate Crimes; Reporting; Agencies; Training
- Expands the protections established under Act 2, SLH 2023, to include gender-affirming health care services. Clarifies jurisdiction under the Uniform Child-Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act for cases involving children who obtain gender-affirming health care services.
- Protects gender-affirming care providers and their patients.

Next committees: Joint hearing in Judiciary, and Ways & Means



SB 1284 SD 1

**PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 1,
SECTION 5, OF THE HAWAII CONSTITUTION
RELATING TO DUE PROCESS AND EQUAL
PROTECTION**

- Constitutional Amendment; Due Process; Equal Protection; Discrimination
- Proposes a constitutional amendment to prohibit discrimination against a person because of ethnicity, age, disability, religion, national ancestry, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or pregnancy and pregnancy outcomes.

Next committee: Ways & Means



2025 INTERSECTIONAL BILLS (A FEW OF THEM)

Bills that directly impact the Māhū, LGBTQIA+/MVPFAFF+ community
without naming us



HB 22

RELATING TO COLLABORATION WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

- Immigration; Collaboration with Federal Government; Law Enforcement Agencies
- Allows state and county law enforcement agencies to collaborate with the federal government for immigration purposes in only limited, specific circumstances.

Next committee: Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs

HB 438 HD 1 / SB 816 SD 1

RELATING TO DUE PROCESS PROTECTIONS

- Filipino Caucus; Due Process in Immigration Proceedings Program; Judiciary; Appropriation
- Establishes the Due Process in Immigration Proceedings Program within the Judiciary to provide legal representation to individuals in immigration-related proceedings in immigration court. Appropriates funds.

Next House committee: Finance

Next Senate committee: Ways & Means



HB 457 HD 1

RELATING TO CIVIL RIGHTS PROTECTIONS

- Immigration; Department of Law Enforcement; Due Process
- Requires state and local law enforcement agencies to notify an individual of their rights when in law enforcement agency custody before any interview with United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement on certain matters regarding immigration violations.

Next committee: Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs

HB 730 HD 1/SB 527 SD 1

RELATING TO EDUCATION

- Department of Education; Civil Rights Compliance; Equity Specialists; Appropriation
- Establishes, and appropriates funds for, five full-time equivalent (5.0 FTE) positions within the Civil Rights Compliance Branch of the Department of Education.

Next House committee: Finance

Next Senate committee: Ways & Means

HB 755 HD 1

RELATING TO PAID FAMILY LEAVE

- Keiki Caucus; Family and Medical Leave Insurance Program; Family and Medical Leave Insurance Benefits; Department of Labor and Industrial Relations
- By 1/1/2028, requires the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations to establish a family and medical leave insurance program and begin collecting payroll contributions to finance payment of benefits. By 1/1/2029, requires the Department to start receiving claims and paying benefits under the program. Specifies eligibility requirements and employee protections under the program.

Next committee: Finance

HB 1210

RELATING TO EDUCATION

- DOE; Bullying Procedures; Dissemination of Information
- Requires the Department of Education to provide and disseminate its procedures for dealing with bullying. Requires principals, teachers, and staff to disseminate the Department's bullying procedures to students. Defines bullying procedures.

Next committee: Finance



SB 350

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE HAWAII CONSTITUTION TO PROTECT THE RIGHT TO CONTRACEPTION

- Right to Contraception; ConAm
- Proposes an amendment to article I of the Hawaii Constitution to protect a person's right to obtain contraceptives and engage in contraception.

Next committees: Joint hearing in Judiciary and Ways & Means



SB 1445

RELATING TO YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH

- DOH; Child and Adolescent Mental Health Division; Child and Adolescent Mental Health; Digital Youth Mental Health Platform Pilot Project
- Establishes a two-year digital youth mental health platform pilot project under which the child and adolescent mental health division of the department of health develops and makes publicly available a digital platform providing tools and resources designed to help young people address and manage mental health challenges.

Next committee: Ways & Means

LEGISLATIVE RESOURCES

Hawai'i State LGBTQ+ Commission Bill Tracker

<https://bit.ly/2025LegHILGBTQplus>

Ruling the Rules: Advocacy 101

<https://bit.ly/RulingTheRules>

Public Access Room (PAR)

- PAR provides the public with information, facilities, and services to assist them as they engage and participate in the State legislative process.
- PAR is located on the 4th Floor of the State Capitol in room 401.
- Session: M-F 7:45am – 5pm; Interim: M-F 8am – 4:30pm Tel. (808) 587-0478
Email: par@capitol.hawaii.gov Website: <https://lrb.hawaii.gov/par/>

ADVOCACY

Contact Governor Josh Green

- 808-586-0034 or <https://governor.hawaii.gov/contact-us/>
- Ask for him to issue an Executive Order to protect access Gender-Affirming Care for the patients and the providers
- Submit testimony in support of SB 1150
- Provide leadership with a statement & social media posts regarding the nonsense coming out of the White House

Attend a protest if you feel safe in doing so. (Can't find one create one.)

Write a letter to the Editor or an Op Ed for the Star-Advertiser or your county's paper and/or Civil Beat.

ADVOCACY

Contact AG Anne Lopez

- (808) 586-1500 or <https://ag.hawaii.gov/contact-us/email-the-department-of-ag/>
- Ask for her to support the Governor issuing an Executive Order to Protect Gender-Affirming Care for the patients and the providers
- Thank her for her testimony in support of SB 1150
- Provide leadership with a statement & social media posts regarding the non-discrimination laws in our state.

Contact your State Senator & Representative ask them to support your favorite bills - <https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/legislature/legislators.aspx?chamber=H>

ADVOCACY

Apply to Commissioner or member of a State Advisory Board

- Visit the Governor's Office of Boards & Commissions website at <https://boards.hawaii.gov> to review the Commissions and Boards to see if there is one that you are interested in serving on.
- You can also call the Governor's Office of Boards & Commissions at (808) 586-0034 or send an email to boards.and.commissions@hawaii.gov to find out which one has openings.
- Then apply – the application requires a cover letter, resume, and 3 references.
- FYI – Time commitment is @ 4-10 hours a month.

Remind our allies that “Ally” is a verb.

Support businesses that support us & not just during Pride month.

ADVOCACY

- Write your testimony for a couple of the bills we covered tonight.
- If you do not have an account for the Capitol website create one: <https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/home.aspx>
- Share what you learned tonight with 3+ friends.
- Follow different reliable advocacy groups on social media, then like and share their posts.
- Make sure you & all your friends are registered to vote: olvr.Hawaii.gov
- Take time for yourself and remember – SELFCARE. This is not a sprint but a marathon.

ADVANCED ADVOCACY

VICTORY EMPOWERMENT FELLOWSHIP!

Looking to run for County or City Council, State House/Senate, or Congressional seat?

Apply for a six-month fellowship for LGBTQIA+ leaders of color and/or transgender, non-binary, or gender non-conforming individuals.

The Fellowship includes registration and transportation to an upcoming Victory's [Candidate & Campaign Training](#).

Applications for the 2025 cohort are due by Monday, March 10 at 11:59 PM PT.

[Click here to apply](#)

[**victoryinstitute.org/programs/victory-empowerment-fellowship/**](https://victoryinstitute.org/programs/victory-empowerment-fellowship/)

ADVOCACY (O'AHU)

Attend your Neighborhood Board Meeting:

<https://www8.honolulu.gov/nco/boards/>

Run to be on your Neighborhood Board:

<https://www8.honolulu.gov/nco/neighborhood-board-elections/>

Deadline to file on-line is Friday, February 21, 2025, 4:30 p.m. with paper forms needed to be post marked by February 21, 2025

VOTE in your Neighborhood Board elections

- Friday, April 25, 2025: Voting begins; Passcodes mailed out
- Friday, May 16, 2025: Voting ends