



## COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

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Hawai'i State Commission on the Status of Women,  
Kaua'i Commissioner

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COUNTY OF KAUA'I COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN  
NOTICE OF MEETING AND AGENDA  
Wednesday, November 15, 2023  
5:00 p.m. or shortly thereafter  
Piikoi Building, Boards and Commissions Conference Room  
4444 Rice Street, Suite 300, Līhu'e, HI 96766

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CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND TESTIMONY

Individuals may orally testify on any agenda item at this time.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

- a) Open Session Minutes of September 20, 2023

BUSINESS

- CSW 2023-03** Missing Murdered Native Hawaiian Women and Girls' Task Force
- a) Vice Chair Nicole Cristobal to share MMNHWG Task Force Report dated November 15, 2023.
  - b) Discussion and possible decision-making on other related matters.
- CSW 2023-06** Recap 2023 Period Products Event
- a) Member Hoover to share Period Products Report dated November 15, 2023.
  - b) Discussion and possible decision-making on other related matters.
- CSW 2023-16** Recap 2023 Breast Cancer Awareness Event
- a) Secretary Carvalho to share Breast Cancer Awareness Report dated November 15, 2023.
  - b) Discussion and decision-making on funding breast cancer awareness \$60 budget shortfall.
  - c) Discussion and possible decision-making on other related matters.

- CSW 2023-20** Gender Equity and Equality Event
- a) Permitted Interaction Group to share Gender Equity and Equality Event Report dated November 15, 2023.
  - b) Committee members to vote on the Permitted Interaction Groups recommendations.
- CSW 2023-21** Domestic Violence Awareness
- a) Member Emma White to share Domestic Violence Report dated November 15, 2023.
  - b) Discussion and possible decision-making on other related matters.
- CSW 2023-22** Women’s History Month Event
- a) Discussion and decision-making on selecting another member to lead this event.
  - b) Discussion and possible decision-making on other related matters.
- CSW 2023-25** 2024 Meeting Schedule

**STATE COMMISSION REPORT**

- CSW 2023-26** Update from the Hawai’i State Commission on the Status of Women Commissioner Ignacio Neumiller.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Next Scheduled Meeting: Wednesday, January 17, 2024, 5:00 p.m., B&C Conference Room

Preview of agenda topics for the January 17, 2024 Meeting:

- Annual Election of Officers for Calendar Year 2024
- Missing Murdered Native Hawaiian Women and Girls Task Force
- Gender Equity and Equality Event
- Women’s History Month Event

**ADJOURNMENT**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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Cc: Stephen Hall

COUNTY OF KAUAI  
Minutes of Meeting  
OPEN SESSION

a)

Board/Committee:	<b>Committee on the Status of Women</b>	Meeting Date	<b>September 20, 2023</b>
Location	Boards and Commissions Conference Room with video remote access and audio connection by Microsoft Teams.	Start of Meeting: 5:05 p.m.	End of Meeting: 6:20 p.m.
Present	Chair Darcie Yukimura ( <i>Microsoft Teams</i> ). Treasurer Sara Miura. Secretary Regina Carvalho. Members: Angela Hoover ( <i>Microsoft Teams</i> ), Monica Kawakami and Emma White. Hawai‘i State Commission on the Status of Women (HSCSW) Commissioner Edith Ignacio Neumiller. Deputy County Attorney Stephen Hall. Office of Boards and Commissions: Administrator Ellen Ching and Commission Support Clerk Sandra Muragin.		
Excused	Vice Chair Nicole Cristobal.		
Absent			



SUBJECT	DISCUSSION	ACTION
<b>Call To Order Roll Call</b>	<p>Chair Yukimura called the open session meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.</p> <p>Commission Support Clerk Sandra Muragin verified attendance; Member Hoover replied here. Member Kawakami replied here. Member White replied here. Secretary Carvalho replied present. Treasurer Miura replied present. Vice Chair Cristobal was excused. Chair Yukimura replied present. Commissioner Ignacio Neumiller replied present. Deputy County Attorney Hall replied present. Administrator Ching replied present. Commission Support Clerk Muragin replied present.</p>	Quorum established with six members present.
<b>Approval of Agenda</b>		Secretary Carvalho moved to approve the agenda. Ms. White seconded the motion. Motion carried 6:0.

SUBJECT	DISCUSSION	ACTION
<b>Public Testimony</b>	<p>Administrator Ellen Ching noted for the record there was no one in the audience.</p> <p>From 5:07 p.m. Teams video blacked out and although several attempts were made to reboot the system and sign back into Teams it was unsuccessful. Deputy County Attorney Stephen Hall advised to use the audio portion of Teams instead. Using her cellphone, Ms. Ching called into the audio connection of Teams and connected with Chair Yukimura and Member Hoover. She held the phone to the microphone. Meeting resumed at 5:17 p.m.</p> <p>Due to Chair Yukimura attending the meeting by Teams audio, Secretary Sara Miura conducted the meeting.</p> <p>Ms. Muragin reported for the record she did not receive any written testimony.</p>	
<b>Approval of Meeting Minutes</b>	<p>a) Open Session Minutes of October 19, 2022 (No Quorum 1/18/23, Not on Agenda 3/15/23, 5/17/23 and 7/19/23)</p> <p>b) Open Session Minutes of July 19, 2023</p>	<p>Ms. Kawakami moved to approve the October 19, 2022 minutes as circulated. Secretary Carvalho seconded the motion. Motion carried 6:0.</p> <p>Ms. White moved to approve the July 19, 2023 minutes as circulated. Ms. Kawakami seconded the motion. Motion carried 6:0.</p>
<b>Treasurer's Report</b>	<p>a) Treasurer Miura to share 2023-2024 Treasurer's Report dated September 20, 2023.</p> <p>b) Treasurer Miura to report on the 1st quarter 2023-2024 Operating Fiscal Budget</p> <p>c) Treasurer Miura to report on the 1st quarter State Grant Budget</p> <p>d) Treasurer Miura to report on the 1st quarter Logo Inventory balance.</p> <p>Chair Pro Tem Miura said the 2023-2024 Operating Fiscal Budget first quarter ended with a balance of \$7,100. There was no activity on the State Grant Budget and the balance remained at \$567.04.</p>	

SUBJECT	DISCUSSION	ACTION
		<p>Member White moved to receive the 2023-2024 Treasurer’s Report dated September 20, 2023. Secretary Carvalho seconded the motion. Motion carried 6:0.</p> <p>Secretary Carvalho moved to approve the Treasurer’s Budget as submitted (1st quarter 2023-2024 Operating Fiscal Budget, 1st quarter State Grant Budget and 1st quarter Logo Inventory balance). Ms. White seconded the motion. Motion carried 6:0.</p>
<p><b>Communications</b></p>	<p><u><b>CSW 2023-10</b> Memorandum from former Managing Director Michael A. Dahilig dated December 27, 2022, regarding Meeting Format (in-person, virtual or hybrid). (No Quorum 1/18/23, Not on Agenda 3/15/23, 5/17/23 and 7/19/23)</u></p> <p>Ms. Ching explained that the administration decided to allow each board and commission the flexibility to decide if they wanted to hold their meetings in-person, virtual or hybrid. The committee discussed their options and agreed that hybrid would work best for them and allow the flexibility to attend meetings in-person or virtually.</p>	<p>Ms. White moved to approve the Kaua‘i Committee on the Status of Women meetings be held in a hybrid format. Ms. Kawakami seconded the motion. Motion carried 6:0.</p>
	<p><u><b>CSW 2023-19</b> Letter from Charter Review Commission Chair Bronson Bautista dated July 10, 2023, requesting proposals to amend the Charter. (Received 7/24/23)</u></p> <p>The committee did not have any proposals.</p>	<p>Ms. White moved to receive the letter from Charter Review Commission Chair Bronson</p>

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		Bautista dated July 10, 2023, requesting proposals to amend the Charter. Ms. Kawakami seconded the motion. Motion carried 6:0.
<b>Business</b>	<p><b><u>CSW 2023-03</u></b> <u>Missing Murdered Native Hawaiian Women and Girls Task Force. (No Quorum 1/18/23, Not on agenda 5/17/23 and 7/19/23)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Vice Chair Nicole Cristobal to share any updates.</li> <li>b) Discussion and possible decision-making on other related matters.</li> </ul>	Ms. White moved to table any updates on the Missing Murdered Native Hawaiian Women and Girls Task Force to the next meeting. Ms. Hoover seconded the motion. Motion carried 6:0.
	<p><b><u>CSW 2023-06</u></b> <u>2023-2024 Period Products Event</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Member Hoover to share the Period Products Report dated September 20, 2023</li> <li>b) Member Hoover to discuss collaboration with Ma‘i Movement Hawai‘i and Hawai‘i Foodbank for donation of period products to the Maui fire victims.</li> <li>c) Discussion and possible decision-making on other related matters</li> </ul> <p>Ms. Hoover reported that the period products would be donated to Ma‘i Movement Hawai‘i and Hawai‘i Food bank and disbursed on Maui. She invited committee members to join her 4:00 p.m. on Monday, September 25, where the products would be handed over and be part of the photo op with Mayor Kawakami and representatives from Ma‘i Movement and Hawai‘i Foodbank.</p>	Ms. White moved to receive the Period Products Report dated September 20, 2023. Ms. Kawakami seconded the motion. Motion carried 6:0.
	<p><b><u>CSW 2023-10</u></b> <u>Memorandum from Managing Director Michael A. Dahilig dated December 27, 2022, regarding Meeting Format (in-person, virtual or hybrid). (No Quorum 1/18/23, Not on Agenda 3/15/23, 5/17/23 and 7/19/23)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Discussion and decision-making on choosing a meeting format.</li> <li>b) Discussion and possible decision-making on other related matters.</li> </ul>	

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	<p>Completed in communications. No further action required.</p>	
	<p><b><u>CSW 2023-15</u></b> <u>2023-2024 Event and Budget Planning</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Review Updated Event and Budget Planning Worksheet</li> <li>b) Discussion and possible decision-making on other related matters.</li> </ul> <p>Secretary Carvalho suggested the \$100 surplus be allocated to purchase lei's for various events.</p> <p>Ms. Ching suggested the committee make a motion to use any leftover funds in the operating fiscal budget to purchase period products.</p>	<p>Secretary Carvalho moved to allocate the \$100 surplus to purchase lei's for various CSW events. Ms. White seconded the motion. Motion carried 6:0.</p> <p>Ms. White moved to allocate purchasing period periods with remaining funds in the operating fiscal budget by the end of the fiscal year. Secretary Carvalho seconded the motion. Motion carried 6:0.</p>
	<p><b><u>CSW 2023-16</u></b> <u>2023 Breast Cancer Awareness Event.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Secretary Carvalho to share the Breast Cancer Awareness Report dated September 20, 2023</li> <li>b) Discussion and possible decision-making on other related matters</li> </ul> <p>Secretary Carvalho updated the committee on the following;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monday, October 02, 2023 at 11:30 a.m. in the rotunda.</li> <li>• Mayor Kawakami will give a short opening speech.</li> <li>• Wendy Martinez will give a short survivor testimony.</li> <li>• Refreshments and breast cancer pins and trinkets will be available.</li> <li>• Walk from rotunda to Wilcox hospital and back escorted by Kaua'i Police Department.</li> </ul>	



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Asked committee members to help setup and cleanup. Ms. Hoover volunteered.</li> <li>• Dennis Fujimoto will be on hand to take photos.</li> </ul>	<p>Ms. Kawakami moved to receive the 2023 Breast Cancer Awareness Report dated September 20, 2023. Ms. White seconded the motion. Motion carried 6:0.</p>
	<p><b><u>CSW 2023-20</u></b> <u>Gender Equity and Equality Event</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Chair Yukimura, Member White and Member Hoover to share plans and actions.</li> <li>b) Discussion and possible decision-making on other related matters</li> </ul> <p>Ms. Yukimura reported that the Permitted Interaction Group (PIG) recommended the committee work in partnership with YWCA (Young Women’s Christian Association) to conduct a women’s conference with the Kaua’i Committee on the Status of Women as a major sponsor. The YWCA would work on the details of the conference with input from PIG members. She said the projected date would be spring of 2024.</p> <p>DCA Hall advised Ms. White to recuse herself from voting on the motion.</p>	<p>Ms. Kawakami moved to receive recommendations from the Permitted Interaction Groups on the Gender Equity and Equality Event. Ms. Hoover seconded the motion. Motion carried 5:0. (Ms. White recused)</p>
	<p><b><u>CSW 2023-21</u></b> <u>Domestic Violence Awareness</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Member White to share plans and actions.</li> <li>b) Discussion and possible decision-making on other related matters.</li> </ul> <p>Ms. White said October was Domestic Violence Awareness month and she had several options for the committee to partner with YWCA for an awareness campaign. The first option was a social media campaign, radio, and newspaper print ads. She said the social media campaign</p>	

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	<p>would be difficult because Mehta flags paid advertisements and key words like domestic violence would block the advertisement. The second option would be to extend the campaign and purchase printed material on domestic violence that could be distributed throughout the year. She planned to collaborate with her YWCA team to choose the best option.</p> <p>A domestic violence vigil would be held 5:30 p.m. at St. Michael’s Church on Thursday, October 19 for those who lost their lives to domestic violence. Member Cristobal would be one of the speakers. There would be refreshments, reading of Hawai‘i victim names and a moment of silence.</p> <p>DCA Hall advised Ms. White to recuse herself from voting on the motion.</p>	<p>Secretary Carvalho moved to receive the Domestic Violence Awareness report. Ms. Kawakami seconded the motion.</p> <p>Motion carried 5:0. (Ms. White recused)</p>
	<p><b><u>CSW 2023-22</u></b> <u>Women’s History Month Event</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Vice Chair Cristobal to share plans and actions.</li> <li>b) Discussion and possible decision-making on other related matters.</li> </ul>	<p>Ms. White moved to defer discussions on Women’s History Month Event. Ms. Kawakami seconded the motion. Motion carried 6:0.</p>
	<p><b><u>CSW 2023-23</u></b> <u>Discussion and possible decision-making on changing meeting times.</u></p> <p>Ms. Ching said at the last meeting several committee members expressed interest in changing the meeting times and it was up for discussion. Ms. White, Ms. Kawakami, Ms. Yukimura, Ms. Hoover requested no change in meeting times or date.</p> <p>With no desire to change the meeting times, no further action was required, and the committee moved on to the next agenda item.</p>	
<p><b>State          Commission          Report</b></p>	<p><b><u>CSW 2023-24</u></b> <u>Update from the Hawai‘i State Commission on the Status of Women Commissioner Edie Ignacio Neumiller.</u></p>	

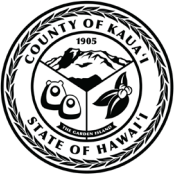
SUBJECT	DISCUSSION	ACTION
	<p>Commissioner Ignacio Neumiller said she attended a NACW (National Association of Commissions for Women) meeting in August by Zoom. They discussed the promotion of women into office and promote gender equity. The 2024 NACW convention would be held in Boston. She said there were 14 applications for the Executive Director position and was asked to sit on the commission to review the applications and select the top five applicants.</p>	<p>Ms. White moved to receive updates from the Hawai‘i State Commission on the Status of Women. Ms. Yukimura seconded the motion. Motion carried 6:0.</p>
<p><b>Announcements</b></p>	<p>Next Scheduled Meeting: Wednesday, November 15, 5:00 p.m., Boards and Commission Conference Room.</p> <p>Preview of agenda topics for the November 15, 2023 Meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Missing Murdered Native Hawaiian Women and Girls Task Force</li> <li>• Recap Period Products Event</li> <li>• Recap 2023 Breast Cancer Awareness Event</li> <li>• Gender Equity and Equality Event</li> <li>• Domestic Violence Awareness</li> <li>• Women’s History Month Event</li> <li>• 2024 Meeting Schedule</li> </ul> <p>The committee began discussing the YWCA Na Wāhine Alaka‘i O Kaua‘i Women’s Leadership Awards Dinner event. DCA Hall clarified for Sunshine Law this would fall under CSW 2023-15 2023-2024 Event and Budget Planning.</p> <p>Commissioner Ignacio Neumiller said Darcie Yukimura would be honored at this year’s event. Secretary Carvalho and Commissioner Ignacio Neumiller said they would attend and had a table to sit on and Ms. Kawakami would also be attending and would sit on the Mayor’s table. Ms. Miura and Ms. Hoover were unsure if they could attend and Ms. White mentioned she may be busy helping with setting up for the event.</p>	<p>Ms. Yukimura moved to sponsor any committee member</p>

SUBJECT	DISCUSSION	ACTION
		<p>to attend the YWCA Na Wāhine Alaka‘i O Kaua‘i Women’s Leadership Awards Dinner event on November 3, 2023. Ms. Hoover seconded the motion. Motion carried 6:0.</p> <p>Ms. Yukimura moved to use State Grant funds to sponsor any committee member to attend the YWCA Na Wāhine Alaka‘i O Kaua‘i Women’s Leadership Awards Dinner event on November 3, 2023. Ms. Kawakami seconded the motion. Motion carried 6:0.</p>
<b>Adjournment</b>		<p>With no objections, Chair Pro Tem Miura adjourned the meeting at 6:20 p.m.</p>

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Sandra M. Muragin, Commission Support Clerk

Reviewed and Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Sara Miura, Chair Pro Tem

- ( ) Approved as circulated.
- ( ) Approved with amendments. See \_\_\_\_\_ meeting minutes.



## COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

CSW 2023-03 a)

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### MEMORANDUM

November 15, 2023

TO: Chair Darcie Yukimura  
Committee on the Status of Women Members

FROM: Vice Chair Nicole Cristobal

RE: Missing Murdered Native Hawaiian Women and Girls' Task Force Report

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#### Background Information:

On May 4, 2021, the Hawai'i State Legislature enacted a House Concurrent Resolution requesting the Hawai'i State Commission on the Status of Women (HSCSW) to convene a task force to study missing and murdered Native Hawaiian women and girls. The HSCSW scheduled monthly conference calls with various agencies, service providers and law enforcement agencies to collect data.

In June 2022, Nicole Cristobal was appointed as the principal researcher for the report to the Hawai'i State Legislature. She was tasked to complete a two-part Missing and Murdered Native Hawaiian Women and Girls report with the first part due by December 1, 2022, and a final report at the end of 2023.

In January 2023, former Executive Director Khara Jabola-Carolus presented part one of Member Cristobal's report at an organized event on Kaua'i.



**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

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May 4, 2021

Ms. Regina Carvalho  
Chairperson  
Kauai County Committee on the Status of Women  
Pi'ikoi Building  
4444 Rice Street, Suite 300  
Lihue, HI 96766

Dear Ms. Carvalho:

I transmit herewith a copy of House Concurrent Resolution No. 11, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, which was adopted by both the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Thirty-First Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2021.

Sincerely,

Brian L. Takeshita  
Chief Clerk  
House of Representatives

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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE HAWAII STATE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN TO  
CONVENE A TASK FORCE TO STUDY MISSING AND MURDERED NATIVE  
HAWAIIAN WOMEN AND GIRLS.

1 WHEREAS, indigenous women and girls are victims of violence  
2 at far greater rates than any other population in the United  
3 States; and

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5 WHEREAS, women and children in Hawaii are facing a  
6 widespread epidemic of violence and sex trafficking; and

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8 WHEREAS, First Nations in Canada organized a mass movement  
9 to expose the crisis of missing and murdered indigenous women  
10 and girls, which led to a national report and declaration of a  
11 national emergency; and

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13 WHEREAS, the Urban Indian Health Institute published the  
14 report "Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women and Girls: A  
15 snapshot of data from 71 urban cities in the United States" in  
16 2018 to document the crisis of missing and murdered indigenous  
17 women and girls in the United States; and

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19 WHEREAS, this report did not include Hawaii or any  
20 information on Native Hawaiian women and girls; and

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22 WHEREAS, Native Hawaiian women as a group are more  
23 economically vulnerable than Native Hawaiian men, earning on  
24 average eighty-three cents for every dollar a man makes, and  
25 eighty cents for every dollar a Native Hawaiian man makes in  
26 general; and

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28 WHEREAS, historical trauma through factors such as land  
29 dispossession, exposure to sexual violence, incarceration,  
30 cultural dislocation, racism, poverty, and ongoing inequities

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is a full, true and correct copy of the original  
on file in this office.



Chief Clerk  
House of Representatives  
State of Hawaii



1 has increased the vulnerability of Native Hawaiian women and  
2 girls to sex trafficking and other forms of violent crimes; and  
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4 WHEREAS, harmful colonial stereotypes have resulted in the  
5 sexual fetishization of Native Hawaiian women; and  
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7 WHEREAS, Native Hawaiian women, girls, and members of the  
8 lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer community  
9 disproportionately experience factors that put them at high risk  
10 of being victims of sex trafficking and being involved with the  
11 sex industry; and  
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13 WHEREAS, state government agencies are required by various  
14 federal and state laws to tackle sex trafficking and collect  
15 data; and  
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17 WHEREAS, the Office of Hawaiian Affairs published the  
18 report "Haumea: Transforming the Health of Native Hawaiian  
19 Women and Empowering Wahine Well-Being" in 2018; and  
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21 WHEREAS, the report did not include information relating to  
22 arrests for human trafficking, commercial sex acts, or  
23 involuntary servitude or data specific to the human trafficking  
24 of Native Hawaiian women and girls; and  
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26 WHEREAS, the Hawaii State Commission on the Status of  
27 Women, in partnership with Arizona State University, surveyed  
28 twenty-two sex trafficking victims and found that in 2018, 77.3  
29 percent were Native Hawaiian; and  
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31 WHEREAS, the Hawaii State Commission on the Status of  
32 Women, in partnership with Arizona State University, surveyed  
33 sixty-four sex trafficking victims and found that sixty-four  
34 percent were Native Hawaiian; and  
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36 WHEREAS, from 2017 to 2019, one out of every three child  
37 sex trafficking victims reported to the Child Welfare Services  
38 child sex trafficking hotline were Native Hawaiian, and ninety-  
39 five percent were girls; and  
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41 WHEREAS, family members must often rely on alert mechanisms  
42 for missing children, including physical message boards at  
43 stores and social media outlets; and  
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1 WHEREAS, the State must listen to Native Hawaiians and  
2 identifying ways to increase reporting on missing and murdered  
3 Native Hawaiian women and girls; and  
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5 WHEREAS, five states have passed legislation to address the  
6 missing and murdered indigenous women and girl crisis; now,  
7 therefore,  
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9 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
10 Thirty-first Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
11 of 2021, the Senate concurring, that the Hawaii State Commission  
12 on the Status of Women is requested to convene a task force to  
13 conduct a study regarding missing and murdered Native Hawaiian  
14 women and girls; and  
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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to  
17 comprise the following members or their designees:  
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- 19 (1) The Executive Director of the Hawaii State Commission  
20 on the Status of Women, who shall serve as a co-chair  
21 of the task force;  
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- 23 (2) The Chief Executive Officer of the Office of Hawaiian  
24 Affairs, who shall serve as a co-chair of the task  
25 force;  
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- 27 (3) The Director of Health;  
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- 29 (4) The Director of Human Services;  
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- 31 (5) The Administrative Director of the Courts;  
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- 33 (6) The Attorney General;  
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- 35 (7) The Chair of the County Committee on the Status of  
36 Women of each respective county; and  
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- 38 (8) The Chief of Police of each respective county; and  
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40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force also invite  
41 representatives of the following organizations to serve on the  
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- 44 (1) Papa Ola Lokahi;



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- (2) The Sex Abuse Treatment Center;
- (3) Hale Kipa;
- (4) Residential Youth Services and Empowerment;
- (5) Susannah Wesley Community Center; and
- (6) Ho'ōla Nā Pua; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force may invite additional organizations or agencies to participate on the task force; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to include the following in its study:

- (1) Identification of the cause of the problem;
- (2) Identification of current databases and data collection methods;
- (3) Identification of barriers to data collection and information sharing;
- (4) Creation of partnerships to increase reporting and investigations; and
- (5) Recommendations for any legislation necessary to improve data collection and sharing to eliminate harm to indigenous women and girls; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women is requested to provide administrative support for the task force; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to submit a preliminary report of its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2023, and a final report, including any additional proposed



1 legislation, no later than twenty days prior to the convening of  
2 the Regular Session of 2024; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
5 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Attorney General,  
6 Director of Health, Director of Human Services, Administrative  
7 Director of the Courts, Executive Director of the Hawaii State  
8 Commission on the Status of Women, Chief Executive Officer of  
9 the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Chair of each County Committee  
10 on the Status of Women, Chief of Police of each county, Chief  
11 Executive Officer of Hale Kipa, President of Ho'ōla Nā Pua,  
12 Executive Director of Papa Ola Lokahi, Executive Director of  
13 Residential Youth Services and Empowerment, Executive Director  
14 of the Sex Abuse Treatment Center, and President of the Susannah  
15 Wesley Community Center.





## COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

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Kaua'i Commissioner

### MEMORANDUM

November 15, 2023

TO: Chair Darcie Yukimura  
Committee on the Status of Women Members

FROM: Committee Member Angela Hoover

RE: Period Products Report

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No funds were used during this time and the balance remains at \$460.

At its September 20, 2023, meeting the committee unanimously agreed to donate the inventory of period products to the Maui Fire Victims, utilizing the assistance of Ma'i Movement Hawai'i and Hawai'i Food Bank Kaua'i to transport the items.

A special presentation was held on Monday, September 25, 4:00 p.m. with Mayor Derek S.K. Kawakami and two agencies, the Ma'i Movement Hawai'i and Hawai'i Food Bank Kaua'i to receive \$2,498.06 of period products from the Committee on the Status of Women for delivery to the Maui Fire Victims. Representatives from the two agencies present for the donation were Sarah Kern, Kaua'i Representative Ma'i Movement Hawai'i and Wes Perriera, Director of Kaua'i Operations Hawai'i Foodbank Kaua'i.

The following inventory of period products were donated;

1. 30/10 count pack period kits (*300 individual kits*)
2. 4/60 count pack period kits (*240 individual kits*)
3. 4/80 count box Always Pure Cotton pads
4. 9/76 count box Always Ultra Thin pads
5. 7/88 count box Always Ultra Thin Advance pads
6. 11/96 count box Tampax Pearl
7. 1/66 count pack Stay Free Maxi Regular pads

## KCSW sending feminine hygiene products to Maui

By [Dennis Fujimoto The Garden Island](#) | Wednesday, September 27, 2023, 12:05 a.m.



Mayor Derek S.K., and Monica Kawakami, Edie Ignacio Neumiller, Regina Carvalho, and Angela Hoover of the Committee on the Status of Women, and Sarah Kern, representing the Ma'i Movement, turn over a shipment of period products to Wes Perreira of the Hawai'i Foodbank Kaua'i on Monday for transport to Maui where the products are intended to help women impacted by the Maui wildfires that heavily impacted the West side of the island.

LIHU'É — Mayor Derek S.K. Kawakami said he had to learn from his wife Monica, a school teacher, about the significance of period products and the impact they have on women, especially maturing school-aged girls.

The mayor and his wife were on hand to help on Monday when the Kaua'i Committee on the Status of Women turned over period products to the Ma'i Movement and the Hawai'i Foodbank Kaua'i, which is coordinating a shipment to Maui.

Wes Perreira, manager of Hawai'i Foodbank Kaua'i, said he's been to Maui frequently since the Aug. 8 wildfire devastated Lahaina.

His most recent task is to get the products to Maui for the Ma'i Movement, which is coordinating how the products reach people who need assistance in the aftermath of the fire.

"They can really use the help," Perreira said. "I've been there to help the Hawai'i Foodbank, Maui Foodbank, and from what I've seen, it's heartbreaking."

The Monday collection included at least 540 individual personal hygiene kits that contained a tampon, a sanitary pad, a pair of feminine wipes and 70 percent alcohol hand wipes packed in a plastic bag.

The load additionally included four, 80-count boxes of Always Pure cotton pads; nine, 76-count boxes of Always Ultra Thin Pads; seven, 88-count boxes of Always Ultra Thin Advance Pads; a 65-count pack of Stay Free Maxi Regular pads; and 11 boxes of 96-count box of Tampax Pearl.

The Kaua'i Committee on the Status of Women, functioning under the Hawai'i State Commission on the Status of Women, works for equality for women and girls in the state by acting as a catalyst for positive change through advocacy, education, collaboration and program development.

The committee meets on the third Wednesday of the month at the Boards and Commissions Conference Room. The next committee meeting is at 5 p.m. on Nov. 15.



## COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

CSW 2023-16 a)

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### MEMORANDUM

November 15, 2023

TO: Chair Darcie Yukimura  
Committee on the Status of Women Members

FROM: Secretary Regina Carvalho

RE: **RECAP 2023 Breast Cancer Awareness Report**

On October 10, an \$200 invoice from Specialty Balloons Hawai'i for the breast cancer awareness balloon arch was turned in. This created a \$60 shortfall.

The \$140 budget is in a **-\$60** deficit.

#### **2023 BREAST CANCER AWARENESS EVENT:**

Approximately 100 members of the public gathered at the rotunda on Monday, October 2, 2023, from 11:30am to 12:30pm. Bev Brodi did a short warm-up and the group walked from the rotunda to Wilcox Hospital and back safely escorted by Kaua'i Police Department Officer Darren Rose, Officer Vernon Scribner, Officer Charles Bedford Jr., Officer Lance Okasaki and Officer Morris Unutoa. Participants wore pink and refreshments and breast cancer products were available.

#### **Supporting Breast Cancer Awareness Month on Kaua'i**

By [Dennis Fujimoto The Garden Island](#) | Tuesday, October 3, 2023, 12:05 a.m



About a hundred people joined the Kaua'i Committee on the Status of Women to launch October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month with a short downtown Lihu'e walk to Wilcox Medical Center and back to the Mo'ikeha Building on Monday, Oct. 2, 2023.





Kaua'i Committee on the Status of Women (KCSW) and supporters of Breast Cancer Awareness return safely during the KCSW walk launching October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month on Monday, Oct. 2, 2023.



Walkers participating in the Kaua'i Committee on the Status of Women cancer walk get help from a Kaua'i Police Department officer in crossing Hardy Street on Monday, Oct. 2, 2023.

LIHU'E — "Pink'd" is a term coined by Edie Ignacio Neumiller, the Hawai'i State Commissioner on the Status of Women.

Pink is the color of National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and pink'd is the term Neumiller used in inviting people to join the Kaua'i Committee on the Status of Women (KCSW) in its Breast Cancer walk that was last hosted in 2018 prior to the COVID-19 pandemic.

More than a hundred people, including a likeable "mothers' group" with their children turned out to join the KCSW, Mayor Derek S.K. Kawakami and Bev "Fun" Brody of Get Fit Kaua'i on the short round-trip walk from the Mo'ikeha Building to Wilcox Medical Center and back.

"We walk for those that can't," said Regina Carvalho, the KCSW secretary and host for the walk on Monday. "Building awareness is important, but taking action is essential."

The KCSW is part of the Hawai'i State Commission on the Status of Women that strives to advance the status of women and girls by acting as a catalyst for positive change through advocacy, education, collaboration and program development.

Following the short lunchtime walk on Monday, pink lights will illuminate the Historic County Building and the Lihue Civic Center Mo'ikeha Building during the month of October.

The Department of Water announced its employees would be wearing specially-designed pink work shirts that feature a pink remembrance ribbon on all Wednesdays for the month of October in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

"We come together as a department to support awareness efforts in our communities and to honor co-workers, families and friends, who have been impacted by breast cancer," said DOW Manager and Chief Engineer Joe Tait.

"Water is essential to medical centers, businesses and research facilities that help to continue research for this disease. We will continue to work towards water system resiliency to ensure that our customers — medical, residential and businesses — have access to water service when they need it."

During last week's Kaua'i Interscholastic Federation (KIF) girls volleyball matches, the Waimea High School team unveiled its 2023 edition of pink warmup shirts, while KIF officials had pink lanyard, pink whistles similar to the one used by Carvalho at the Monday walk.

"We're going to have to get them some feathers," said Wendee van Giesen, of Specialty Balloons, who worked on the celebratory arch for the cancer walk. "Cancer comes in many forms, so I used all the different pink colors I had. I also mixed the sizes from big to small."

During the Kaua'i Pop Warner Football League (KPWFL) games, both cheer and tackle football participants sported flashes of pink, including pink hair ribbons for cheer and distinct pink socks for tackle football participants.

"We're ready," said Rose Anne Jerves, the KPWFL cheer coordinator.



## COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

CSW 2023-20 a)

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### MEMORANDUM

November 15, 2023

TO: Committee on the Status of Women Members  
FROM: Chair Darcie Yukimura, Committee Member Angela Hoover and Committee Member Emma White  
RE: Gender Equity and Equality Event

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At its July 19, 2023, meeting the Committee allocated \$4,000 to the Gender Equity and Equality Event from the 2023-2024 Operating Fiscal Budget.

No funds were used, and the balance remains at \$4,000.

At its May 17, 2023, the committee motioned to form a Permitted Interaction Group (PIG) with its scope of duties to include planning and organizing the event and comprised of the following members; Chair Darcie Yukimura, Committee Member Angela Hoover and Committee Member Emma White.

At its September 20, 2023, meeting the Permitted Interaction Group (PIG) presented its recommendation to the committee. They recommended the committee work in partnership with YWCA (Young Women's Christian Association) to conduct a women's conference with the Kaua'i Committee on the Status of Women as a major sponsor. The YWCA would work on the details of the conference with input from PIG members.





## COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

CSW 2023-21 a)

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### MEMORANDUM

November 15, 2023

TO: Chair Darcie Yukimura  
Committee on the Status of Women Members

FROM: Committee Member Emma White

RE: Domestic Violence Awareness Report

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At its July 19, 2023, meeting the Committee allocated \$1000 to Domestic Violence Awareness from the 2023-2024 Operating Fiscal Budget.

No funds were used and the budget remains at \$1,000.

At its September 20, 2023, meeting Ms. White presented several options for the committee to partner with YWCA for an awareness campaign. First option was a social media campaign, radio, and newspaper print ads. The second option was to purchase printed materials on domestic violence that could be distributed throughout the year. She planned to collaborate with her YWCA team to choose the best option.

COUNTY OF KAUA‘I  
COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN  
2024 MEETING DATES

Meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday 5:00 p.m. every other month  
Boards and Commissions Conference Room

January 17, 2024

March 20, 2024

May 15, 2024

July 17, 2024

September 18, 2024

November 20, 2024