



MARK MUGIISHI, M.D.  
CHAIR

**STATE OF HAWAII  
REAPPORTIONMENT COMMISSION**

**NOTICE OF REAPPORTIONMENT COMMISSION MEETING**

Date: January 21, 2022  
Time: 10:00 A.M.  
Place: via Video Conference or Telephone\*

\*Pursuant to Act 220, Session Laws of Hawaii 2021, and the Governor's Emergency Proclamation Related to Sunshine Law In-Person Meetings, dated December 29, 2021, the Reapportionment Commission will be meeting remotely using interactive conference technology. The public may view the video and audio of the meeting through the following video conferencing link:

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Meeting ID: 929 2764 5562

**A G E N D A**

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call and Determination of a Quorum
- III. Public Testimony

Individuals may submit testimony in advance of the meeting via email to [reapportionment@hawaii.gov](mailto:reapportionment@hawaii.gov) or by mail addressed to the 2021 Reapportionment Commission, c/o Scott Nago, Secretary, 802 Lehua Avenue, Pearl City, Hawaii 96782. Individuals interested in signing up to provide oral testimony at the meeting may submit their name, email, and phone number to [reapportionment@hawaii.gov](mailto:reapportionment@hawaii.gov). Individuals may provide oral testimony at the

meeting via the above-listed video conferencing link or by calling the above-listed telephone number.

Testimony presented during the meeting will be limited to three minutes each.

- IV. Consideration of Public Testimony Regarding Modified Final Legislative and Congressional Reapportionment Plans Recommended by the Technical Committee Permitted Interaction Group
- V. Reports by the Apportionment Advisory Councils
- VI. Discussion and Potential Action on the January 11, 2022 Letter from the Hawaii State Senate Standing Committee on Government Operations Regarding Informational Briefing on Reapportionment

Pursuant to HRS § 92-5(a)(4), the Commission anticipates that it may need to hold an executive meeting to consult with its attorney on questions and issues pertaining to the Commission's powers, duties, privileges, immunities, and liabilities regarding this agenda item.

#### VII. Adjournment

If audiovisual communication cannot be maintained with all Commissioners participating in the meeting or with the public location identified above, the meeting shall be automatically recessed for up to thirty (30) minutes to allow staff to attempt to restore communication; provided, however, that this shall not apply if a member of the public is unable to maintain their own audiovisual connection to the remote public broadcast.

If audiovisual communication with all participating Commissioners can be restored, the meeting will be reconvened. If, however, audiovisual communication cannot be restored, then the meeting may be reconvened with the audio-only communication using the above-listed telephone number. Any nonconfidential visual aids brought to the meeting by Commissioners or as part of a scheduled presentation will be made publicly available on the Office of Elections website within fifteen (15) minutes after audio-only communication is established.

If it is not possible to reconvene the meeting within thirty (30) minutes after an interruption of communication and the Commission has not provided reasonable notice to the public as to how the meeting will be continued at an alternative date and time, then the meeting shall be automatically terminated.

IF YOU REQUIRE SPECIAL ASSISTANCE OR AUXILIARY AIDS AND/OR SERVICES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PUBLIC HEARING PROCESS OF THE REAPPORTIONMENT COMMISSION, PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE OF ELECTIONS AT LEAST 48 HOURS PRIOR TO THE HEARING SO ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE OF ELECTIONS AT 453-8683 OR 1-800-442-8683 FROM THE NEIGHBOR ISLANDS.

## **III. PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

**From:** [Sarah Haussermann](#)  
**To:** [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Hawaii County redistricting maps  
**Date:** Wednesday, January 19, 2022 3:43:42 PM

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Esteemed Commissioners,

I thank you all for your service to our community, and for considering my opinion. Now that we have an extra seat in Hawaii County, I very much like that the commission proposes giving the extra seat to the overburdened west side. But I do not like either of the proposed maps (Puna proposal or reapportionment proposal) because both seem to split my town, Kailua-Kona. Kailua-Kona should not be split.

Splitting the town of Kailua-Kona will make it impossible for the town to get its extremely urgent resource needs met. Our Kailua-Kona roads and highways are clogged. Our Kailua-Kona beach parks and their waters are clogged to the point locals like me, who live walking distance from them (Kahalu'u, Magics), can't use them. Our Kailua-Kona natural and cultural resources are being stripped and denigrated from overuse and lack of protective-rule enforcement. We don't have enough grassy parks to play in here in town. These aren't partisan issues. They are everyone's issues in town, no matter their affiliation. We need these problems solved. They aren't being solved, as is. And we surely won't get them solved in future if our town is split up.

As proposed, my part of Kailua-Kona, Keauhou (the southern part of town), will be grouped with the rural folks to the south of me. Those folks' needs from government are completely different from mine. Anyone elected to represent some rural folks and some town folks will find it hard to know what to advocate for -- their loyalty and attention will be divided -- which serves neither the rural folks nor the town folks well. And I'm a town folk who won't be well served. I don't like that at all.

Before I close, I'd also like to emphasize why I believe the extra seat should be on the west side of the Big Island, not the east. The west side collects the lion's share of the tourists who come to this island, and its infrastructure carries a far greater burden than the east side as a result. And the west side has grown immensely. Its urgent needs, as a result of the tourist burden and growth, are going unmet, as is. We on the west side need stronger representation in our government to get our urgent west-side needs

addressed.

Thank you,

Sarah Lisa Haussermann  
Kailua-Kona

**From:** [B. Puni Kekauoha](#)  
**To:** [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)  
**Cc:** [Adrienne Dillard](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Reapportionment Committee  
**Date:** Wednesday, January 19, 2022 5:48:30 PM

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Aloha Members of the Reapportionment Committee,

My name is Puni Kekauoha, I am the Associate Director of Kula no na Po`e Hawai`i o Papakolea, Kewalo, Kalawahine (KULA) and a Kewalo Hawaiian homestead lessee at 745 Iaukea Street. Established in 1992, KULA is Papakolea's native Hawaiian beneficiary service organization that exists to promote cultural, educational, environmental and health equity for all.

Given the multiple factors having to be balanced by the Reapportionment Committee statewide and on the island of Oahu, KULA supports the current Oahu map proposed by the Reapportionment Commission (adopted on 1/6/22) that reflects political boundaries that have long been applied to our region and community (using Tantalus Drive as the political boundary between districts). Papakolea has a long history of being represented by multiple representatives and senators and working well with them to address our community's needs. Even though the political boundary may "divide" our community, we have found that we have been able to advocate effectively as Papakolea and that representation with multiple representatives and senators has been beneficial. We support the map as currently proposed.

Should you need additional information, feel free to contact Dr. Adrienne Dillard, Executive Director or myself at 808-520-8997.

Mahalo for your time and favorable consideration.

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**From:** Ariel Murphy <aloha2ariel@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 19, 2022 9:55 PM  
**To:** OE.Elections.Reapportionment  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Testimony for the Hawaii Redistricting Commission (HRC) public hearing, January 20, 2022

**Aloha Commissioners and members of the HRC's Technical Committee!**

**My name is Ariel Murphy, a Puna resident. I commend you all for your hard work not only in generating the various maps but also for your patience and understanding in encouraging public participation and comments. I am grateful for the chance to participate in the crucial work of determining whether or not in the next election cycle, my community in Puna will be with Hilo and will stay together in one House district.**

**I believe that many of Puna's problems can be better solved with the help of the current redistricting effort. I'd like to take advantage of this time to throw my full support behind the Community (Boyea) plan/map. The matrix below summarizes why I see the Boyea map as the best map and which I hope and pray, the honorable commissioners and members of the Technical Committee will adopt! Mahalo! ARIEL MURPHY**

**HOUSE REDISTRICTING - HRC (STATE) vs. BOYEA COMMUNITY PLAN: A COMPARISON BASED ON ARTICLE IV, SECTION 6, HAWAII STATE CONSTITUTION + OTHER CONSIDERATIONS**

CRITERIA IN HAWAII STATE CONSTITUTION	HRC PLAN	BOYEA PLAN
1. "No district shall extend beyond the boundaries of any island unit."	✓	✓
2. "No district shall be so drawn as to favor a person or political party."	?	✓
3. Districts shall be contiguous.	✓	✓
4. "In so far as practicable, districts shall be compact."	✗	✓
5. Where possible, districts shall follow easily recognized features, e.g. streets, streams, mountains	✓	✓
6. Where practicable representative districts shall be wholly included w/in senatorial districts.	✗	✓
7. Where practicable, submergence of an area in a larger district, wherein substantially different socioeconomic interests predominate, shall be avoided.	✗	✓
<b>Number of Constitutional criteria met?</b>	<b>3/7</b>	<b>7/7</b>
<b>Other consideration: Which plan keeps Puna subdivisions undivided and within Puna House districts?</b>	✗	✓
<b>Other consideration: Which plan has the lowest overall population deviation rate?</b>	✗	✓
<b>Other consideration: Did the community participate in making the plan?</b>	✗	✓

**Aloha and Namaste!**

**ARIEL MURPHY, R(B), GRI, ABR**

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Board Director, Puna Community Medical Center (PCMC) <http://punahealth.org/board-members-at-pcmc/>

Director, Orchidland Community Association (OLCA), Board of Directors

Member, Government Affairs Committee, Hawaii Island Board of Realtors (HIR)

Board Member, Philippine Women's Alliance of Hawaii (PWAH)

*"Look for the light! Study the light in everybody you come across. Notice it in total strangers. Notice it in people you love. Notice it even in people you think you don't like. Every time you're in contact with anyone, look for the light. Open yourself up to the resonance and notice the change that happens within you." - Karen Walsfrond (writer-photoessayist, engineer and lawyer)*



**From:** [Elizabeth Weatherford](#)  
**To:** [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Adopt the BoyeaCommunity Reapportionment Plan  
**Date:** Thursday, January 20, 2022 8:00:58 AM

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My name is Elizabeth Weatherford and I am a resident of the Puna District of Hawai'i Island.

Comparing the HRC Technical Committee Plan and the Boyea-Community Plan shows that the former disregards the State Constitution (Article IV Section 6) and the expressed will of residents of communities all over the island in several respects.

Priorities of redistricting are explicit:

Minimize deviation in resident population numbers;

Place two House Districts entirely within each of the four Senate Districts;

Keep communities with common interests together (e.g. Kailua-Kona) and do not subordinate smaller communities to larger ones (e.g. Puna Mauka

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*Elizabeth Weatherford*

*Pahoa, Hawaii*

*Malama Honua*

Date: January 20, 2022

To: Reapportionment Commission Chair and Members

From: Amy Monk

Subject: Reapportionment Testimony regarding SD 9 and 25 at Makapuu Point

The Commission was responsive to the community testimony, Neighborhood Board resolutions and the Oahu Advisory Council regarding the division of House District 50 and the new House District 18 at Makapuu Point. For the same reasons, Makapuu Point should also divide Senate Districts 9 and 25.

I hope the Commission will share the contents of the January 11, 2022 Letter from the Hawaii State Senate Standing Committee on Government Operations regarding the Informational Briefing on Reapportionment, so we may better understand the actions of the Commission.

Thank you.

**From:** [Jessica](#)  
**To:** [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Re: Reapportionment Commission Meeting 1/20 testimony  
**Date:** Thursday, January 20, 2022 9:02:17 AM

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Aloha, I am writing in support of the Hicks plan. Mahalo, Jessica Kuzmier-Bauer, Kailua-Kona

On 1/19/22 2:13 PM, OE.Elections.Reapportionment wrote:

Aloha,

The meeting materials for the Reapportionment Commission Meeting on January 20, 2022 are now available online. Please visit: <https://elections.hawaii.gov/about-us/boards-and-commissions/reapportionment/>.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

Thank you,

Jaime Kataoka  
Voter Services  
State of Hawaii, Office of Elections  
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**From:** [Nancy Neubauer](#)  
**To:** [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Puna  
**Date:** Thursday, January 20, 2022 9:51:42 AM

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I support the Boyea Community Plan  
Nancy Neubauer  
Orchidland  
Registered voter

**From:** [James Weatherford](#)  
**To:** [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Hawaii Island Representation  
**Date:** Thursday, January 20, 2022 9:55:24 AM

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The HRC has a solemn responsibility to advance true democracy in our state.

Please be sure to keep functioning communities together in Legislative districts, including House districts located wholly within Senate districts.

For example, communities in the Puna district MUST NOT be diluted with majorities from other communities, as is the case with the draft districts the HRC has published.

Thank you for your service to our community.

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