

## HAWAI'I DELEGATE SELECTION PLAN FOR THE 2024 DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION

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FOR THE 2024 DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION

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# Hawai'i

## Delegate Selection Plan

### For the 2024 Democratic National Convention

#### Section I

#### Introduction & Description of Delegate Selection Process

##### A. Introduction

1. Hawai'i has a total of 31 delegates and 2 alternates. *(Call I & Appendix B)*
2. The delegate selection process is governed by the *Charter and Bylaws of the Democratic Party of the United States*, the *Delegate Selection Rules for the 2024 Democratic National Convention* ("Rules"), the *Call for the 2024 Democratic National Convention* ("Call"), the *Regulations of the Rules and Bylaws Committee for the 2024 Democratic National Convention* ("Regs."), the *Bylaws of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i*, the *Hawai'i election code*, and this *Delegate Selection Plan*. *(Call II.A)*
3. Following the State Central Committee's adoption of this Delegate Selection Plan, the Democratic Party of Hawai'i shall submit the Plan for review and approval by the Democratic National Committee (DNC) Rules and Bylaws Committee ("RBC"). The State Chair of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i shall be empowered to make any technical revisions to this document as required by the RBC to correct any omissions and/or deficiencies as found by the RBC to ensure its full compliance with Party Rules. Such corrections shall be made by the State Chair of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i and the Plan resubmitted to the RBC within 30 days of receipt of notice of the RBC's findings. *(Reg. 2.5, Reg. 2.6 & Reg. 2.7)*
4. Once this Plan has been found in Compliance by the RBC, any amendment to the Plan by the Democratic Party of Hawai'i must be submitted to and approved by the RBC before it becomes effective. *(Reg. 2.9)*

##### B. Description of Delegate Selection Process

1. Hawai'i will use a proportional representation system based on the results of the **Caucus** for apportioning delegates to the 2024 Democratic National Convention.
2. The "first determining step" of Hawai'i's delegate selection process will occur on **Wednesday, March 6, 2024**, with a **caucus**. **The caucus will be held in conjunction**

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with the Democratic Party of Hawai'i Biennial Election Meetings where district officers, and state and county convention delegates and alternates are elected.

### C. Voter Participation

1. Participation in the state's delegate selection process is open to all voters who wish to participate as Democrats and who are enrolled in the Democratic Party of Hawai'i. (Rule 2.A and Rule 2.C.)

a. The registration and enrollment deadlines to vote/participate in the first determining step of the Hawai'i delegate selection process is Wednesday, March 6, 2023. Same-day registration and Party enrollment will be available at caucus sites throughout the state.

b. An overview of the State of Hawai'i voter registration procedures and the Democratic Party of Hawai'i enrollment procedures is outlined below:

(1) In the state of Hawai'i voters do not declare their political party affiliation when registering to vote.

To register to vote in the state of Hawai'i, a person may register online at [olvr.hawaii.gov](http://olvr.hawaii.gov). They may also register by mail or in person at the local County Clerk's office as follows:

- City and County of Honolulu:
  - 530 S King St. #100, Honolulu, HI 96813, or
  - 1000 Uluoha St, Kapolei, HI 96707
- County of Hawai'i:
  - 25 Aupuni St. #1502, Hilo, HI 96720
- County of Kauai:
  - 4386 Rice St. #101, Lihue, HI 96766
- County of Maui:
  - 200 S. High St., Wailuku, HI 96793

For absentee ballot information, you may visit

[elections.hawaii.gov/voting/absentee-voting/](http://elections.hawaii.gov/voting/absentee-voting/) for the most up to date information or request information from the county offices listed above.

(2) Hawai'i voters who have not already become Democrats by enrolling in the Democratic Party of Hawai'i may enroll to participate at any time through the day of the in person caucus Wednesday, March 6, 2024. (Rule 2.A & Reg. 4.3.B)

(3) Hawai'i voters may declare that they are Democrats by completing a separate membership enrollment directly through the Democratic Party of Hawai'i as follows:

- a. Online: at [hawaiidemocrats.org/join](http://hawaiidemocrats.org/join), or

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- b. Paper Form:
  - i. request via email at [aloha@hawaiidemocrats.org](mailto:aloha@hawaiidemocrats.org)
  - ii. request via mail at PO Box 2041, Honolulu, HI 96805
  - iii. visit Democratic Party of Hawai'i Headquarters at  
627 South St., suite 105, Honolulu, HI 96813

Hawai'i voters shall use their voter registration name and residential address during their party enrollment so that they may be matched with their voter file. (*Rule 2.A & Reg. 4.3.A*)

The Democratic Party of Hawai'i's online "JOIN" membership page indicates: We understand that many people have PO Boxes because their mail can't be delivered to their residential address. However, to verify that you're a registered voter in Hawai'i, you must input your residential address. Being verified as a registered voter is a prerequisite for members to fully participate in Party activities, including to vote in the Democratic primary for President of the United States of America.

- (4) Voting in all Democratic Party of Hawai'i elections, including the delegate selection process requires membership in the Democratic Party of Hawai'i and proof of State of Hawai'i voter registration. If the member is unable to provide proof of voter registration, the member shall complete and sign a voter registration form in the presence of a designated Party official. Individuals not registered to vote or who are ineligible to vote in the State of Hawai'i may become non-voting "associate" members of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i. (*Rule 2.A, Reg. 4.3.A & DPH Bylaws Art.I, Sec.1*)

- a. Per the Democratic Party of Hawai'i *Bylaws*, Article I, Section 1, the following persons are eligible to become members of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i:
  - i. Individuals who, at the time of application, are registered to vote in the State of Hawai'i may become voting members of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i; or
  - ii. Individuals who, at the time of application, are eligible but not registered to vote in the state of Hawai'i may become non-voting associate members of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, and upon registration to vote in the State of Hawai'i, shall become voting members of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i; or
  - iii. Individuals who, at the time of application, are not eligible to register to vote in the State of Hawai'i may become non-voting associate members of the Democratic Party of

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Hawai'i. If eligibility to register to vote in the State of Hawai'i is later attained and the individual duly registers to vote, then the individual shall become a voting member of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i. Information provided by the applicant shall be recorded electronically and shall be available for appropriate Party uses.

- c. To encourage participation by youth in the delegate selection process, every person who qualifies and reaches the age of 16 may pre-register to vote and will automatically be registered upon reaching 18 years of age. Every person who qualifies and has reached the age of 17 may register and may participate if that person will be 18 years of age on or before Tuesday, November 5, 2024. That person's name shall be placed on the appropriate county general register and precinct list. (*Hawai'i Revised Statutes (HRS) §11-12) (Reg. 4.3.C)*
  - d. At no stage of Hawai'i's delegate selection process shall any person be required, directly or indirectly, to pay a cost or fee as a condition for participating. Voluntary contributions to the Party may be made, but under no circumstances shall a contribution be mandatory for participation. The Democratic Party of Hawai'i does periodically make requests for voluntary membership dues and other various fundraising communications of members to support state and county committees. No contribution is a requirement for membership in the Democratic Party of Hawai'i. (*Rule 2.D & Reg. 4.4)*
  - e. No person shall participate or vote in the nominating process for the Democratic presidential candidate who also participates in the nominating process of any other party for the corresponding election. (*Rule 2.E)*
  - f. Votes shall not be taken by secret ballot at any stage of the delegate selection process, including processes leading up to the selection of DNC Members or State Chairs or Vice Chairs, who serve as DNC members by virtue of their office, except that use of such voting by secret ballot may be used in a process that is the first determining stage of the delegate selection process and in which all individual voters who wish to participate as members of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i are eligible to do so. (*Rule 2.F)*
  - g. No person shall vote in more than one (1) meeting which is the first meeting in the delegate selection process. Voters who show up at the Biennial Election Meeting in person caucus sites will receive one ballot upon credentialing and will be allowed to vote only once. (*Rule 3.E & Reg. 4.7)*
2. The Democratic Party of Hawai'i has taken steps to seek enactment of legislation, rules, and policies at the state and local level to enhance voter and election security and combat election subversion, to accomplish the following goals:



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- a. As the State of Hawai'i Office of Elections and the county clerk's offices do not conduct party registration during voter registration, the Democratic Party of Hawai'i obtains the State of Hawai'i voter file regularly. The Party staff and DNC voter team work to merge the data with the Party membership database. Party enrollment is maintained by the Party using VoteBuilder and the cyber security systems that the DNC has incorporated therein. The State of Hawai'i has invested in cybersecurity systems to ensure that voter records are not vulnerable to digital theft in order to maintain secure state voter registration rolls. These efforts secure and protect Hawai'i voter personal information; *(Rule 2.H.1)*
- b. The Democratic Party of Hawai'i will hold a caucus for 2024. The voter rolls for this process are registered voters of the State of Hawai'i who are enrolled with the Democratic Party of Hawai'i. The Democratic Party of Hawai'i does not remove any member from the membership rolls unless the member resigns via a written communication or is marked deceased with a valid public obituary in the case of death. Additionally, the Democratic Party of Hawai'i offers same day registration and enrollment through the caucus process; *(Rule 2.H.2)*
- c. The Democratic Party of Hawai'i will be utilizing only paper ballots and no electronic voting system will be utilized; *(Rule 2.H.3)*
- d. The Democratic Party of Hawai'i will be utilizing only paper ballots, this will be the voter verifiable paper record; *(Rule 2.H.4)*
- e. The Democratic Party of Hawai'i will implement risk limiting post-election manual audits by having our state officers compare reported counts to paper records. *(Rule 2.H.5)*
- f. The Democratic Party of Hawai'i will be utilizing only paper ballots; *(Rule 2.H.6)*
- g. The Democratic Party of Hawai'i will assure that our district officers will provide accessibility assistance making it possible for individuals with disabilities to vote securely and privately, with votes verifiable by voters; *(Rule 2.H.7)*
- h. The Democratic Party of Hawai'i will provide educational materials to enhance public knowledge and confidence in election administration and counter disinformation. Results by congressional district and a statewide total will be posted to the Democratic Party of Hawai'i website; *(Rule 2.H.8)*
  - i. The Democratic Party of Hawai'i advocates for fair and honest election policies; and *(Rule 2.H.9)*

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- j. The Democratic Party of Hawai'i this year has advocated for increased election funding for state and local election administration. *(Rule 2.H.10)*
3. In accordance with the Democratic Party's requirement to assess and improve participation with respect to presidential preference and the delegate selection process, the Democratic Party of Hawai'i will assure the following: *(Rule 2.I and 2.I.1)*
  - a. The Democratic Party of Hawai'i will have same day voter registration and Party enrollment available at all of the caucus sites for the 51 State House District locations. This will allow any person eligible to vote in the State of Hawai'i and who wishes to become a Democrat and vote in the Hawai'i caucus for a presidential candidate will be able to participate; *(Rule 2.I.1.a)*
  - b. The Democratic Party of Hawai'i caucus locations will be at public schools, community centers, and other locations that are A.D.A. accessible. Democratic Party of Hawai'i Biennial Election Meeting and caucus locations are within the district where members reside to assure locations are fairly placed. The caucus locations, start and stop times for balloting, and requirements for voting will be advertised well in advance of Wednesday March 6, 2024. Voting will be by paper ballot; *(Rule 2.I.1.b)*
  - c. There will be two (2) tables for member intake at each of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i Biennial Election Meeting and caucus locations; one (1) to credential existing members and one (1) to help register and enroll new members. Ballots will be distributed to the Democratic Party of Hawai'i members and new members during the check in/credentialing process; *(Rule 2.I.1.c)*
  - d. Membership in the Democratic Party of Hawai'i requires valid registration as a voter in the State of Hawai'i. Membership in the Party is regularly cross-referenced with the Hawai'i Office of Elections voter files obtained through each County Clerk. During the voting process, voter signatures are required, but no other validation is required; *(Rule 2.I.1.d)*
  - e. The Democratic Party of Hawai'i state officers will be available for Democratic Party of Hawai'i Biennial Election Meeting and caucus troubleshooting via a hotline provided to our district officers. Troubleshooting may include verification of out of district active members and their vote for the selection of the Democratic nominee for President of the United States will be included and counted in the final ballot count; and *(Rule 2.I.1.e)*
  - f. Democratic Party of Hawai'i members who are in the military and who live overseas will have the opportunity to participate in the caucus process by contacting the Democratic Party of Hawai'i via email to

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[aloha@hawaiidemocrats.org](mailto:aloha@hawaiidemocrats.org) so reasonable accommodations can be made.

*(Rule 2.1.1.f)*

4. Participation in the delegate selection process by registered voters who are enrolled members of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i shall be encouraged through:  
*(Rule 2.1.2)*
  - a. Both State of Hawai'i voter registration and Democratic Party of Hawai'i enrollment is available online:
    - Voter registration: [olvr.hawaii.gov](http://olvr.hawaii.gov)
    - Democratic Party of Hawai'i enrollment: [hawaiidemocrats.org/join](http://hawaiidemocrats.org/join)Hawai'i residents may also register to vote and enroll with the Democratic Party of Hawai'i on the caucus day; **Wednesday, March 6, 2024**; *(Rule 2.1.2.a)*
  - b. Every person who qualifies and reaches the age of 16 may pre-register and will automatically be registered upon reaching 18 years of age. Every person who qualifies and has reached the age of 17 may register to vote and may participate if they will be 18 years of age on or before Tuesday, November 5, 2024. Their names shall be placed on the appropriate county general register and precinct list; *(Hawai'i Revised Statutes (HRS) §11-12) (Rule 2.1.2.b)*
  - c. Voting rights for all people who have served time for their criminal conviction, will be restored without requiring the payment of court fees or fines. Except as otherwise provided by law, a person convicted of a crime does not suffer civil death or corruption of blood or sustain loss of civil rights or forfeiture of estate or property, but retains all of the person's rights, political, personal, civil, and otherwise, including the right to hold public office or employment, to vote, to hold, receive, and transfer property, to enter into contracts, to sue, and to be sued, and to hold offices of private trust in accordance with the law; *(Hawai'i Revised Statutes (HRS) §831-3) (Rule 2.1.2.c)*
  - d. Hawai'i residents may also register to vote and enroll with the Democratic Party of Hawai'i on the caucus day; **Wednesday, March 6, 2024**; *(Rule 2.1.2.d)*
5. In 2023 the Democratic Party of Hawai'i pursued the possibility of State-run Primary Elections in Hawai'i; while several bills for a special election State-run Primary moved through the Hawai'i Legislature, none became state law. **The Democratic Party of Hawaii will continue to pursue a State-run Primary Election in the 2024 legislative session through communication with legislators and securing their support for enabling legislation.** *(Rule 2.J and Rule 2.J.1)*
6. The Democratic Party of Hawai'i, in order to ensure an open and inclusive process and resist attempts at voter suppression and disenfranchisement, will conduct a caucus process that is open to all Hawai'i voters who are enrolled as members by **Wednesday, March 6, 2024** in order to vote in person for the Democratic nominee

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for President. This process will be widely publicized through public media, Hawai'i citizens will be encouraged to participate, and the Affirmative Action and Membership Committees will actively engage in community events and publicize in underserved communities to encourage and promote active participation by all Hawai'i Democrats. *(Rule 2.K)*

a. The Party will incorporate mechanisms with reasonable safeguards against error and fraud: *(Rule 2.K.1)*

- (1) The Party will design and develop a copy-proof, numbered ballot. It will contain checkboxes for Congressional District 01 and Congressional District 02.
- (2) Numbered ballots will be distributed to all House District officers for use at the Democratic Party of Hawai'i Biennial Election Meetings and caucus locations. A record of the ballot range for each house district number will be kept by the Democratic Party of Hawai'i Secretary.
- (3) The ballots will be opened and distributed once credentialing has begun at the in person locations on Wednesday, March 6, 2024. Volunteers who have been trained by Democratic Party of Hawai'i officers will be on hand to run the in person caucus voting. Volunteers who distribute ballots will check the voter's corresponding Congressional District on the ballot after credentialing the member and prior to distribution. This will ensure accurate separation of ballots for the congressional district results.
- (4) The ballots will be collected by volunteers who have been trained by Democratic Party of Hawai'i officers in the designated ballot box provided by the Democratic Party of Hawai'i.
- (5) At the conclusion of the caucus vote the ballots will be separated by congressional district and tallied by two (2) parties, the District Chair and the District Secretary for each of the congressional districts for which they have received ballots. In the event their count totals do not match, both the District Chair and the District Secretary will complete a recount until, and to assure, accurate matching totals are obtained. Observers and presidential campaign representatives may choose to be on hand to witness the count(s) at any location.

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- (6) Once accurate matching totals are obtained, the District Chair will text and/or call in the results to the phone number provided in their Biennial Election Meeting and caucus packet. This number will be managed by Democratic Party of Hawai'i state officers who will staff the hotline from Party headquarters.
  - (7) When all voting locations have reported back their respective vote totals, all totals will be compiled first by congressional district and then as a statewide total by two (2) designated Democratic Party of Hawai'i officers. In the event their count totals do not match, both designated officers will complete a recount until, and to assure, accurate matching totals are obtained. Observers and presidential campaign representatives may choose to be on hand to witness the count(s) at any location.
  - (8) The viability threshold to receive delegates is established to be 15% of the total caucus votes by congressional district. All presidential candidates below the 15% viability threshold shall be eliminated.
  - (9) Any presidential candidate on the ballot who has officially ended their candidacy shall be eliminated.
  - (10) The State Chair of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i will announce the results of the election.
- b. The Democratic Party of Hawai'i was not able to raise necessary funds for the Party-run Presidential Primary. Therefore, the Democratic Party of Hawai'i is submitting this amended plan converting to a caucus, which we are able to financially support; **[See Attachment C.1]** (*Rule 2.K.2*)
- (1) The Democratic Party of Hawai'i State Central Committee, in conjunction with the Party-run Presidential Primary Committee is responsible for raising the funding required to complete Party-run Presidential Primary; with half of the funding due by December 31, 2023.
  - (2) If these fundraising goals are not met, the Democratic Party of Hawai'i reserves the right to seek an alternative method of voting, including adjusting the Request for Proposals to downsize, or reduce the Plan to same-day in person polling locations only. Any such changes in method of voting shall be subject to approval by

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the Democratic Party of Hawai'i State Central Committee and the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee. *(Reg. 2.9)*

- c. The Democratic Party of Hawai'i will implement same-day voter registration and Democratic Party of Hawai'i enrollment at the polling locations. If a person chooses, they may change their party-affiliation at anytime including at the in person polling locations; *(Rule 2.K.3)*
- d. After the final count, the results will be reported to the State Chair of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, who will announce the statewide and congressional district level results for each presidential candidate based on the expression of preference by the voters at the first determining step of Hawai'i's Delegate Selection Plan; *(Rule 2.K.4)*
- e. The State Chair of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i shall be responsible for certifying the use of the DNC formula to allocate national delegates. This certification shall be locked in at the first determining step, as determined by Hawai'i's Delegate Selection Plan, subject to recount; *(Rule 2.K.5)*
- f. To ensure expressions of preference as part of the presidential nominating process are securely preserved, the Democratic Party of Hawai'i Executive Director shall preserve and store all paper ballots for twelve (12) months; *(Rule 2.K.6)*
- g. A presidential candidate who requests a recount may file a petition to the Democratic Party of Hawai'i within four (4) days of **Wednesday, March 6, 2024**. The State Chair of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i will reply within two (2) days to the presidential candidate's request with a statement of cost to be paid by the candidate for the recount. The presidential candidate will have three (3) days to respond before a recount occurs. The recount process will be outlined as follows: *(Rule 2.K.7)*
  - (1) In the event of a recount, ballots will be counted at **the Democratic Party of Hawai'i headquarters** in Honolulu, the recount will be conducted by **Democratic Party of Hawai'i state officers designated by the State Chair**.
  - (2) In the event of a recount, a hand recount will be completed.
- h. **T**hose who are serving in the military, homebound, disabled, with illness preventing participation, working, without childcare, or other reasons which would prohibit in person participation, will be able to vote **in the caucus process by contacting the Democratic Party of Hawai'i via email to [aloha@hawaiidemocrats.org](mailto:aloha@hawaiidemocrats.org)** so reasonable accommodations can be made; *(Rule 2.K.8)* and

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- i. The Affirmative Action Committee will take appropriate steps to ensure voters in Hawai'i's caucus, like those in primary states, have a right to participate in the process. The committee through proper education and outreach will ensure accessibility, including specifically for people with disabilities and for people with limited English proficiency in accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act and Sections 203 and 208 of the Voting Rights Act. The ballot will include preprinted instructions in various languages. (Rule 2.K.9)

### D. Scheduling of Delegate Selection Meetings

The dates, times, and places for all official Democratic Party of Hawai'i meetings and events related to Hawai'i's delegate selection process have been scheduled to encourage the participation of all Democrats. All meetings related to the delegate selection process will: (Rule 3.A & Reg. 4.)

- Begin and end at reasonable hours;
- Be held at publicly accessible facilities and/or be available to all participants remotely; and
- Consider any religious observations that could significantly affect participation, and avoid being scheduled at such times.

## Section II Presidential Candidates

### A. Ballot Access

A presidential candidate gains access to the Hawai'i's caucus ballot by:

1. Each presidential candidate shall submit in writing and on campaign letterhead a letter of authorization to the State Chair of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i. The letter of authorization shall include the candidate name as it should appear on the caucus ballot AND the name(s) of their authorized campaign representative(s). The written authorization letter must be received either in person or by mail to PO Box 2041, Honolulu, HI 96805, any time so long as it is delivered or postmarked by Wednesday, January 24, 2024 at 5:00PM HST; *(Rule 1.A.8, Rule 13.D.1)*
2. A filing fee of \$2,500.00 must accompany the written letter of authorization. *(Rule 1.A.8 & Rule 15.B)*
3. The "write-in" option will not be available, however, an "uncommitted" option will be available on the ballot. *(Rule 11.C, Rule 14.A/C/D/E & Rule 15.H)*

### B. Other Requirements

1. Each presidential candidate (including uncommitted status) shall use their best efforts to ensure that their respective delegation within the state delegation achieves the affirmative action, outreach and inclusion goals established by this Plan and is equally divided between men and women. *(Rule 6.I)*



## Section III Selection of Delegates and Alternates

### A. District-Level Delegates and Alternates

1. Hawai'i is allocated **fourteen (14)** district-level delegates and no (0) district-level alternates. *(Rule 8.C, Call I.B, I.I, & Appendix B)*
2. District-level delegates and alternates shall be elected at the Democratic Party of Hawai'i State Convention. As is stated in the Constitution and Bylaws of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i:
  - a. The number of delegates to the Hawai'i State Convention from each precinct shall be allotted according to a formula in direct proportion to the most recent total vote in the precinct for the Democratic nominee for Governor of the State of Hawai'i, according to proportioning factors which provide for the maximum opportunity for participation consistent with the Constitution, provided, however, each precinct shall be entitled to at least two (2) delegates to the State Convention.
    - (1) The total number of elected delegates to the Hawai'i State Convention shall be no more than 1,000. The number of delegates allotted to each precinct shall be determined by the total votes cast in each precinct plus the apportioned absentee ballots, divided by the total number of votes cast for the gubernatorial candidate, and the results multiplied by the total number of elected delegates to the State Convention. *(DPH Bylaws Art.VI, Sec.2D.1)*
    - (2) Convention delegates who are not elected as stated above and have all rights and privileges of elected precinct delegates, other than voting for District-level delegates are as follows: Incumbent Party Chairperson, National Committeeman, National Committeewoman, State Central Committee Members, Incumbent County At-large Representatives to the State Central Committee, District Chairpersons, Incumbent and Immediate Past County Chairpersons, including ex-officio members of the State Central Committee, former Democratic Governors, former Democratic Lieutenant Governors, Former Democratic Party Chairpersons, Elected Federal, State, and County Officials, or officials who may have been appointed to fill a vacant position of an elected official, who do not seek election as delegates from the precinct. *(DPH Bylaws Art.VI, Sec.2A/2B/2C)*

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(3) Automatic Delegates to the Hawai'i State Convention do not vote on matters concerning the election of National Convention delegates. *(DPH Bylaws Art.VI, Sec.2C)*

b. Only delegates to the State Convention who submit a Pledge of Support form indicating their presidential preference or uncommitted status by Thursday, May 2, 2024 by 5:00PM HST, will be permitted to participate in the election of their district-level delegates to the National Convention to be held at the State Convention on Saturday, May 18, 2024. District-level, PLEO, at-large delegate forms as well as pledge of support forms will be available and accessible to all members starting Friday, March 1, 2024. Forms can be found online at [hawaiidemocrats.org](http://hawaiidemocrats.org) and at Democratic Party Headquarters at 627 South Street, Honolulu, HI 96813. They will also be made available at the Biennial District Elections and via membership email notifications

### 3. Apportionment of District-Level Delegates

a. Hawai'i's district-level delegates to the Democratic National Convention are apportioned among the districts based on a formula giving equal weight to the vote for the Democratic candidates in the 2020 presidential and the most recent gubernatorial elections. The 2020 election and the 2022 gubernatorial election best reflects Hawai'i's diversity in candidates and voter turnout, and best for a reasonable attempt being made to estimate the data which is based on historical district boundaries which have changed in the interim. *(Rule 8.A, Reg. 4.11 & Appendix A)*

b. The number of men and the number of women in Hawai'i's total number of district-level delegates will not vary by more than one. *(Rule 6.C.1 & Reg. 4.9)*

c. The district-level delegates are apportioned to districts as indicated in the following table, assuming no gender non-binary delegates or alternates:

District	Delegates		
	Males	Females	Total
#1	4	3	7
#2	3	4	7
Total	7	7	14

d. Hawai'i State Convention delegates are allotted by precinct according to the percentage of Democratic votes, precinct vs. total votes, in the prior gubernatorial election as outlined in this Plan Section III.A.2.a. Members

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elected to these Hawai'i State Convention delegate positions are Democratic Party of Hawai'i voting members who reside in the district/precinct and are elected by voting members of the district/precinct which they represent. (*Rule 8.B*)

### 4. District-Level Delegate Filing Requirements

- a. A district-level delegate and alternate candidate may run for election only within the district in which they are registered to vote. All District-level delegate candidates must be members of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i. Their Party registration is recorded in the Party database and can be checked for verification. (*Rule 13.H*)
- b. A Democratic Party of Hawai'i voting member can qualify as a candidate for district-level delegate to the 2024 Democratic National Convention by filing a statement of candidacy designating their singular presidential (or uncommitted) preference and a signed pledge of support for the presidential candidate (including uncommitted status) with the Secretary of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i by Thursday, May 2, 2024 at 5:00PM HST. This can be done in person, by email to [secretary@hawaiidemocrats.org](mailto:secretary@hawaiidemocrats.org) or mailed to the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, PO Box 2041, Honolulu, HI 96805. District-level, PLEO, at-large delegate forms as well as pledge of support forms will be available and accessible to all members starting Friday, March 1, 2024. Forms can be found online at [hawaiidemocrats.org](http://hawaiidemocrats.org) and at Democratic Party Headquarters at 627 South Street, Honolulu, HI 96813. They will also be made available at the Biennial District Elections and via membership email notifications. A delegate or alternate candidate may modify their singular presidential preference by submitting an updated pledge of support no later than the filing deadline. [**Forms: Attachment B.7**] (*Rule 13.B, Rule 15.F & Reg. 4.22*)
- c. The statement of candidacy form shall be signed by no less than ten (10) certified members of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i from the congressional district in which the candidate resides. (*Rule 15.C*)
- d. An individual may apply for multiple categories (district-level, PLEO, at-large) for which they are eligible; each category must be applied for with a separate form. (*Rule 15 & Reg. 4.29*)

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5. Presidential Candidate Right of Review for District-Level Delegates
  - a. The State Democratic Chair shall convey to the presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), not later than Monday, May 6, 2024 at 5:00PM HST, a list of all persons who have filed for at-large delegates pledged to that presidential candidate. (*Rule 13.D & Rule 13.F*)
  - b. Each presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), must then file with the State Chair of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i by Friday, May 10, 2024 at 5:00PM HST, a list of all such candidates they have approved, provided that approval be given to at least three (3) for every position to which the presidential candidate is entitled (*Rule 13.E.1, Reg. 4.23 & Reg. 4.24*)
  - c. Failure to respond will be deemed approval of all delegate candidates submitted to the presidential candidate unless the presidential candidate, or the authorized representative(s), signifies otherwise in writing to the State Chair of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i by Friday, May 10, 2024 at 5:00PM HST. (*Rule 13.D*)
  - d. National convention delegates and alternate candidates removed from the list of bona fide supporters by a presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), may not be elected as a delegate or alternate at that level pledged to that presidential candidate. (*Rule 13.E & Reg. 4.23*)
  - e. The State Chair of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i shall certify in writing to the Co-Chairs of the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee whether each presidential candidate has used their best efforts to ensure that their respective pledged district-level delegate candidates meet the affirmative action and outreach and inclusion considerations and goals detailed in the Affirmative Action section of this Plan within three (3) business days of returning the list of approved district-level delegate candidates and district-level alternate candidates as indicated in Section III.A.5.b of this Plan. (*Rule 6.I & Reg.4.10.C*)

6. Fair Reflection of Presidential Preference

- a. Caucus Proportional Representation Plan (*Rule 14.A, Rule 14.B & Rule 14.D*)

Hawai'i is a caucus state. Accordingly, delegate and alternate positions shall be allocated so as to fairly reflect the expressed presidential preference or uncommitted status of the voters in each congressional district. Therefore, the National Convention delegates elected at the district-level shall be allocated in proportion to the percentage of the caucus vote won in that district by each preference according to the final expression of preference at the first determining step, except that preferences falling below a 15% threshold shall not be awarded any delegates. (*Rule 2.K.5, Rule 14.B & Reg. 4.28*)

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- b. Within a district, if no presidential preference reaches a 15% threshold, the threshold shall be half the percentage of the vote received in that district by the front-runner. *(Rule 14.F)*
  - c. District-level delegate candidates pledged to a presidential candidate shall be elected to the Democratic National Convention by elected delegates to the Hawai'i State Convention who have signed pledge of support forms for the same presidential candidate to whom the nominees are pledged. Elections shall be conducted by signed ballot, and by corresponding congressional district. *(Rule 13.G)*
    - (1) Elected delegates to the State Convention who wish to vote for district-level delegate candidates pledged to a presidential candidate shall file a signed pledge of support form for the same presidential candidate or as uncommitted with the Secretary of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i no later than Thursday, May 2, 2024 at 5:00PM HST. *(Rule 13.G.)*
    - (2) A signed pledge of support is a documented pledge of loyalty to a presidential candidate or as uncommitted, and contains the signature of the person, their residential street address, and their district and precinct.
7. Equal Division of District-Level Delegates
- a. To ensure the district-level binary-gendered delegates are equally divided between men and women (determined by gender self-identification) the gender of the first binary delegate elected in each district will be designated. At the time of election of delegates in the district, the binary gender advantage will alternate as delegate positions are filled and the alternation shall continue across presidential preferences in order of vote-getting preference. In the case of non-binary gender delegates, they shall not be counted in either the male or female category, but do count towards the total delegate allotment. *(Rule 6.C, Rule 6.C.1 & Reg. 4.10)*
    - (1) Hawai'i will determine delegate positions such that the gender of the first delegate position to be filled by the winning presidential candidate is predetermined. Once the allocation of District-level delegates among presidential preference(s) has been calculated, the remaining delegate positions can be assigned to the presidential preference(s), in order of vote won, alternating by gender.
    - (2) After the gender slots have been assigned to candidates, candidates by mutual agreement may swap gender slots if and only if it preserves the

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gender balance both of the whole delegation and as much as possible balance within the delegations.

### 8. Certification

The State Chair of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i shall certify in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee the selection of the state's district-level delegates to the Democratic National Convention within ten (10) days after their election. *(Rule 8.C & Call IV.A)*

### B. Automatic Delegates

#### 1. Automatic Party Leaders and Elected Officials

- a. The following categories (if applicable) shall constitute the Automatic Party Leaders and Elected Official delegate positions:
  - (1) Members of the Democratic National Committee who legally reside in the State of Hawai'i; *(Rule 9.A.1, Call I.F, Call I.J, & Reg. 4.15)*
  - (2) Democratic President and Democratic Vice President (if applicable); *(Rule 9.A.2 & Call I.G)*
  - (3) All of Hawai'i's Democratic Members of the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate; *(Rule 9.A.3, Call I.H & Call I.J)*
  - (4) The Democratic Governor (if applicable); *(Rule 9.A.4, Call I.H & Call I.J)*
  - (5) "Distinguished Party Leader" delegates who legally reside in the state (if applicable); Persons who qualify as "Distinguished Party Leader" delegates are: all former Democratic Presidents or Vice Presidents, all former Democratic Leaders of the U.S. Senate, all former Democratic Speakers of the U.S. House of Representatives and Democratic Minority Leaders, as applicable, and all former Chairs of the Democratic National Committee. *(Rule 9.A.5, Call I.G & Reg. 4.14)*
- b. An automatic delegate may run and be elected as a pledged delegate. If an automatic delegate is elected and certified as a pledged delegate, that individual shall not serve as an automatic delegate at the 2024 National Convention. *(Call I.J)*
- c. The certification process for the Automatic Party Leader and Elected Official delegates is as follows:

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- (1) Not later than Wednesday, March 6, 2024, the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee shall officially confirm to the State Chair of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, the names of the automatic delegates who legally reside in Hawai'i. *(Rule 9.A)*
  - (2) Official confirmation by the Secretary shall constitute verification of the automatic delegates from the categories indicated above. *(Call IV.B.1)*
  - (3) The State Chair of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i shall certify in writing to the Secretary of the DNC the presidential preference of Hawai'i's automatic delegates ten (10) days after the completion of the Hawai'i's delegate selection process. *(Call IV.C)*
2. For purposes of achieving equal division between delegate men and delegate women and alternate men and alternate women within the state's entire convention delegation (determined by gender self-identification), the entire delegation includes all pledged and automatic delegates, including those who identify as male or female. In the case of non-binary gender delegates, they shall not be counted in either the male or female category, but do count towards the total delegate allotment. *(Rule 6.C and Reg. 4.9)*

### **C. Pledged Party Leader and Elected Official Delegates (PLEOs)**

1. Hawai'i is allotted 3 pledged Party Leader and Elected Official (PLEO) delegates. *(Call I.D, Call I.E & Appendix B)*
2. Pledged PLEO Delegate Filing Requirements
  - a. Individuals shall be eligible for the pledged PLEO delegate positions according to the following priority: big city mayors and state-wide elected officials (to be given equal consideration); state legislative leaders, state legislators, and other state, county and local elected officials and party leaders. Automatic delegates who choose to run for PLEO delegate will be given equal consideration with big city mayors and state-wide elected officials. *(Rule 10.A.1 & Reg. 4.16)*
  - b. A Democratic Party of Hawai'i voting member who is also an Party Leader or Elected Official can qualify as a candidate for a position as a pledged PLEO delegate by 2024 Democratic National Convention by filing a statement of candidacy designating their singular presidential (or uncommitted) preference and a signed pledge of support for the presidential candidate (including uncommitted status) with the Secretary of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i by Thursday, May 2, 2024 at 5:00PM HST. This can be done in person, by email to [secretary@hawaiidemocrats.org](mailto:secretary@hawaiidemocrats.org) or mailed to the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, PO Box 2041, Honolulu, HI 96805. District-level, PLEO, at-large delegate forms as well as pledge of support forms will be available and accessible to all

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members starting Friday, March 1, 2024. Forms can be found online at [hawaiidemocrats.org](http://hawaiidemocrats.org) and at Democratic Party Headquarters at 627 South Street, Honolulu, HI 96813. They will also be made available at the Biennial District Elections and via membership email notifications. A delegate or alternate candidate may modify their singular presidential preference by submitting an updated pledge of support no later than the filing deadline. **[Forms: Attachment B.7]** (*Rule 15.G, Reg.4.18 & Reg. 4.17*)

- c. The statement of candidacy form shall be signed by no less than ten (10) certified members of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i. (*Rule 15.C*)
  - d. An individual may apply for multiple categories (district-level, PLEO, at-large) for which they are eligible; each category must be applied for with a separate form. (*Rule 15 & Reg. 4.29*)
3. Presidential Candidate Right of Review
- a. The State Democratic Chair shall convey to the presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), no later than Monday, May 6, 2024 at 5:00PM HST, a list of all persons who have filed for a PLEO delegate pledged to that presidential candidate. (*Rule 13.D*)
  - b. Each presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), must file with the State Democratic Chair, by Sunday, May 19, 2024, 30 minutes after the conclusion of the Hawai'i State Convention, a list of all such candidates they have approved, provided that approval be given to at least two (2) names for every position to which the presidential candidate is entitled. (*Rule 13.D.3, Rule 13.E.2 & Reg. 4.24*)
  - c. Failure to respond will be deemed approval of all delegate candidates submitted to the presidential candidate unless the presidential candidate or the authorized representative(s) signifies otherwise in writing to the State Chair of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i not later than Sunday, May 19, 2024, 30 minutes after the conclusion of the Hawai'i State Convention. (*Rule 13.D*)
  - d. National convention delegates and alternate candidates removed from the list of bona fide supporters by a presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), may not be elected as a delegate or alternate at that level pledged to that presidential candidate. (*Rule 13.E & Reg. 4.23*)
  - e. The State Chair of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i shall certify in writing to the Co-Chairs of the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee whether each presidential candidate has used their best efforts to ensure that their respective pledged PLEO delegate candidates meet the affirmative action and outreach and inclusion considerations and goals detailed in the Affirmative Action section of



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this Plan within three (3) business days of returning the list of approved pledged PLEO candidates as indicated in Section III.C.3.b of this Plan. (*Rule 6.I & Reg. 4.10.C*)

4. Selection of Pledged Party Leader and Elected Official Delegates
  - a. The pledged PLEO slots shall be allocated among statewide presidential preferences on the same basis as the at-large delegates. (*Rule 10.A.2, Rule 14.E & Rule 14.F*)
  - b. Selection of the pledged PLEO delegates will occur on Sunday, May 19, 2024 at the first State Central Committee meeting which commences immediately after the drop of the gavel at the Hawai'i State Convention. This meeting will be held on site at the same location of the Hawai'i State Convention. Selection of pledged PLEO delegates will be after the selection of district-level delegates and prior to the selection of at-large delegates and alternates. (*Rule 10.A*)
  - c. These delegates will be selected by the State Central Committee of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, provided that: (*Rule 10.B*)
    - (1) State Central Committee members who represent state senatorial districts will be the only members allowed to vote for PLEO delegates, as they are the only members of the State Central Committee who satisfy Rule 10.B requiring that members be apportioned on the basis of population and/or some measure of Democratic strength. (*Rule 10.B.1 & Reg. 4.18.A*)
    - (2) State Central Committee members who represent state senatorial districts will be selected through open processes in conformity with the basic procedural guarantees utilized for delegate selection. Any member of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i can become a candidate, except if a member has resigned from the Party in the two (2) years prior to re-enrollment in the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, the re-enrolled member must be a member in good standing for one (1) year before the next election prior to being elected Party Chair or for election to the State Central Committee. The State Chair must be a member for at least one (1) year. The election of members to the State Central Committee is conducted at the Hawai'i State Convention to which the delegates have been elected by members in equally apportioned state house districts, and county representatives who were elected at their respective county conventions. (*Rule 10.B.2 & Reg. 4.18.B*)
    - (3) State Central Committee members who represent state senatorial districts will be elected on May 18-19, 2024 at the Hawai'i State Convention pursuant to the Democratic Party of Hawai'i Constitution and

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Bylaws; which is not earlier than the date of the previous presidential election, and subsequent to the election of district-level delegates. *(Rule 10.B.3, Rule 10.B.4 & Reg. 4.18.B)*

- (4) State Central Committee members who represent state senatorial districts comply with equal division requirements of Article 9, Section 16 of the Charter of the Democratic Party of the United States. Senatorial districts representation of the State Central Committee of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i is composed of one (1) male and one (1) female representative. *(Rule 10.B.3, Rule 10.B.5 & Reg. 4.18.C)*

### 5. Certification

The State Democratic Chair shall certify in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee the selection of the state's pledged PLEO delegates to the Democratic National Convention within ten (10) days after their election. *(Call IV.A & Reg. 5.4.A)*

### D. At-Large Delegates and Alternates

1. The state of Hawai'i is allotted **five (5)** at-large delegates and two (2) at-large alternates. *(Rule 8.C, Call I.B, II, Appendix B & Reg. 4.32)*
2. At-Large Delegate and Alternate Filing Requirements
  - a. A Democratic Party of Hawai'i voting member can qualify as a candidate for at-large delegate or alternate to the 2024 Democratic National Convention by filing a statement of candidacy designating their singular presidential (or uncommitted) preference and a signed pledge of support for the presidential candidate (including uncommitted status) with the Secretary of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i by Thursday, May 2, 2024 at 5:00PM HST. This can be done in person, by email to [secretary@hawaiidemocrats.org](mailto:secretary@hawaiidemocrats.org) or mailed to the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, PO Box 2041, Honolulu, HI 96805. District-level, PLEO, at-large delegate forms as well as pledge of support forms will be available and accessible to all members starting Friday, March 1, 2024. Forms can be found online at [hawaiidemocrats.org](http://hawaiidemocrats.org) and at Democratic Party Headquarters at 627 South Street, Honolulu, HI 96813. They will also be made available at the Biennial District Elections and via membership email notifications. A delegate or alternate candidate may modify their singular presidential preference by submitting an updated pledge of support no later than the filing deadline. **[Forms: Attachment B.7]** *(Rule 13.A., Rule 13.B, Rule 15.G, Reg. 4.21, Reg. 4.22, & Reg. 4.29)*
  - b. The statement of candidacy for at-large delegates and for at-large alternates will be the same. After the at-large delegates are elected by the senatorial district

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representative of the State Central Committee of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, those persons not chosen will then be considered candidates for at-large alternate positions unless they specify otherwise when filing. (*Rule 19.A*)

- c. The statement of candidacy form shall be signed by no less than ten (10) certified members of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i from the congressional district in which the candidate resides. (*Rule 15.C*)
- d. Upon a delegate's or alternate's selection at one level, any statement of candidacy by that individual for another level is nullified and that individual is ineligible to be considered for election at another level. (*Reg. 4.29*)

### 3. Presidential Candidate Right of Review

- a. The State Democratic Chair shall convey to the presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), no later than Monday, May 6, 2024 at 5:00PM HST, a list of all persons who have filed for at-large delegate and alternate pledged to that presidential candidate. (*Rule 8.D; Rule 13.D, Rule 15, Reg. 4.13 Re. 4.23.D & Reg. 4.29.C*)

- b. Each presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), must file at-large delegate candidates with the State Democratic Chair, by Sunday, May 19, 2024, 30 minutes after PLEO delegates are selected, a list of all such candidates they have approved, provided that approval be given to at least two (2) names for every position to which the presidential candidate is entitled.

Each presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), must file at-large alternate candidates with the State Democratic Chair, by Sunday, May 19, 2024, 30 minutes after at-large delegates are selected, a list of all such candidates they have approved, provided that approval be given to at least two (2) names for every position to which the presidential candidate is entitled.

(*Rule 13.D.4, Rule 13.E.2 & Reg. 4.24*)

- c. Failure to respond will be deemed approval of all delegate candidates submitted to the presidential candidate unless the presidential candidate or the authorized representative(s) signifies otherwise in writing to the State Chair of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i not later than Sunday, May 19, 2024, 30 minutes after PLEO delegates are selected. (*Rule 13.D.4*)
- d. The State Chair of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i shall certify in writing to the Co-Chairs of the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee whether each presidential candidate has used their best efforts to ensure that their respective pledged at-large delegate and alternate candidates meet the affirmative action and

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outreach and inclusion considerations and goals detailed in the Affirmative Action section of this Plan within three (3) business days of returning the list of approved pledged PLEO candidates as indicated in Section III.C.3.b of this Plan. *(Rule 6.I & Reg. 4.10.C)*

### 4. Fair Reflection of Presidential Preference

- a. Hawai'i is a caucus state. Accordingly, at-large delegate and alternate positions shall be allocated so as to fairly reflect the expressed presidential preference or uncommitted status of the voters statewide. Therefore, the National Convention delegates elected as at-large or at-large alternates shall be allocated in proportion to the percentage of the caucus vote won statewide by each preference according to the final expression of preference at the first determining step, except that preferences falling below a 15% threshold shall not be awarded any delegates and provided that no person participating in the allocation shall automatically serve by virtue of holding a public or Party office. *(Rule 9.B, Rule 11.C & Rule 14.E)*
- b. If no presidential preference reaches a 15% threshold, the threshold shall be half the percentage of the statewide vote received by the front-runner. *(Rule 14.F)*
- c. If a presidential candidate otherwise entitled to an allocation is no longer a candidate at the time of selection of the at-large delegates, their allocation will be proportionally divided among the other preferences entitled to an allocation. *(Rule 11.C)*
- d. If a given presidential preference is entitled to one (1) or more delegate positions but would not otherwise be entitled to an alternate position, that preference shall be allotted one (1) at-large alternate position. *(Rule 19.B, Call I.I & Reg. 4.31)*

### 5. Selection of At-Large Delegates and Alternates

- a. Selection of the pledged at-large delegates will occur on Sunday, May 19, 2024 at the first State Central Committee meeting which commences immediately after the drop of the gavel at the Hawai'i State Convention. This meeting will be held on site at the same location of the Hawai'i State Convention. Selection of pledged at-large delegates will be after the selection of PLEO delegates and prior to the selection of at-large alternates. *(Call III)*
- b. These delegates will be selected by the State Central Committee of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, provided that: *(Rule 10.B & Rule 11.B)*

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- (1) State Central Committee members who represent state senatorial districts will be the only members allowed to vote for PLEO delegates, as they are the only members of the State Central Committee who satisfy Rule 10.B requiring that members be apportioned on the basis of population and/or some measure of Democratic strength. *(Rule 10.B.1 & Reg. 4.18.A)*
  - (2) State Central Committee members who represent state senatorial districts will be selected through open processes in conformity with the basic procedural guarantees utilized for delegate selection. Any member of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i can become a candidate, except if a member has resigned from the Party in the two (2) years prior to re-enrollment in the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, the re-enrolled member must be a member in good standing for one (1) year before the next election prior to being elected Party Chair or for election to the State Central Committee. The State Chair must be a member for at least one (1) year. The election of members to the State Central Committee is conducted at the Hawai'i State Convention to which the delegates have been elected by members in equally apportioned state house districts, and county representatives who were elected at their respective county conventions. *(Rule 10.B.2 & Reg. 4.18.B)*
  - (3) State Central Committee members who represent state senatorial districts will be elected on May 18-19, 2024 at the Hawai'i State Convention pursuant to the Democratic Party of Hawai'i Constitution and Bylaws; which is not earlier than the date of the previous presidential election, and subsequent to the election of district-level delegates. *(Rule 10.B.3, Rule 10.B.4 & Reg. 4.18.B)*
  - (4) State Central Committee members who represent state senatorial districts comply with equal division requirements of Article 9, Section 16 of the Charter of the Democratic Party of the United States. Senatorial districts representation of the State Central Committee of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i is composed of one (1) male and one (1) female representative. *(Rule 10.B.3, Rule 10.B.5 & Reg. 4.18.C)*
- c. Priority of Consideration
- (1) In the selection of the at-large delegation priority of consideration shall be given to the Affirmative Action Outreach and Inclusion Program for Native Hawaiians, African Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans, Filipinos, Chinese, Japanese and other Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, youth voters, veterans, the disabled, LGBTQIA+, and women, if such priority of consideration is needed to fulfill the affirmative action goals outlined in this Plan. *(Rule 6.A.3)*

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- (2) To continue the Democratic Party's ongoing efforts to include groups historically under-represented in the Democratic Party's affairs and to assist in the achievement of full participation by these groups, priority of consideration shall be given other groups by virtue of race, sex, age, color, creed, national origin, religion, ethnic identify, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, economic status or disability. *(Rule 5.C, Rule 6.A.3, Rule 7 & Reg. 4.8)*
- (3) The election of at-large alternates shall be used, if necessary, to achieve the equal division of positions between men and women as far as mathematically practicable, and may be used to achieve the representation goals established in the Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program section of this Plan. In the case of non-binary gender delegates, they shall not be counted in either the male or female category, but do count towards the total delegate allotment. *(Rule 6.A, Rule 6.C and Reg. 4.9)*
- (4) Delegates and alternates are to be considered separate groups for this purpose. *(Rule 6.C.1, Rule 11.A, Reg. 4.9 & Reg. 4.19)*

### 6. Certification

The State Democratic Chair shall certify in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee the selection of the state's at-large delegates and alternates to the Democratic National Convention within ten (10) days after their selection. *(Rule 8.C & Call IV.A)*

### E. Replacement of Delegates and Alternates

1. A pledged delegate or alternate may be replaced according to the following guidelines:
  - a. Permanent Replacement of a Delegate: *(Rule 19.D.3)*
    - (1) A permanent replacement occurs when a delegate resigns or dies prior to or during the National Convention and the alternate replaces the delegate for the remainder of the National Convention.
    - (2) Any alternate permanently replacing a delegate shall be of the same presidential preference (including uncommitted status) and gender of the delegate they replace, and to the extent possible shall be from the same political subdivision within the state as the delegate.

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- a. In the case where the presidential candidate has only one (1) alternate, that alternate shall become the certified delegate.
  - b. If a presidential candidate has only one (1) alternate, and that alternate permanently replaces a delegate of a different gender, thereby causing the delegation to no longer be equally divided, the delegation shall not be considered in violation of Rule 6.C. In such a case, notwithstanding Rule 19.D.2, the Democratic Party of Hawai'i shall, at the time of a subsequent permanent replacement, replace a delegate with a person of a different gender, in order to return the delegation to equal division of men and women. *(Reg. 4.34)*
- (3) If a delegate or alternate candidate who has been elected but not certified to the DNC Secretary resigns, dies, or is no longer eligible to serve, they shall be replaced, after consultation with the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, by an authorized representative of the presidential candidate to whom they are pledged. *(Rule 19.D.2)*
- b. Temporary Replacement of a Delegate: *(Rule 19.D.4)*
    - (1) A temporary replacement occurs when a delegate is to be absent for a limited period of time during the convention and an alternate temporarily acts in the delegate's place.
    - (2) Any alternate who temporarily replaces a delegate must be of the same presidential preference (including uncommitted status) as the delegate they replace, and to the extent possible shall be of the same gender and from the same political subdivision within the state as the delegate.
  - c. The following system will be used to select permanent and temporary replacements of delegates: The Hawai'i delegation chooses an alternate. *(Rule 19.D.1)*
  - d. Certification of Replacements
    - (1) Any alternate who permanently replaces a delegate shall be certified in writing to the Secretary of the DNC by the State Chair of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i. *(Rule 19.D.3)*
    - (2) Permanent replacement of a delegate (as specified above) by an alternate and replacement of a vacant alternate position shall be certified in writing by the State Chair of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i to the Secretary of the DNC within three (3) days after the replacement is selected. *(Call IV.D.1)*

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- (3) Certification of permanent replacements will be accepted by the Secretary up to 72 hours before the first official session of the Convention is scheduled to convene. *(Call IV.D.1 & Reg. 4.33)*
  - (4) In the case where a pledged delegate is permanently replaced after 72 hours before the time the first session is scheduled to convene or, in the case where a pledged delegate is not on the floor of the Convention Hall at the time a roll call vote is taken, an alternate may be designated (as specified above) to cast the delegate's vote. In such case, the Delegation Chair shall indicate the name of the alternate casting the respective delegate's vote on the delegation tally sheet. *(Call IX.F.3.e, Call IX.F.3.c & Reg. 5.6)*
  - e. A vacant alternate position shall be filled by the delegation. The replacement shall be of the same presidential preference (or uncommitted status), of the same gender and, to the extent possible, from the same political subdivision as the alternate being replaced. *(Rule 19.E)*
2. Automatic delegates shall not be entitled to a replacement, nor shall the state be entitled to a replacement, except under the following circumstances: *(Call IV.D.2 & Reg. 4.35)*
    - a. Members of Congress and the Democratic Governor shall not be entitled to name a replacement. In the event of changes or vacancies in the state's Congressional Delegation, following the official confirmation and prior to the commencement of the National Convention, the DNC Secretary shall recognize only such changes as have been officially recognized by the Democratic Caucus of the U.S. House of Representatives or the Democratic Conference of the U.S. Senate. In the event of a change or vacancy in the state's office of Governor, the DNC shall recognize only such changes as have been officially recognized by the Democratic Governors' Association. *(Call IV.D.2.a)*
    - b. Members of the Democratic National Committee shall not be entitled to a replacement, nor shall the state be entitled to a replacement, except in the case of death of such delegates. In the case where the state's DNC membership changes following the DNC Secretary's official confirmation, but prior to the commencement of the 2024 Democratic National Convention, acknowledgment by the Secretary of the new DNC member certification shall constitute verification of the corresponding change of automatic delegates. *(Call, IV.D.2.b)*
    - c. Automatic distinguished Party Leader delegates allocated to the state pursuant to Rule 9.A.(5), shall not be entitled to name a replacement, nor shall the state be entitled to name a replacement. *(Call IV.D.2.c)*
    - d. In no case may an alternate cast a vote for an automatic delegate. *(Call IX.F.3.e)*



## Section IV

### Selection of Convention Standing Committee Members

#### A. Introduction

1. Hawai'i has been allocated one (1) member(s) on each of the three (3) standing committees for the 2024 Democratic National Convention (Credentials, Platform and Rules), for a total of three (3) members. *(Call VII.A & Appendix D)*
2. Members of the Convention Standing Committees need not be delegates or alternates to the 2024 Democratic National Convention. *(Call VII.A.3)*
3. These members will be selected in accordance with the procedures indicated below. *(Rule 1.G)*

#### B. Standing Committee Members

1. Selection Meeting
  - a. The members of the standing committees shall be elected by a quorum of Hawai'i's National Convention delegates, at a meeting to be held on Sunday, May 19, 2024 at the conclusion of the State Central Committee meeting where the PLEO, at-large delegates, and at-large alternates will be selected. *(Call VII.B.1)*
  - b. All members of the Hawai'i's National Convention delegation shall receive adequate notice of the time, date and place of the meeting to select the standing committee members. *(Call VII.B.1)*
2. Allocation of Members
  - a. The members of the standing committees allocated to Hawai'i shall proportionately represent the presidential preference of all candidates (including uncommitted status) receiving the threshold percentage used in the state's delegation to calculate the at-large apportionment pursuant to Rule 14.E. of the Delegate Selection Rules. *(Call VII.C.1 & Reg. 5.9)*
  - b. The presidential preference of each candidate receiving the applicable percentage or more within the delegation shall be multiplied by the total number of standing committee positions allocated to Hawai'i. If the result of such multiplication does not equal 0.455 or above, the presidential preference in question is not entitled to representation on the standing committee. If the result of such multiplication is 0.455 but less than 1.455, the presidential

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preference is entitled to one (1) position. Those preferences securing more than 1.455 but less than 2.455 are entitled to two (2) positions, etc. (*Call VII.C.2*)

- c. Where the application of this formula results in the total allocation exceeding the total number of committee positions, the presidential candidate whose original figure of representation is farthest from its eventual rounded-off total shall be denied that one (1) additional position. Where the application of this formula results in the total allocation falling short of the total number of committee positions, the presidential candidate whose original figure of representation is closest to the next rounding level shall be allotted an additional committee position. (*Call VII.C.3*)
- d. Standing committee positions allocated to a presidential candidate shall be proportionately allocated, to the extent practicable, to each of the three (3) standing committees. When such allocation results in an unequal distribution of standing committee positions by candidate preference, a drawing shall be conducted to distribute the additional positions. (*Call VII.C.4*)

### 3. Presidential Candidate Right of Review

- a. Each presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), shall be given adequate notice of the date, time and location of the meeting of the state's delegation authorized to elect standing committee members. (*Call VII.D.1*)
- b. Each presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), must submit to the State Democratic Chair, by Sunday, May 19, 2024, 30 minutes after the selection of the at-large delegates by the State Central Committee of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, a minimum of one (1) name for each slot awarded to that candidate for members of each committee. The Hawai'i National Convention delegation shall select the standing committee members from among names submitted by the presidential candidates (including uncommitted status). Presidential candidates shall not be required to submit the name of more than one (1) person for each slot awarded to the presidential candidate for members of standing committees. (*Call VII.D.2*)

### 4. Selection Procedure to Achieve Equal Division

- a. Presidential candidates (including uncommitted status) shall use their best efforts to ensure that their respective delegation of standing committee members shall achieve Hawai'i's affirmative action, outreach and inclusion goals and that their respective male and female members are equally divided between the men and women determined by gender self-identification. (*Rule 6.1 & Reg. 4.10*)

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- b. The first binary gender position on each standing committee shall be assigned by binary gender as self-identified. For example, the first binary position on the Credentials Committee of the presidential candidate with the most standing committee positions shall be designated for a male, and the next binary position, if one occurs, will be designated for a female, and the remaining binary positions, to the extent they occur, shall be designated in like fashion, alternating between males and females, where applicable. For avoidance of doubt: there is no requirement that positions be assigned to gender non-binaries but the described alternation of binary genders may not be used to exclude a gender non-binary from consideration for a committee position. Positions for presidential candidates on each committee shall be ranked according to the total number of standing positions allocated to each such candidate. After positions on the Credentials Committee are designated by gender, the designation shall continue with the Platform Committee, then the Rules Committee.
    - (1) A separate election shall be conducted for membership on each standing committee.
    - (2) The male and female membership of the standing committees shall be as equally divided among the men and women as possible under the state allocation; the variance between men and women in any committee and among the three committees in aggregate shall not exceed one. *(Call VII.E.2)*
    - (3) Gender non-binary committee members shall not be counted as either a male or female, and the remainder of the delegation shall be equally divided between male gender (men) and female gender (women). *(Call VII.E.1)*
    - (4) The positions allocated to each presidential candidate on each committee shall be voted on separately, and the winners shall be the highest vote-getter(s) of the appropriate gender.
5. Certification and Substitution
- a. The State Chair of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i shall certify the standing committee members in writing to the Secretary of the DNC within three (3) days after their selection. *(Call VII.B.3)*
  - b. No substitutions will be permitted in the case of standing committee members, except in the case of resignation or death. Substitutions must be made in accordance with the rules and the election procedures specified in this section, and must be certified in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National

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Committee within three (3) days after the substitute member is selected but not later than 48 hours before the respective standing committee meets, except in the case of death. *(Call VII.B.4)*

## Section V Delegation Chair and Convention Pages

### A. Introduction

The Democratic Party of Hawai'i will select one (1) person to serve as Delegation Chair and three (3) people to serve as Convention Pages. *(Call IV.E, Call IV.F.1 & Appendix C)*

### B. Delegation Chair

#### 1. Selection Meeting

- a. The Delegation Chair shall be selected by a quorum of Hawai'i's National Convention Delegates, at a meeting to be held on Sunday, May 19, 2024 at the conclusion of the State Central Committee Meeting. *(Call IV.E & Call VII.B.1)*
- b. All members of the Hawai'i National Convention delegation shall receive timely notice of the time, date and place of the meeting to select the Delegation Chair. *(Rule 3.C)*

2. The State Chair of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i shall certify the Delegation Chair in writing to the Secretary of the DNC within three (3) days after their selection. *(Call IV.E)*

### C. Convention Pages

1. Three (3) individuals will be selected to serve as Hawai'i's Convention Pages by the State Chair of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i in consultation with the members of the Democratic National Committee from the state. This selection will take place on Sunday, May 19, 2024 at the conclusion of the State Central Committee Meeting. *(Call IV.F.3, Appendix C & Reg. 5.7)*
2. The Convention Pages shall be as evenly divided between men and women (determined by self-identification) as possible under the state allocation and shall reflect as much as possible, the Affirmative Action and Outreach and Inclusion guidelines in the state plan. In the case of gender non-binary pages, they shall not be counted as either a male or female, and the remainder of the pages shall be equally divided. *(Reg. 5.7.A)*
3. The State Chair of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i shall certify the individuals to serve as Hawai'i's Convention Pages in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee within three (3) days after the selection. *(Call IV.F.3 & Reg. 5.7.B)*

## Section VI Presidential Electors

### A. Introduction

Hawai'i will select four (4) persons to serve as Presidential Electors for the 2024 Presidential election.

### B. Selection of Presidential Electors

The Presidential Electors shall be selected by a vote of the Hawai'i State Convention delegates which will occur on Saturday, May 18, 2024.

1. President Elector candidates are self-nominated by filing statement of candidacy and pledge of support forms with the Secretary of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i by Thursday, May 2, 2024 at 5:00PM HST. This can be done in person, by email to [secretary@hawaiidemocrats.org](mailto:secretary@hawaiidemocrats.org) or mailed to the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, PO Box 2041, Honolulu, HI 96805. Presidential Elector forms as well as pledge of support forms will be available and accessible to all members starting Friday, March 1, 2024. Forms can be found online at [hawaiidemocrats.org](http://hawaiidemocrats.org) and at Democratic Party Headquarters at 627 South Street, Honolulu, HI 96813. They will also be made available at the Biennial District Elections and via membership email notifications. A Presidential Elector candidate may modify their singular presidential preference by submitting an updated pledge of support no later than the filing deadline. The statement of candidacy shall include language that the elector is duty bound to vote for the Democratic Party of the United States' presidential and vice presidential nominees. **[Forms: Attachment B.7]**
2. The Hawai'i State Convention delegates elect the Electors by an individually signed ballot vote taken on Saturday, May 18, 2024. The State Chair of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i and the Secretary of the Hawai'i State Convention shall certify the names and addresses of the nominees to the Chief Elections Officer of the State of Hawai'i no later than 4:30PM HST on the sixtieth (60) day prior to the General Election to be held on Tuesday, November 5, 2024. **[See Attachment B.8]** (*Hawai'i Revised Statutes (HRS) §14-21*)

### C. Affirmation

1. Each candidate for Presidential Elector shall certify in writing that they will vote for the election of the Democratic Presidential and Vice Presidential nominees of the Democratic Party of the United States. (*Call VIII*)

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2. After the filing deadline on Thursday, May 2, 2024 at 5:00PM HST and prior to the election on Saturday, May 18, 2024 each candidate for Presidential Elector shall be verified by the State Chair of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i to ensure that each candidate is a bona fide Democrat who is faithful to the interests, welfare, and success of the Democratic Party of the United States, who subscribe to the substance, intent and principles of the Charter and the Bylaws of the Democratic Party of the United States.

## Section VII

### General Provisions and Procedural Guarantees

- A. The Democratic Party of Hawai'i reaffirms its commitment to an open party by incorporating the "six basic elements" as listed below. As our Party strives to progress in the fight against discrimination of all kinds, these six basic elements have evolved and grown along with the constant push for more inclusion and empowerment. These provisions demonstrate the intention of the Democratic Party to ensure a full opportunity for all minority group members to participate in the delegate selection process. (*Rule 4.A, Rule 4.B & Rule 4.C*)
1. All public meetings at all levels of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i should be open to all members of the Democratic Party regardless of race, sex, age, color, creed, national origin, religion, ethnic identity, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, economic status or disability (hereinafter collectively referred to as "status"). (*Rule 4.B.1*)
  2. No test for membership in, nor any oaths of loyalty to, the Democratic Party of Hawai'i should be required or used which has the effect of requiring prospective or current members of the Democratic Party to acquiesce in, condone or support discrimination based on "status." (*Rule 4.B.2*)
  3. The time and place for all public meetings of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i on all levels should be publicized fully and, in such manner, as to assure timely notice to all interested persons. Such meetings must be held in places accessible to all Party members and large enough to accommodate all interested persons. (*Rule 4.B.3*)
  4. The Democratic Party of Hawai'i, on all levels, should support the broadest possible registration without discrimination based on "status." (*Rule 4.B.4*)
  5. The Democratic Party of Hawai'i should publicize fully and in such a manner as to assure notice to all interested parties a full description of the legal and practical procedures for selection of Democratic Party officers and representatives on all levels. Publication of these procedures should be done in such fashion that all prospective and current members of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i will be fully and adequately informed of the pertinent procedures in time to participate in each selection procedure at all levels of the Democratic Party organization. As part of this, the Democratic Party of Hawai'i should develop a strategy to provide education programs directly to voters who continue to experience confusing timelines for registration, changing party affiliation deadlines, or lack of awareness of the process for running for delegate, to ensure all Democratic voters understand the rules and timelines and their impact on voter participation. (*Rule 4.B.5*)



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6. The Democratic Party in Hawai'i should publicize fully and in such a manner as to assure notice to all interested parties, a complete description of the legal and practical qualifications of all positions as officers and representatives of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i. Such publication should be done in a timely fashion so that all prospective candidates or applicants for any elected or appointed position within each State Democratic Party will have full and adequate opportunity to compete for office. *(Rule 4.B.6)*
  
- B. Discrimination on the basis of "status" in the conduct of Democratic Party affairs is prohibited. *(Rule 5.B)*
  
- C. Hawai'i's delegation shall be equally divided between delegate men and delegate women, and alternate men and alternate women, i.e. the number of men and women shall not vary by more than one. Such goal applies to the entire delegation, which includes all pledged delegates and alternates and all automatic delegates. Delegates and alternates shall be considered separate groups for purposes of achieving equal division as determined by gender self-identification. In the case of gender non-binary delegates or alternates, they shall not be counted as either a male or female, and the remainder of the delegation shall be equally divided by gender. *(Rule 6.C)*
  
- D. All delegate and alternate candidates must be identified as to presidential preference or uncommitted status at all levels which determine presidential preference. *(Rule 13.A)*
  
- E. No delegate at any level of the delegate selection process shall be mandated by law or Party rules to vote contrary to that person's presidential choice as expressed at the time the delegate is elected. *(Rule 13.I)*
  
- F. Delegates elected to the national convention pledged to a presidential candidate shall in all good conscience reflect the sentiments of those who elected them. *(Rule 13.J)*
  
- G. Each delegate, alternate and standing committee member must be a bona fide Democrat, enrolled with the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, who is faithful to the interests, welfare and success of the Democratic Party of the United States, who subscribes to the substance, intent and principles of the Charter and Bylaws of the Democratic Party of the United States, and who will participate in the National Convention in good faith. *(Rule 13.H, Call VII.A.4 & Reg. 4.25)*
  
- H. 40% of the members of any Party body above the first level of the delegate selection process shall constitute a quorum for any business pertaining to the selection of National Convention delegates, alternates, standing committee members, and other official National Convention participants. *(Rule 16)*
  
- I. An accredited participant in a caucus, convention or committee meeting, after having established credentials, may register a non-transferable proxy with (i.e., deliver a signed proxy to) another duly accredited participant at that meeting (except where an accredited

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alternate is present and eligible to serve as a replacement), provided that no individual may hold more than one (1) proxy at a time, except for instances where it is not expressly permitted by the Democratic Party of Hawai'i Constitution and Bylaws. *(Rule 17 & Reg. 4.30)*

- J. The unit rule, or any rule or practice whereby all members of a Party unit or delegation may be required to cast their votes in accordance with the will of a majority of the body, shall not be used at any stage of the delegate selection process. *(Rule 18.A)*
- K. Any individual or group of Democrats may sponsor or endorse a slate of candidates for convention delegates. But no slate may, by virtue of such endorsement, receive a preferential place on a delegate selection ballot or be publicly identified on the ballot as the official Democratic Party organization slate, and all slates must meet identical qualifying requirements for appearing on a ballot at all levels of the delegate selection process. *(Rule 18.B)*
- L. All steps in the delegate selection process, except the filing of presidential candidates as allowed by rule 15.D, must take place within the calendar year of the Democratic National Convention, except with respect to the implementation of the Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Programs or as otherwise allowed. *(Rule 1.F & Rule 12.B)*
- M. In electing and certifying delegates and alternates to the 2024 Democratic National Convention, the Democratic Party of Hawai'i hereby undertakes to assure all Democratic voters in Hawai'i, a full, timely and equal opportunity to participate in the delegate selection process and in all Party affairs and to implement affirmative action and outreach and inclusion plans toward that end; that the delegates and alternates to the National Convention shall be selected in accordance with the Delegate Selection Rules for the 2024 Democratic National Convention; and that the delegates certified will not publicly support or campaign for any candidate for President or Vice President other than the nominees of the Democratic National Convention. *(Call II.B)*

## Section VIII

### Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program

#### A. Statement of Purpose and Organization

##### 1. Purpose and Objectives

- a. To make sure that the Democratic Party at all levels be an open Party which includes, rather than excludes from participation, all those who have aligned demographic political views, from all spectrums of democratic views and include people regardless of their race, sex, age, color, creed, national origin, religion, ethnic identity, sexual orientation, gender identity, and expression, economic status or disability, business ownership, union participation, district or neighborhood they currently live in or originally come from, being on a different spectrum of democratic values, or any other identifying factor that makes people uniquely themselves, this program of effective affirmative action is hereby adopted by Hawai'i. *(Rule 5.A)*
- b. Discrimination on the basis of "status" in the conduct of Democratic Party affairs is prohibited. *(Rule 5.B)*
- c. All public meetings at all levels of the Democratic Party in Hawai'i should be open to all members of the Democratic Party regardless of race, sex, age, color, creed, national origin, religion, ethnic identity, sexual orientation, gender identity, and expression, economic status or disability, business ownership, union participation, district or neighborhood they currently live in or originally come from, being on a different spectrum of democratic values, or any other identifying factor that makes people uniquely themselves, or disability (hereinafter collectively referred to as "status"). *(Rule 4.B.1)*
- d. Consistent with the Democratic Party's commitment to including groups historically under-represented in the Democratic Party's affairs, by virtue of race, sex, age, color, creed, national origin, religion, ethnic identity, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, or disability, Hawai'i has established goals for these groups. *(Rule 5.C & Reg. 4.8)*
- e. To encourage full participation by all Democrats in the delegate selection process and in all Party affairs, the Democratic Party of Hawai'i has adopted and will implement programs with specific goals and timetables to create a Democratic Party that reflects the diverse population of Hawai'i, including to develop further programming that would encourage participation from underrepresented group, including the LGBTQIA+ community, people of color, people with disabilities and youth. *(Rule 6.A & Rule 7)*

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- (1) The goal of the programs shall be to encourage outreach and inclusive participation in the delegate selection process and in Party organizations at all levels by the aforementioned groups as indicated by their presence in the Democratic electorate. *(Rule 6.A.1)*
- (2) For the delegate selection process, "Youth" is defined as any participant younger than 36 years old at the time of election. *(Reg. 5.3.A)*
- (3) For the delegate selection process, individuals identifying as Native Americans should provide their tribal affiliation and indicate if they are enrolled in a tribe. *(Reg. 5.3.B)*
- (4) These goals shall not be accomplished either directly or indirectly by the Party's imposition of mandatory quotas at any level of the delegate selection process or in any other Party affairs. Through effort in the form of public outreach, as listed will be made to create a delegation that reflects the diverse population of the State of Hawai'i. *(Rule 6.A.2)*

### 2. Organizational Structure

- a. An Affirmative Action Committee was appointed by the State Chair of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i on Thursday, February 9, 2023. *(Rule 6.F)*
- b. The State Chair of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i has certified in writing to the Rules and Bylaws Committee of the DNC the compliance of the State's Affirmative Action Committee with Rules 5.C, 6.A and 7, and submitted the names, demographic data, and contact information of the members on Thursday, February 23, 2023, which was no later than 15 days after their appointment. **[See Attachment A.1/A.2]** *(Reg. 2.2.J)*
- c. The Affirmative Action Committee shall consist of members who are regionally diverse and represent the Democratic constituency groups set forth in the Introduction to the Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program.
- d. The Affirmative Action Committee shall be responsible for:
  - (1) Helping develop and design the proposed Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program and making recommendations to the State Chair of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i. *(Rule 6.F)*
  - (2) Directing the implementation of all requirements of the Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program section of this Plan.

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- (3) Implementing a specific outreach and financial assistance program for persons of low and moderate income to encourage their participation and representation in the National Convention delegation. *(Rule 6.G)*
  - (4) Ensuring, on behalf of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, that district lines used in the delegate selection process are not gerrymandered to discriminate against African Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders and women. *(Rule 6.E)*
- e. Financial and staff support for the Affirmative Action Committee shall be provided by the Democratic Party of Hawai'i to the greatest extent feasible, including, but not limited to, making the State Party staff and volunteers available on a priority basis and covering all reasonable costs incurred in carrying out this Plan.
3. Implementation of the Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program shall begin on Wednesday, November 1, 2023, with the distribution of the press kits, and will continue through the end of the delegate selection process. *(Rule 1.F)*

### **B. Representation Goals**

1. The Democratic Party of Hawai'i has determined the demographic composition of Japanese, Filipino, Hawaiian/Pacific Islander, Chinese, Hispanic, other (multiple/mixed) ethnicity, and women in the Hawai'i's Democratic electorate. These constituency percentages shall be established as goals for representation in the Hawai'i's convention delegation. A letter will be sent to the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee with the source of Hawai'i Democratic voter targeting so that the constituencies of the state are properly represented. *(Rule 5.C & Rule 6.A)*
2. In cooperation with the Democratic National Committee, the Democratic Party of Hawai'i has determined the demographic composition of members of the LGBTQ+ community, people with disabilities, and youth in the state's Democratic electorate. The Democratic Party of Hawai'i has chosen to establish the goal percentages in the table of the next subsection for representation in the state's convention delegation. *(Rule 7 & Reg. 4.8.C.iii)*
3. The Affirmative Action Committee has looked at demographic data from previous presidential elections and gubernatorial elections. The following demographic of the Democratic Party vote has been developed from polling of Hawai'i Democratic voters:

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Polling Dates		Hawaiian / PI	AAPL	Japanese	Filipino	Chinese	Hispanic	African AM	Native AM	Other / 2+	Caucasian	Women	LGBTQIA+	Disabled	Youth > 36
6/28 - 6/30 2022	Voting in the 2022 Hawai'i Democratic Primary	11%		21%	8%	5%	3%			21%	32%	55%			
6/28 - 6/30 2022	Voted for Biden (D) in 2020	13%		19%	8%	5%	3%			20%	33%	57%			
6/28 - 6/30 2022	Voted for Ige (D) in 2018	11%		24%	8%	7%	2%			18%	32%	58%			
4/16 - 4/21 2021	Voted for Biden (D) in 2020	12%		24%	8%	6%	2%			16%	31%	60%			
4/16 - 4/21 2021	Voted for Ige (D) in 2018	9%		28%	10%	7%	2%			15%	29%	56%			
10/2 - 10/7 2020	Voting for Biden (D) in 2020	15%		22%	8%	3%	2%			16%	34%	59%			
	DNC Provided		49%				12%	3%					6%	14%	29%
GOAL %	N/A	12%	-	23%	9%	6%	4%	3%	0%	18%	32%	50%	8%	14%	29%

### Numerical Goals:

Japanese: 8 (23%)

Other (2+): 6 (18%)

Hawaiian / Pacific Islander: 4 (12%)

Filipino: 3 (9%)

Chinese: 2 (6%)

Hispanic: 1 (4%)

African American: 1 (3%)

Native American: 0 (0%)

Youth: 10 (29%)

Disabled: 5 (14%)

LGBTQIA+: 3 (8%)

- When selecting the at-large portion of the delegation, the demographic composition of the other delegates (district-level, pledged PLEO, and Automatic) shall be compared with the Democratic Party of Hawai'i's representation goals to achieve an

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at-large selection process that helps to bring about a representative balance. (*Rule 11.A*)

5. Although the selection of the at-large delegation may be used to fulfill the affirmative action goals established by this Plan, the Affirmative Action committee of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i will conduct outreach and inclusion activities such as recruitment, education and training at all levels of the delegate selection process. (*Rule 6.A.3*)

### **C. Efforts to Educate on the Delegate Selection Process**

1. Well-publicized educational workshops will be conducted in each of the delegate districts upon the approval of this Plan. These workshops will be designed to encourage participation in the delegate selection process, including apprising potential delegate and alternate candidates of the availability of financial assistance. These workshops will be held in places that are easily accessible to persons with disabilities and can be conducted by zoom. The times, dates, places and rules for the conduct of all education workshops, meetings and other events involved in the delegate selection process shall be effectively publicized by the party organization and include mailings to various organizations representative of the Democratic voting electorate. (*Rule 3.A, Rule 3.C & Rule 3.D*)
2. A speakers bureau of volunteers from the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, including the Affirmative Action Committee, shall be composed of individuals who are fully familiar with the process and will be available to appear before groups, as needed, to provide information concerning the process.
3. The Democratic Party of Hawai'i's education efforts will include outreach to community leaders within the Democratic Party's constituencies and ensuring that information about the delegate selection process is available to Democratic clubs and Party caucuses representing specific constituencies.
4. The Democratic Party of Hawai'i will publish, and make available at no cost, a clear and concise explanation of how Democratic voters can participate in the delegate selection process. As well, the Democratic Party of Hawai'i shall also make available copies of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i Rules, the Delegate Selection Plan (and its attachments), the Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program, and relevant state statutes at no cost. Copies of documents related to the state's delegate selection process will be prepared and the Membership and Affirmative Action Committee will distribute them in the various delegate districts no later than Wednesday, November 1, 2023. (*Rule 1.H*)
5. Participation in the delegate selection process shall be open to all voters who wish to participate as Democrats. Democratic voters shall be those persons who publicly declare their Party preference and have that preference publicly recorded. (*Rule 2.A*)

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6. The Democratic Party of Hawai'i shall take all feasible steps to encourage non-affiliated voters and new voters to register or enroll, to provide simple procedures through which they may do so and to eliminate excessively long waiting periods for voters who wish to register or to change their party enrollment status. *(Rule 2.C)*
7. The Affirmative Action Committee will develop a State Party strategy to be implemented beginning Wednesday, November 1, 2023 that will provide education programs directly to voters who continue to experience confusing timelines for voter registration and deadlines for changing party affiliation, or who are unaware of the process for running for delegate, so that all Democratic voters understand the rules and timelines and their impact on voter participation. *(Rule 4.B.5)*

### **D. Efforts to Publicize the Delegate Selection Process**

1. The Democratic Party of Hawai'i shall direct special attention to publicizing the delegate selection process in the state. Such publicity shall include information on eligibility to vote and how to become a candidate for delegate, the time and location of each stage of the delegate selection process, and where to get additional information. The foregoing information will also be published in the Democratic Party of Hawai'i's communications and on the Democratic Party of Hawai'i's website. The Party organization, official, candidate, or member calling a meeting or scheduling an event, shall effectively publicize the role that such meeting or event plays in the selection of delegates and alternates to the Democratic National Convention. *(Rule 3.C & Rule 3.D)*
2. The Democratic Party of Hawai'i shall have a Delegate Selection Media Plan [**See Attachment B.10**] for using all available and appropriate resources, such as social media, websites, newspapers, radio and television, internet, and zoom meetings to inform the general public how, when and where to participate in the delegate selection process. Specifically, the Delegate Selection Media Plan will provide details as to how to qualify to run as a delegate candidate. Regular updates should be posted/released throughout the state's delegate selection process to ensure broad and timely coverage and awareness about the process to all interested persons. *(Rule 4.B.3 & Rule 6.D)*
3. A priority effort, as described in the Delegate Selection Media Plan, shall be directed at publicity among the Democratic Party's constituencies.
  - a. Information about the delegate selection process will be posted on and made available to social and specialty media directed toward the Democratic constituency groups set forth in the introduction of this Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program.



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- b. The Democratic Party of Hawai'i shall be responsible for the implementation of this publicity effort. For purposes of providing adequate notice of the delegate selection process, the times, dates, places and rules for the conduct of meetings and conventions shall be effectively publicized to encourage the participation of minority groups. The Democratic Party of Hawai'i will make a good faith effort to publicize this information in an accessible manner and multilingually where necessary. *(Rule 6.D)*
4. No later than Wednesday, November 1, 2023, the Democratic Party of Hawai'i will make information about the delegate selection process available on its website and publicize the resource through press releases and communications to Party leaders, activists and targeted constituencies. Information to be posted on the website will include:
  - a. Materials designed to encourage participation and inform prospective delegate candidates;
  - b. A summary explaining the role of the 2024 Convention in nominating the Party's Presidential and Vice Presidential candidates and adopting the National Platform;
  - c. A summary of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i's delegate selection process including all pertinent rules, dates, and filing requirements related to the process;
  - d. A map of delegate districts and how many delegates will be elected within each district, along with filing forms or information on how to obtain the filing forms.

### **E. Obligations of Presidential Candidates to Maximize Participation**

1. Presidential candidates shall assist the Democratic Party of Hawai'i in meeting the demographic representation goals reflected in the Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program. *(Rule 6.H)*
2. Each presidential candidate must submit a written statement to the State Chair of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, which indicates the specific steps they will take to encourage full participation by their supporters in Hawai'i's delegate selection process, including, but not limited to, procedures by which persons may file as candidates for delegate or alternate pledged to the presidential candidate. The written authorization letter must be received either in person or by mail to PO Box 2041, Honolulu, HI 96805, postmarked by Wednesday, January 24, 2024 at 5:00PM HST. *(Rule 6.H.1)*

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3. Each presidential candidate must submit demographic information with respect to all candidates for delegate and alternate pledged to them. Such information shall be submitted in conjunction with the list of names approved for consideration as delegate and alternate candidates pledged to the presidential candidate. *(Rule 6.H.2)*
4. Presidential candidates shall use their best effort to ensure that their respective delegates, alternates and standing committee members shall achieve the affirmative action goals reflected in the Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program and that the number of men and the number of women in their respective delegations shall not differ by more than one (as determined by gender self-identification). In the case of non-binary gender delegates, alternates, and standing committee members shall not be counted in either the male or female category, but do count towards the total allotment. Furthermore, presidential candidates shall use their best efforts at the district level to approve delegate, alternate, and standing committee candidates who meet applicable equal division and affirmative action considerations to promote and achieve the state's affirmative action, outreach and inclusion goals and equal division for their respective delegations. *(Rule 6.C., Rule 6.I & Reg. 4.10)*

### **F. Outreach and Inclusion Program**

1. The Democratic Party of Hawai'i is committed to help achieve full participation of those groups of Americans who have historically been explicitly denied the right to vote or who have been subjected to discriminatory and exclusionary practices that have denied them voting rights and full participation in the delegate selection process and other Party meetings, events and elections, along with other groups of Americans who are also underrepresented in Party affairs.
2. As such, the Democratic Party of Hawai'i has developed outreach and inclusion programs and is committed to fully implementing the programs so that all persons who wish to participate as Democrats understand they are welcome and encouraged to be a part of the delegate selection process and in the Party at the local, state and national levels.
3. The Democratic Party of Hawai'i will make accommodations to facilitate greater participation by people with disabilities. As outlined in this Plan, meeting, event, and convention facilities will be ADA accessible, and a section for accommodation requests should be included with all meeting, event, and convention notices and registrations.
4. Plan for Outreach and Inclusion:

In addition to the education, publicity and other steps described above, the Affirmative Action Committee of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i will reach out to organizations such as the NAACP (for African Americans), University of Hawai'i (for

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youth), Samoan clubs and organizations, churches, Micronesian associations, Pacific Islander associations, organizations, fairs, pow wows, film festivals, meetings put on by inclusion and outreach targeted minority constituencies, Martin Luther King Jr, Pride, Kamehameha Day, and other parades. The Affirmative Action Committee will complete outreach in high schools and college campuses by tabling where available providing food, conversation, voter registration, and Party enrollment.

## Section IX Challenges

### A. Jurisdiction & Standing

1. Challenges related to the delegate selection process are governed by the *Regulations of the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee for the 2024 Democratic National Convention (Reg. Sec. 3)*, and the “Rules of Procedure of the Credentials Committee of the 2024 Democratic National Convention.” (*Call Appendix A*)
2. Under Rule 21.B. of the *2024 Delegate Selection Rules*, the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee has jurisdiction over challenges pertaining to the submission, non-implementation, and violation of State Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program. (*Rule 21.B & Call Appendix A*)
3. The Rules and Bylaws Committee has jurisdiction to hear and decide any challenge provided it is initiated before the 56th day preceding the date of the commencement of the 2024 Democratic National Convention. (*Call Appendix A & Reg. 3.1*)
4. Challenges to the credentials of delegates and alternates to the 2024 Democratic National Convention initiated on or after the 56th day preceding the date of commencement of the Democratic National Convention shall be processed in accordance with the “Rules of Procedure of the Credentials Committee of the 2024 Democratic National Convention.” (*Call Appendix A*)
5. Any challenge to the credentials of a standing committee member shall be considered and resolved by the affected standing committee in accordance with Appendix A of the *Call for the 2024 Democratic National Convention*. The Rules and Bylaws Committee shall have jurisdiction over challenges brought before the 56th day preceding the date of the commencement of the Democratic National Convention. (*Call VII.B.5*)
6. Copies of the *Regulations of the Rules and Bylaws Committee* and/or the *Call for the 2024 Democratic National Convention*, including the *Rules of Procedure of the Credentials Committee (Appendix A)*, shall be made available by the Democratic Party of Hawai'i upon reasonable request.
7. Any group of 15 Democrats with standing to challenge as defined in Reg. 3.2 or the *Call (Appendix A, Sec. 2.A)*, may bring a challenge to this Plan or to the implementation of this Plan, including its Affirmative Action provisions.

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### **B. Challenges to the Status of the State Party and Challenges to the Plan**

1. A challenge to the status of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i as the body entitled to sponsor a delegation from Hawai'i shall be filed with the Rules and Bylaws Committee not later than 30 calendar days prior to the initiation of Hawai'i's delegate selection process. *(Rule 21.A & Reg. 3.4.A)*
2. A challenge to Hawai'i's Delegate Selection Plan shall be filed with the State Chair of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i and the Co-Chairs of the Rules and Bylaws Committee within 15 calendar days after the adoption of the Plan by the Democratic Party of Hawai'i. *(Reg. 3.4.B)*
3. A challenge to a Plan must be brought in conformity with the Rules and the RBC Regulations, which should be consulted for a detailed explanation of challenge procedures.

### **C. Challenges to Implementation**

1. A challenge may be brought alleging that a specific requirement of an approved Plan has not been properly implemented. Jurisdiction over all challenges initiated in a timely fashion shall reside with either the Rules and Bylaws Committee or the Credentials Committee of the National Convention (See Section VII.A. above). However, the Rules and Bylaws Committee may provide advice, assistance or interpretations of the Delegate Selection Rules at any stage of the delegate selection process. *(Reg. 3.1.C)*
2. An implementation challenge brought before the Rules and Bylaws Committee is initiated by filing a written challenge with the Democratic Party of Hawai'i and with the Rules and Bylaws Committee not later than 15 days after the alleged violation occurred. The Democratic Party of Hawai'i has 21 days to render a decision. Within ten (10) days of the decision, any party to the challenge may appeal it to the Rules and Bylaws Committee. If in fact, the Democratic Party of Hawai'i renders no decision, any party to the challenge may request the Rules and Bylaws Committee to process it. The request must be made within ten (10) days after expiration of the above 21-day period. *(Reg. 3.4.C, Reg. 3.4.E & Reg. 3.4.H)*
3. Performance under an approved Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program and composition of the convention delegation shall be considered relevant evidence in the challenge to any state delegation. If the Democratic Party of Hawai'i has adopted and implemented an approved affirmative action program, the Democratic Party of Hawai'i shall not be subject to challenge based solely on delegation composition or caucus results. *(Rule 6.B)* The procedures are the same for challenges alleging failure to properly implement the Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Programs of a Plan, except that such challenges must be filed

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- not later than 30 days prior to the initiation of the state's delegate selection process.  
*(Reg. 3.4.C)*
4. Depending on the appropriate jurisdiction (see Section VIII.A. above), implementation challenges must be brought in conformity with the *Regulations of the Rules and Bylaws Committee* or the *Rules of Procedure of the Credentials Committee*, which should be consulted for a detailed explanation of challenge procedures.

## Section X Summary of Plan

### A. Selection of Delegates and Alternates

Hawai'i will use a proportional representation system based on the results of the caucus process, apportioning its delegates to the 2024 Democratic National Convention.

The “first determining step” of Hawai'i’s delegate selection process will occur on Wednesday, March 6, 2024, with an in person caucus vote at the Biennial Election Meetings.

Delegates and alternates will be selected as summarized on the following chart:

Type	Delegates	Alternates	Date of Selection	Selecting Body
				Filing Requirements and Deadlines
District-Level Delegates	14	0	5/18/2024	Selecting Body: <b>2024 Hawai'i State Convention elected delegates</b>
				Submit Statement of Candidacy and Pledge of Support form for a presidential candidate with the Democratic Party of Hawai'i by Thursday, May 2, 2024 at 5:00PM HST. National delegates are selected by elected State Convention delegates from each congressional district who have signed a Pledge of Support form for the same presidential candidate. [Forms: Attachment B.7]
Automatic Party Leader and Elected Official Delegates*	9	n/a	n/a	Automatic by virtue of respective public or Party office as provided in Rule 9.A. of the 2024 Delegate Selection Rules.
Pledged Party Leaders and Elected Officials (PLEOs)	3	**	5/19/2024	Selecting Body: <b>State Central Committee senatorial district representatives</b>
				Submit Statement of Candidacy and Pledge of Support form for a presidential candidate with the Democratic Party of Hawai'i by Thursday, May 2, 2024 at 5:00PM HST. National delegates are selected by the senatorial district reps of the State Central Committee. [Forms: Attachment B.7]
At-Large Delegates At-Large Alternates	5	2	5/19/2024 5/19/2024	Selecting Body: <b>State Central Committee senatorial district representatives</b>
				Submit Statement of Candidacy and Pledge of Support form for a presidential candidate with the Democratic Party of Hawai'i by Thursday, May 2, 2024 at 5:00PM HST. National delegates are selected by the senatorial district reps of the State Central Committee. [Forms: Attachment B.7]
TOTAL Delegates and Alternates	31	2		

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\* Automatic Party Leader and Elected Official (PLEO) delegates includes the following categories, if applicable, who legally reside in the state: the Democratic National Committee Members, the Democratic President, the Democratic Vice President, all Democratic members of the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate, the Democratic Governor, and any other Distinguished Party Leader as specified in Rule 9.A. of the 2024 Delegate Selection Rules. The exact number of Automatic PLEO Delegates is subject to change due to possible deaths, resignations, elections, or special elections.

### B. Selection of Standing Committee Members (For the Credentials, Platform and Rules Committees)

Standing committee members will be selected by Hawai'i's National Convention delegates as summarized below:

Members Per Committee	Total Members	Selection Date	Filing Requirements and Deadlines
1	3	5/19/2024	Selected by a quorum of the National Convention delegates from among names submitted by the presidential candidates or their authorized representative(s) 30 minutes after the selection of at-large delegates on Sunday, May 19, 2024.

### C. Selection of Delegation Chair and Convention Pages

The Delegation Chair will be selected by a quorum of Hawai'i's National Convention Delegates on Sunday, May 19, 2024.

3 Convention Pages will be selected by the State Chair of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i on Sunday, May 19, 2024.

### D. Selection of Presidential Electors

Four (4) Presidential Electors will be selected by the 2024 Hawai'i State Convention elected delegates on Saturday, May 18, 2024.

### E. Presidential Candidate Filing Deadline

1. Each presidential candidate shall submit in writing and on campaign letterhead a letter of authorization to the State Chair of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i. The letter of authorization shall include the candidate name as it should appear on the caucus ballot AND the name(s) of their authorized campaign representative(s). The written authorization letter must be received either in person or by mail to PO Box 2041, Honolulu, HI 96805, postmarked by Wednesday, January 24, 2024 at 5:00PM HST; (*Rule 1.A.8, Rule 13.D.1 & Rule 15.D*)
2. A filing fee of \$2,500.00 must accompany the written letter of authorization. (*Rule 1.A.8 & Rule 15.B*)



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3. Each presidential candidate must submit a written statement to the State Chair of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, which indicates the specific steps they will take to encourage full participation by their supporters in Hawai'i's delegate selection process, including, but not limited to, procedures by which persons may file as candidates for delegate or alternate pledged to the presidential candidate. The written statement must be received either in person or by mail to PO Box 2041, Honolulu, HI 96805, postmarked by Wednesday, January 24, 2024 at 5:00PM HST.  
*(Rule 6.H.1)*

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### F. Timetable (Reg. 2.2.B)

Date	Activity
<b>2022</b>	
December 15	Party-run Presidential Primary (PPP) Special Committee Meeting - ongoing meetings throughout 2023.
<b>2023</b>	
February 9	Affirmative Action (AA) Committee members are appointed by the State Chair.
February 15	Affirmative Action Committee meets to draft proposed Delegate Selection Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program. (Section VIII; attachment B.5.b)
February 23	Letter of AA Committee Member Appointments and composition confirmation submitted to DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee and added as attachment A.1/A.2.  Calendar Letter of intent is submitted to the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee and added as attachment A.3.
March 10	30 day public comment period begins. Hawai'i Delegate Selection Plan (DSP) including all attachments posted online at <a href="http://hawaiidemocrats.org">hawaiidemocrats.org</a> . Statewide membership email notification transmitted. Public comments are solicited on the proposed Delegate Selection, Affirmative Action Plan, and Outreach and Inclusion Program. Press release announcing the 30 day public comment period.
March 10	Letter outlining intent and source of Hawai'i specific Affirmative Action voter outreach, inclusion, and delegate selection targets submitted to the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee.  Letter requesting 30 day extension due to legislative bills submitted to the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee.
April 9	30 day public comment period on Hawai'i Delegate Selection Plan (DSP) concludes. Responses are compiled and DSP draft adjusted in preparation for review by the State Central Committee. All comments printed and added to the attachments section of the DSP as attachment B.6.
April 12	Distribution to SCC members for review via meeting notice and packet.
April 22	State Central Committee meeting to adopt 2024 Hawai'i Delegate Selection Plan and Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program for submission to DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee. Press releases are emailed announcing the State Central Committee adoption of the DSP and copy is added as attachment B.3 amended.  Statement of the State Chair drafted outlining DSP compliance with public comment period and adoption; submitted and added as attachment B.4.
April 23 - May 2	Party-run Presidential Primary Special Committee Meeting finalization prior to DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee submission.
May 3	Delegate Selection Plan submission to the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee.
May 15 - Dec 31	Fundraising push for Party-run Presidential Primary. Half of the budget is due by December 31, 2023.
November 1	Implementation of the Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program begins. press kits, as described in the Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program, are sent to all state media. The Affirmative Action Committee distributes documents related to the Hawai'i Delegate Selection Plan in delegate districts.
December 2	Original Hawai'i Delegate Selection Plan DNC RBC found in full compliance and placed online at <a href="http://hawaiidemocrats.org">hawaiidemocrats.org</a> .
December 31	Deadline for half of the fundraising budget; PPP committee to assess plan moving forward.
<b>2024</b>	
January 3	Amended Caucus Delegate Selection Plan distribution to SCC members for review via meeting notice and packet.

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Date	Activity
January 13	<p>State Central Committee meeting to adopt amended Caucus Delegate Selection Plan for submission to DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee. Press releases are emailed announcing the State Central Committee adoption of the amended Caucus DSP and copy is added as attachment B.3 replaced.</p> <p>Proposed amended Caucus DSP posted online at <a href="http://hawaiidemocrats.org">hawaiidemocrats.org</a>.</p>
January 24 5PM HST	<p>Presidential candidate deadline for submitting Letter of Authorization to the State Chair of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i which shall include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) the candidate name as it should appear on the caucus ballot;</li> <li>2) the name(s) of their authorized campaign representative(s); and</li> <li>3) a filing fee of \$2,500.00.</li> </ol> <p>Presidential candidate deadline for submitting a written statement to the State Chair of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, which indicates the specific steps they will take to encourage full participation by their supporters in Hawai'i's delegate selection process.</p>
Upon approval	<p>Approved amended Caucus Delegate Selection Plan placed online at <a href="http://hawaiidemocrats.org">hawaiidemocrats.org</a>.</p>
March 1	<p>Delegate and alternate candidates may obtain the statement of candidacy and pledge of support forms and filing instructions from Democratic Party of Hawai'i Headquarters, in person, by mail, or online at <a href="http://hawaiidemocrats.org">hawaiidemocrats.org</a> (Forms - attachment B.7)</p>
March 6 6 - 8PM HST	<p><b>Hawai'i Caucus Night-</b> In person voter registration, membership enrollment, and voting at Biennial Election Meetings. Locations available at <a href="http://hawaiidemocrats.org">hawaiidemocrats.org</a>.</p> <p>Statement of candidacy and pledge of support forms made available with meeting packet materials distributed to each district in the state. (Forms - attachment B.7)</p> <p>DNC Secretary's office confirms names of the Hawai'i Automatic Delegates.</p> <p><b>Caucus Count Night - Results released.</b></p>
March 10	<p>Deadline for presidential campaigns to file a recount petition.</p>
March 12	<p>Deadline for State Chair to respond to petitioning presidential campaign with amount for recount paid by the petitioning campaign.</p>
March 15	<p>Deadline for petitioning presidential campaign to respond before recount begins.</p>
May 2 5PM HST	<p>Deadline for ALL delegate and alternate candidates to file the statement of candidacy and pledge of support forms with the Secretary of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i. <i>Candidates may file for multiple categories for which they are eligible for, each category, district-level, PLEO, and at-large, must be applied for using a separate form except that at-large delegate and at-large alternate will complete one form and will be considered for both unless the candidate specifically indicates they do not wish to be considered for at-large alternate positions on the form.</i> (Forms - attachment B.7)</p> <p>Deadline for Presidential Electors to file the statement of candidacy and pledge of support forms with the Secretary of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i. (Forms - attachment B.7)</p> <p>Deadline for ALL Hawai'i State Convention <b>elected</b> delegates to file a pledge of support form with the Secretary of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i. (Forms - attachment B.7)</p>
May 6 5PM HST	<p>State Chair distributes district-level, PLEO, and at-large delegate and alternate candidates lists to the respective presidential campaigns for approval.</p>
May 10 5PM HST	<p>Presidential candidates respond with a list of approved district-level delegate candidates to the State Chair.</p>
May 14	<p>State Chair certifies AA qualifications for each presidential campaign's district-level delegates to the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee.</p>
May 18	<p>State Convention convenes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Selection of district-level delegates</li> <li>- Selection of presidential electors</li> </ul>

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Date	Activity
May 19	<p>State Convention concludes.</p> <p>State Central Committee meeting convenes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Election of Democratic Party of Hawai'i executive officers.</li> </ul> <p>Following the conclusion of the State Convention, presidential candidate representatives submit a list of approved PLEO delegate candidates to the State Chair.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Selection of PLEO delegates.</li> </ul> <p>Following the selection of PLEO delegates, presidential candidate representatives submit a list of approved at-large delegate candidates to the State Chair.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Selection of at-large delegates.</li> </ul> <p>Following the selection of at-large delegates, presidential candidate representatives submit a list of approved at-large alternate candidates to the State Chair.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Selection of at-large alternates.</li> </ul> <p>Following the selection of at-large delegates, presidential candidate representative(s) submit the name(s) of standing committee members to the State Chair.</p> <p>State Central Committee meeting concludes.</p> <p>National Convention delegation meeting convenes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Delegates select National Convention delegation chair.</li> <li>- Delegates select standing committee members.</li> <li>- State Chair names convention pages.</li> </ul> <p>National Convention delegation meeting concludes.</p>
May 22	<p>State Chair certifies AA qualifications for each presidential campaign's PLEO delegates and at-large delegates and alternates to the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee.</p> <p>State Chair certifies in writing to the Secretary of the DNC the State's Delegation Chair, Convention Pages and Standing Committee Members.</p>
May 28	<p>State Chair certifies in writing to the Secretary of the DNC the selection of delegates and alternates along with the names and presidential preference (including uncommitted) of ALL of the state's National Convention delegates including automatic delegates.</p>
September 6 4:30PM	<p>State Chair and Secretary of the Hawai'i State Convention certifies in writing to the Chief Elections Officer the names and contact information of the Presidential Electors and the first and second alternates.</p>
December 17 2PM	<p>Electoral College (Hawai'i)</p>
<b>2025</b>	
<b>March 6</b>	<p><b>Stored paper ballots may be destroyed/discarded by the Democratic Party of Hawai'i.</b></p>

## Attachments

- A.1/A.2: Letter of Affirmative Action Committee Members (includes list of members, demographic data, and contact information)
- A.3: Calendar Letter of Intent
- A.4: Letter Regarding DSP Section VIII.B Representation Goals
- A.5: Letter Regarding LGBTQIA+ Goal Adjustment by State Central Committee
- B.3: Press Release State Central Committee adoption of the Delegate Selection Plan
  - a. Amended Caucus Plan Press Release
  - b. ~~Party-run Presidential Primary Plan Press Release~~ - OBSOLETE see *Amended Caucus Plan Press Release*
- B.4: Statement from the State Chair certifying public comment period, adoption of Delegate Selection Plan, and submitted to the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee
  - a. Amended Caucus Plan Letter
  - b. ~~Party-run Presidential Primary Plan Letter~~ - OBSOLETE see *Amended Caucus Plan Letter*
- B.5: Affirmative Action Committee Documents
  - a. Statement from the Chair of the Affirmative Action Committee Certifying Review
  - b. 2023-2024 Outreach and Inclusion Plan
  - c. Affirmative Action Committee Report
- B.6: Public Comments
- B.7: Blank Forms
- B.8: State Statutes - Presidential Electors
- B.10: State Delegate Selection Media Plan
- C.1: Proposed Budget
  - a. Caucus Budget
  - b. ~~Party-run Presidential Primary Budget~~ - OBSOLETE see *Caucus Budget*



Via Email

February 23, 2023

James Roosevelt, Jr. and Minyon Moore, Co-chairs  
 Rules and Bylaws Committee,  
 Democratic National Committee

Dear Jim Roosevelt and Minyon Moore,

I, Dennis Jung, State Chair of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i confirm that the composition of the State Affirmative Action Committee complies with Rules 5.C, 6.A., and 7, and that as appointed on February 9, 2023, the names, demographic data, and contact information of members is being submitted to the Rules and Bylaws Committee of the Democratic National Committee timely and herewith to conform to Regulation 2.2J.

Last Name	First Name	Prec	Gen	Notes	Role	Ph	Email
Barbee-Wooten	Daphne	26-03	F	African American	Committee Chair; O'ahu	██████████ ██████████ ██████████	██
Bickel	John	24-01	M	Caucasian; Disabled; LGBTQ+	Member; O'ahu	██████████ ██████████ ██████████	████████████████████████████████████
Bolosan	Leon	11-03	M	Filipino	Member; Maui	██████████ ██████████ ██████████	██████████████████████████████████
Carroll	Claire	13-03	F	Hawaiian (part)	Member; Maui	██████████ ██████████ ██████████	██
Cruikshank	Lauren (Kellie)	26-02	F	Caucasian; Disabled	Member; O'ahu	██████████ ██████████ ██████████	██████████████████████████████████████
Diegel	James (Jim)	10-03	M	Caucasian	Member; Maui	██████████ ██████████ ██████████	████████████████████████████████████

Farm	Kenneth (Ken)	28-02	M	Hawaiian; Filipino; Chinese	Member; O'ahu	████ ████ ████	████████████████████
Iida	Jean	16-03	F	Hawaiian; Chinese; Japanese	Member; Kaua'i	████ ████ ████	████████████████████████████
Jung	Dennis	26-02	M	Chinese	Member; O'ahu	████ ████ ████	████████████████████
Nagatani	Anthony (Tony)	24-01	M	Japanese; Caucasian; Youth	Member; O'ahu	████ ████ ████	████████████████████████████
Nishimura	Steven	17-02	M	Japanese	Member; Kaua'i	████ ████ ████	████████████████████
Ohigashi	Stephanie	10-07	F	Hispanic; Japanese	Member; Maui	████ ████ ████	████████████████████████████
Strand	Lorna	33-01	F	Japanese	Member; O'ahu	████ ████ ████	████████████████████
Watts	Nicole (Nicky)	04-02	F	Caucasian	Member; Hawai'i	████ ████ ████	████████████████████████████

Mahalo,



Dennis Jung  
 State Chair, Democratic Party of Hawai'i  
 dennis@hawaiidemocrats.org



Via Email

February 23, 2023

James Roosevelt, Jr. and Minyon Moore, Co-chairs  
Rules and Bylaws Committee,  
Democratic National Committee

Dear Jim Roosevelt and Minyon Moore,

I, Dennis Jung, State Chair of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, in compliance with Regulation 2.1, hereby confirm that the Democratic Party of Hawai'i will hold a Party-run Presidential Primary on Saturday, April 6, 2024.

There is currently proposed legislation pending in the State of Hawai'i Legislature which may result in a State-run Presidential Primary. I will update the Rules and Bylaws Committee if this becomes state law.

Mahalo,

Dennis Jung  
State Chair, Democratic Party of Hawai'i  
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Via Email

March 10, 2023

James Roosevelt, Jr. and Minyon Moore, Co-chairs  
Rules and Bylaws Committee,  
Democratic National Committee

Dear Jim Roosevelt and Minyon Moore,

I, Dennis Jung, State Chair of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, certify that the data used for the numerical goals established under Rules 5.C, 6.A, and 7 (Reg. 2.2.J), are reliable. The source of Hawai'i Delegate Selection Plan Section VIII, B. - Representation Goals on page 44, excerpt attached, is polling data obtained from MRG Research.

I am available if you should have any questions.

Mahalo,



Dennis Jung  
State Chair, Democratic Party of Hawai'i  
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**ATTACHMENT A.5**

April 22, 2023

James Roosevelt, Jr. and Minyon Moore, Co-chairs  
Rules and Bylaws Committee,  
Democratic National Committee

Dear Jim Roosevelt and Minyon Moore,

Subsequent to the letter sent on March 10, 2023 regarding the numeric goals established under Rules 5.C, 6.A, and 7 (Reg. 2.2.J), our State Central Committee upon review of the 2024 Hawai'i Delegate Selection Plan adopted an increase to the LGBTQIA+ goal percentage from the DNC provided data of 6% to 8%. An amended 2024 Hawai'i Delegate Selection Plan Section VIII, B. - Representation Goals excerpt (pages 43-44) and a copy of the State Central Committee meeting minutes are attached.

I am available if you should have any questions.

Mahalo,

Dennis Jung  
State Chair, Democratic Party of Hawai'i  
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EXCERPT  
of  
Section VIII  
Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and  
Inclusion Program

**B. Representation Goals**

1. The Democratic Party of Hawai'i has determined the demographic composition of Japanese, Filipino, Hawaiian/Pacific Islander, Chinese, Hispanic, other (multiple/mixed) ethnicity, and women in the Hawai'i's Democratic electorate. These constituency percentages shall be established as goals for representation in the Hawai'i's convention delegation. A letter will be sent to the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee with the source of Hawai'i Democratic voter targeting so that the constituencies of the state are properly represented. *(Rule 5.C & Rule 6.A)*
2. In cooperation with the Democratic National Committee, the Democratic Party of Hawai'i has determined the demographic composition of members of the LGBTQ+ community, people with disabilities, and youth in the state's Democratic electorate. The Democratic Party of Hawai'i has chosen to establish the goal percentages in the table of the next subsection for representation in the state's convention delegation. *(Rule 7 & Reg. 4.8.C.iii)*
3. The Affirmative Action Committee has looked at demographic data from previous presidential elections and gubernatorial elections. The following demographic of the Democratic Party vote has been developed from polling of Hawai'i Democratic voters:

## Hawai'i 2024 Delegate Selection Plan

Polling Dates		Hawaiian / PI	AAPL	Japanese	Filipino	Chinese	Hispanic	African AM	Native AM	Other / 2+	Caucasian	Women	LGBTQIA+	Disabled	Youth > 36
6/28 - 6/30 2022	Voting in the 2022 Hawai'i Democratic Primary	11%		21%	8%	5%	3%			21%	32%	55%			
6/28 - 6/30 2022	Voted for Biden (D) in 2020	13%		19%	8%	5%	3%			20%	33%	57%			
6/28 - 6/30 2022	Voted for Ige (D) in 2018	11%		24%	8%	7%	2%			18%	32%	58%			
4/16 - 4/21 2021	Voted for Biden (D) in 2020	12%		24%	8%	6%	2%			16%	31%	60%			
4/16 - 4/21 2021	Voted for Ige (D) in 2018	9%		28%	10%	7%	2%			15%	29%	56%			
10/2 - 10/7 2020	Voting for Biden (D) in 2020	15%		22%	8%	3%	2%			16%	34%	59%			
	DNC Provided		49%				12%	3%					6%	14%	29%
GOAL %	N/A	12%	-	23%	9%	6%	4%	3%	0%	18%	32%	50%	8%	14%	29%

### Numerical Goals:

Japanese: 8 (23%)

Other (2+): 6 (18%)

Hawaiian / Pacific Islander: 4 (12%)

Filipino: 3 (9%)

Chinese: 2 (6%)

Hispanic: 1 (4%)

African American: 1 (3%)

Native American: 0 (0%)

Youth: 10 (29%)

Disabled: 5 (14%)

LGBTQIA+: 3 (8%)



## State Central Committee

### **DRAFT MINUTES**

Special Meeting of the State Central Committee  
Saturday, April 22, 2023

**This meeting was held online via zoom; Chair Jung called the meeting to order at 10:04 AM.**

#### **I. Roll Call**

**A quorum was established with 57 members present. Members Kaupiko, Acasio, Barnes by proxy, and Kobashigawa-Lewis subsequently joined the meeting bringing the attendance to 61 members.**

**Members Present via Teleconference / Video Conference: Laura Acasio; Edmund Aczon; Melodie Aduja; Roberto Andrion Jr; Kaitlin (Katie) Arita-Chang; William Bagasol; Daphne Barbee-Wooten; Phil Barnes; Danielle Bass; John Bickel; Jason Bradshaw; Alan Burdick; Shaina Caporoz; Will Caron; Aria Castillo; Kaleo Chang; Jon Chinen; Barbara Dalton; Bart Dame; Donna Domingo; Kenneth (Ken) Farm; Stephanie Fitzpatrick; Daniel (Dan) Freund; Rebecca Gardner; Michele Golojuch ; Michael Golojuch, Jr.; Michael (Mike) Golojuch, Sr.; Dionicio (Dino) Guzman; Mitzie Higa; Paul Holcomb; Gary Hooser; Justin Hughey; Dennis Jung; Jennifer Ka'aihue; Reyn Kaupiko; Juanita Kawamoto; Michael (Pono) Kekela; Leimomi Khan; Stephanie Kim; Joy Kobashigawa-Lewis; Lei Learmont; Shannon Matson; Lawrence (Larry) Meacham; Judith Michaels; Jace Mikulanec; Amy Monk; David Mulinix; Steven Nishimura; Amy Perruso; Martha Randolph; Lynn Robinson-Onderko; Phillip (Eric) Schrager; Chace Shigemasa; Abby Simmons; Larry Smith; Alice Smith; Jesse Souki; Lorna Strand; Martha Torney; Brent Toyama; Aileen Wada.**

**Proxies: Edmund Aczon (to Danielle Bass); Melodie Aduja (to John Bickel); Roberto Andrion Jr (to Dionicio (Dino) Guzman); Kaitlin (Katie) Arita-Chang (to Kaleo Chang); Phil Barnes (to Laura Acasio); Aria Castillo (to Will Caron); Barbara Dalton (to Michael (Pono) Kekela); Daniel (Dan) Freund (to Alan Burdick); Michael (Mike) Golojuch, Sr. (to Michele Golojuch); Mitzie Higa (to Jason Bradshaw); Jennifer Ka'aihue (to Donna Domingo); Leimomi Khan (to Lorna Strand); Shannon Matson (to Paul Holcomb); David Mulinix (to Martha Randolph); Amy Perruso (to Justin Hughey); Phillip (Eric) Schrager (to Bart Dame); Jesse Souki (to Stephanie Kim); Aileen Wada (to Brent Toyama).**

**Absent: Emmanuel (Manny) Baltazar; Marlene Baltero; Della Au Bellati; Mahealani Cypher; Donovan Dela Cruz; Tyler Dos Santos-Tam; Bixby Ho ; Elizabeth (Liz) Holmes; Rachele Lamosao; Timothy (Tim) Lara; RoxAnne (Rocky) Lawson; Lennart (Lenny) Lundstrom; Hermina (Mina) Morita; Bethany Morrison; Corinna Nguyen; Stephanie Ohigashi; Carlos Rodriguez-Santana; Gary Saito; Abigail (Abby) Santos; Gary**

(Bear) Usinger; Margaret Wille.

**Executive Director Fernandez was in attendance and was the recording secretary for this meeting.**

## **II. Adoption of the 2024 Hawai'i Delegate Selection Plan (DSP Party-run Version)**

Motion by Member Hughey to adopt the 2024 Hawai'i Delegate Selection Plan as amended, 2nd. There was discussion. - *Adopted without objection*

Motion to amend by Member Golojuch, Jr. to change the LGBTQIA+ goal percentage on page 44 of the DSP from 6 to ~~11%~~ 8%, 2nd. There was discussion on the amendment. - *Adopted without objection*

Motion to amend the amendment by Member Meacham; change 6 to 11% to 6 to 8%, 2nd. There was discussion on the amendment to the amendment. - *Adopted after sufficient objections for a roll call vote, with 57 total votes cast: 29 in favor, 28 opposed, and 2 abstentions*

Motion to amend by Member Golojuch, Jr. to add "Not Confidential" to all delegate forms requesting demographic information, 2nd. There was discussion on the amendment. - *Adopted without objection*

One housekeeping item was brought to Executive Director Fernandez's attention; page 14 #2 and #3 are identical and one should be removed; #4 becomes #3.

Executive Director Fernandez went through the timeline of Party-run vs State-run Presidential Primary drafts, key dates, and deadlines.

**This meeting was adjourned at 11:45 AM.**

Submitted by  
Erynn MK Fernandez

**PRESS RELEASE  
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
January 13, 2024



**CONTACT**  
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### **Hawai'i Democrats Amend 2024 Delegate Selection Plan**

HONOLULU - The State Central Committee of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i (DPH) adopted an amended 2024 Hawai'i Delegate Selection Plan today, Saturday, January 13, 2024.

The Democratic Party of Hawai'i will not be utilizing a vote-by-mail process in 2024 as previously planned, but will instead return to in person voting at the March 6, 2024 Biennial Election Meetings held for each of the State House Districts. Same day voter registration and party enrollment will be available at all in person polling sites across the state.

The caucus voting plan will determine what percentage of the state's delegates will be allotted to each qualifying Democratic presidential candidate. The selection of the delegates begins at the Democratic Party of Hawai'i State Convention in May of 2024.

Details and updates can be found on the state party website at [hawaiidemocrats.org](https://hawaiidemocrats.org). Hawai'i voters can become eligible voting members of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i by enrolling online at [hawaiidemocrats.org/join](https://hawaiidemocrats.org/join).

The amended 2024 Hawai'i Delegate Selection Plan will be transmitted to the Democratic National Committee for review and final approval.

The 2024 Democratic National Convention will be held in Chicago on August 19-22, 2024.

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**PRESS RELEASE  
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
May 3, 2023



**CONTACT**  
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### Hawai'i Democrats Finalize 2024 Delegate Selection Plan

HONOLULU - The State Central Committee of the Democratic Party of Hawaii (DPH) adopted the 2024 Hawai'i Delegate Selection Plan on Saturday, April 22, 2023. This plan outlines the party-run presidential primary and process for selecting delegates to the 2024 Democratic National Convention to be held in Chicago on August 19-22, 2024.

The party-run primary will determine what percentage of the state's delegates will be allotted to each qualifying Democratic presidential candidate. The selection of the delegates begins at the Democratic Party of Hawai'i State Convention in May of 2024.

The Democratic Party of Hawai'i held off on announcing the approval of the party-run version of the plan publicly as pending legislation for a state-run presidential primary was moving through the legislature. When both houses could not reach consensus by the end of the legislative conference period on April 28, a state-run presidential primary for 2024 was rendered impossible.

With a state-run process now out of the question, the Democratic Party of Hawai'i is moving forward with the process it used in 2020.

"We are living in challenging times. Our democracy is being challenged by people who question the integrity of the electoral process," said Dennis Jung, Chair of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i. "For this reason, we seek to offer the people of Hawai'i a transparent process and give all our people the opportunity to join the Democratic Party and to help select the next President of the United States. Each vote is important. We want to give every voter a chance to cast a ballot and make a difference."

Once again, the Democratic Party of Hawai'i will utilize vote-by-mail with in-person voting on April 6, 2024. The Party may choose to offer ranked choice voting as it did in 2020 depending on the number of candidates seeking the Democratic nomination. Same day voter and party registration will be available at in-person polling sites across the state.

Details and updates can be found on the state party website at [hawaiidemocrats.org](http://hawaiidemocrats.org). Hawai'i voters can become eligible voting members of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i by enrolling online at [hawaiidemocrats.org/join](http://hawaiidemocrats.org/join).

The 2024 Hawai'i Delegate Selection Plan will be transmitted to the Democratic National Committee for review and final approval.

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January 13, 2024

James Roosevelt, Jr. and Minyon Moore, Co-chairs  
Rules and Bylaws Committee,  
Democratic National Committee

Dear Jim Roosevelt and Minyon Moore,

I, Adrian Tam, Interim State Chair of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, in compliance with Rule 1.C and Regulations 2.2.C, 2.2.E, and 2.2.F, hereby certify that the 2024 Hawai'i Delegate Selection Plan (DSP), including necessary attachments and appendices were published on the Democratic Party of Hawai'i website at [www.hawaiidemocrats.org](http://www.hawaiidemocrats.org) for a 30 day public comment period March 10 through April 9, 2023. Public comments were taken into consideration during the original Party-run Presidential Primary plan adopted as amended at the properly noticed State Central Committee meeting on April 22, 2023, and subsequently by the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee on December 1, 2023.

The Democratic Party of Hawai'i was not able to raise the necessary funds for the Party-run Presidential Primary. Therefore, the Democratic Party of Hawai'i is submitting this amended plan converting to a caucus, which we are able to financially support. This caucus plan was adopted as amended at the properly noticed State Central Committee meeting on January 13, 2024. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Mahalo,

Adrian Tam  
Interim State Chair, Democratic Party of Hawai'i  
[adrian@hawaiidemocrats.org](mailto:adrian@hawaiidemocrats.org)



May 3, 2023

James Roosevelt, Jr. and Minyon Moore, Co-chairs  
Rules and Bylaws Committee,  
Democratic National Committee

Dear Jim Roosevelt and Minyon Moore,

I, Dennis Jung, State Chair of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, in accordance with Rule 1.C and Regulations 2.2.C, 2.2.E, and 2.2.F, hereby certify that the 2024 Hawai'i Delegate Selection Plan (DSP), including necessary attachments and appendices were published on the Democratic Party of Hawai'i website at [www.hawaiidemocrats.org](http://www.hawaiidemocrats.org) for a 30 day public comment period March 10 through April 9, 2023. Public comments were taken into consideration, and an updated draft was adopted as amended at the properly noticed State Central Committee meeting on April 10, 2023.

As there was pending legislation for a state-run presidential primary at the time, and since then that legislation died in conference without coming to the floor, the delay in this letter of certification and the DSP adoption press release are notably delayed with cause.

Sincerely,  
Dennis Jung

Dennis Jung  
State Chair, Democratic Party of Hawai'i  
[dennis@hawaiidemocrats.org](mailto:dennis@hawaiidemocrats.org)

**DPH Affirmative Action Committee**

# Memo

**To:** DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee

**From:** Daphne Barbee-Wooten, Chair

**cc:** Dennis Jung, State Chair  
Erynn Fernandez, Executive Director


**Date:** 3/8/2023

**Re:** DSP Affirmative Action and Outreach and Inclusion Plan

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I, Daphne Barbee-Wooten, Chair of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i Affirmative Action Committee, certify compliance with rule 6.F. The Hawai'i Affirmative Action Committee worked on the language contained in Section VIII of the Hawai'i Delegate Selection Plan and I have reviewed and confirm the proposed Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Plan and the delegate selection representation goals as outlined.

The AA outreach plan is included.

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Daphne Barbee-Wooten

**Hawaii 2024 Delegate Selection Plan: Affirmative Action Plan – Attachment**

The Affirmative Action Committee will work in conjunction with the State Party's membership committee and county membership committees to communicate about the Party-run Presidential Primary and the state convention. The plan will seek to outreach to and include new and unaffiliated voters. Party enrollment will be available at each of the following:

- Tabling, speaking, and presentations at public fairs, labor union and Party events
- Regional workshops to inform members of the voting changes with the 2024 Party-run Presidential Primary & ranked choice voting.
- State wide emails emphasizing the importance of outreach to new and unaffiliated voters.
- Social media posts on Facebook, Instagram for DPH and 4 Counties.
- Free media on public service stations and in the newspapers with press releases editorials about the Party-run Presidential Primary in 2024. (See Media list below).
- A field campaign to walk targeted precincts to outreach to new & unaffiliated voters.

**Social Media:**

Facebook – the Party will use its Facebook page to run monthly posts about the PPP and DSP until March 01, 2024, after which date, posts become weekly. The Party will also make a public Facebook event for the PPP so that members and participants can invite their friends to participate.

Instagram - the Party will use its Instagram page to run monthly posts about the PPP and DSP until March 01, 2024, after which date, posts become weekly.

YouTube - the Party will use its YouTube account to post monthly videos about the PPP and DSP, which shall be linked into those appropriate posts on Facebook.

**Websites:**

Democratic Party of Hawaii Website – link to all social media accounts, as well as hosting all public information about the PPP and DSP.

Radio:

Hawaii Public Radio – Public Service Announcements

Radio Talk Shows – the Party will contact radio talk show hosts to offer our participation if they desire to have it on their shows to talk about the meaning of the PPP and DSP. Efforts should be made to include radio shows predominantly targeting audiences which are underrepresented.

Television:

Olelo TV:

Public Service Announcements

Television programs: the Party will contact the administrative offices at Olelo in order to contact television talk show hosts to offer our participation if they desire to have it on their shows to talk about the meaning of the PPP and DSP. Efforts should be made to include programs predominantly targeting audiences which are underrepresented.

Newspapers:

The Party will contact the news tips hotlines of the following newspapers to alert them to the upcoming PPP and DSP processes in hopes that they will write articles covering them:

- Ka Wai Ola
- The Honolulu Star Advertiser
- Midweek
- The Maui News
- The Hawaii Tribune-Herald
- West Hawaii Today
- Hawaii Catholic Herald
- Ka Leo O Hawaii
- Maui Time Weekly
- Ka Nupepa Kuokoa
- Pacific Business News
- Hawaii Island Journal
- North Shore News
- The Garden Island

- Honolulu Civil Beat
- Fil-Am Voice
- Voice of Kapolei
- Molokai Advertiser-News
- Lahaina News
- Hawaii Free Press

Additionally, the Party will specifically purchase advertising space to run advertisements in the Fil-Am Voice and Ka Wai Ola in order to help reach two traditionally underrepresented populations. The Party will also contact community organizations, such as labor unions, local LGBTQ+ organizations, and local organizations of people with disabilities to invite them to share content about the PPP and DSP in their routine publications.

March 6, 2023

Affirmative action report.

Chair Daphne Barbee Wooten

The affirmative action committee is composed of Camonia Long, Daphne Barbee Wooten, Jim Diegel, John Bickel, Barbara Dalton (HCC Chair), Nicky Watts, Leon Boloson, Claire Carrol, Stephanie Ohigashi (M Chair), John Bickel, Kellie Cruickshank, Kenneth Farm, Anthony “Tony” Nagatani, Lorna Takehara Strand (OCC Chair), Jean Iida and Steven Nishimura (KCC Chair). These names have been submitted to Chair Dennis Jung for approval.

The Affirmative Action Committee met on February 15, 2023 and March 2, 2023.

Stephanie Ohigashi and myself prepared a survey which was distributed to all Democrat leadership in Hawaii. Attached is the survey and results. If you have not completed the survey please do so right away so that we can have an accurate picture of our demographics. We request that the survey be completed by all Democrats and we’ll ask that everyone attending the convention complete the survey.

The affirmative action report is attached along with survey results. Based upon the result which we see a need for more diversity in our ranks. Focusing on the 0% to 1% ethnicity as found in the results, there needs to be more Outreach and inclusion of the following: African Americans. Native American/Indigenous. Pacific Islanders. Micronesian, Fijian. According to survey there is 0% Samoans Islanders included in our demographics. Asian Americans Hmong, Indian Korean Malaysian, Filipino Chinese, Taiwanese, Vietnamese. Hispanic Mexican-Americans, Puerto Rico and Dominican and other Central American and South Americans ,Portuguese. In making the affirmative action plan week the surveys of Democratic Leadership and we looked at the OCC survey from 2022 which also showed disparity and Pacific Islanders not Hawaiian, Asian specified, black African American, Korean and Hispanic. Youth should be priority for outreach, defined as someone under 36. We urge Outreach and inclusion with a specific target for these underrepresented groups. Outreach and inclusion ideas have been itemized in our report. There are many ways to do Outreach for inclusion. We can reach out to organizations such as NAACP, Micronesian Associations, Samoan Associations, colleges, and University of Hawaii, Colleges and schools.

During Black History Month, February 2023, there was Outreach in attending the Honolulu African-American Film Festival (HAAFF) and at a black history presentation in Kahuku Library. Black History Month Film Festival involved panel discussions on the necessity to vote and on housing discrimination. The film Lowndes County which was about fighting for the right to vote in Lowndes County, Alabama which was 80% black had no black representatives in 1965. I brought voter registrations documents and told people who weren’t registered to vote to see me.

OCC chair Lorna Strand was present along with Rep. Della Au Bellati at the African American Film Festival. We urge more Democrats to be socially active and engaging with various youth groups and other groups to urge involvement in Hawaii Democratic party.

# 2024 DSP Public Comments

Mahalo for participating in the public response period. This period is open from 3/10/2024 12AM HST through 4/9/2024 11:59PM HST.

Email \*

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First Name \*

Michael

Last Name \*

Golojuch, Sr.

Comments?

On page 44, it shows the percentage goals. I believe 6% for LGBTQIA+ is low. At least 10% would be more representative for Hawaii. Also, I assume that veterans are only considered if they also happen to be disabled.

If you prefer to upload a document, you may do so here.

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# 2024 DSP Public Comments

Mahalo for participating in the public response period. This period is open from 3/10/2024 12AM HST through 4/9/2024 11:59PM HST.

Email \*

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Sarah

Last Name \*

Simmons

Comments?

Request that the minimum percentage of LGBTQIA+ delegates be increased from 6% to 11%.

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# 2024 DSP Public Comments

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First Name \*

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Last Name \*

Simmons

Comments?

Please see attached file

If you prefer to upload a document, you may do so here.

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## Comments relating to 2024 DPH Delegate Selection

After review of the 2024 DPH Delegate Selection Plan, I would like to offer following comments:

- General comment: Should signed pledges of support for presidential candidates be due (5/9/24) before the results of the PPP (Election Day 4/6/24)?
- General Comment: Usage of the wording “Failure to respond” conveys failure, whereas stating something along the lines of “If no response is received...” accounts for the fact that the candidate must not respond if there is no response required to approve delegates. Example: Page 25, 3(c)
- Page 16, 3(c): Should the table account for agender and non-binary delegates or alternates?
  - c. The district-level delegates are apportioned to districts as indicated in the following table, assuming no gender non-binary delegates or alternates:

District	Delegates		
	Males	Females	Total
#1	4	3	7
#2	3	4	7
Total	7	7	14

- Page 18, 5(e): Grammar - looks like the word “candidates” is repeated
  - e. The State Chair of the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i shall certify in writing to the Co-Chairs of the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee whether each presidential candidate has used their best efforts to ensure that their respective pledged district-level delegate candidates candidates meet the affirmative action and outreach and inclusion considerations and goals detailed in the Affirmative Action section of this Plan within three (3) business days of returning the list of approved district-level delegate candidates and district-level alternate candidates as indicated in Section III.A.5.b of this Plan. (Rule 6.1 & Reg.4.10.C)

- Page 21, B,2: Should this be updated to reflect agender and non-binary persons?
  2. For purposes of achieving equal division between delegate men and delegate women and alternate men and alternate women within the state's entire convention delegation (determined by gender self-identification), the entire delegation includes all pledged and automatic delegates, including those who identify as male or female. *(Rule 6.C and Reg. 4.9)*
- Page 23, 4,c(2): Formating, looks like there is an extra space (see also page 27, 5,b(2))
  - (2) State Central Committee members who represent state senatorial districts will be selected through open processes in conformity with the basic procedural guarantees utilized for delegate selection. Any member of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i can become a candidate, except if a member has resigned from the Party in the two (2) years prior to re-enrollment in the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, the re-enrolled member must be a member in good standing for one (1) year before the next election prior to being elected Party Chair or for election to the State Central Committee. The State Chair must be a member for at least one (1) year. The election of members to the State Central Committee is conducted at the Hawai'i State Convention to which the delegates have been elected by members in equally apportioned state house districts, and county representatives who were elected at their respective county conventions. *(Rule 10.B.2 & Reg. 4.18.B)*
- Page 24, 4,c(4): Should this be amended for the possibility to account for non-binary and agender persons? (See also page 27, 5,b(4))
  - (4) State Central Committee members who represent state senatorial districts comply with equal division requirements of Article 9, Section 16 of the Charter of the Democratic Party of the United States. Senatorial districts representation of the State Central Committee of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i is composed of one (1) male and one (1) female representative. *(Rule 10.B.3, Rule 10.B.5 & Reg. 4.18.C)*

- Page 28, 5,d(3): Should non-binary and agender persons be listed? See also page 47, E(4)
  - (3) The election of at-large delegates shall be used, if necessary, to achieve the equal division of positions between men and women as far as mathematically practicable, and may be used to achieve the representation goals established in the Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program section of this Plan. The election of at-large alternates shall be used, if necessary, to achieve the equal division of positions between men and women as far as mathematically practicable, and may be used to achieve the representation goals established in the Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program section of this Plan. *(Rule 6.A, Rule 6.C and Reg. 4.9)*
  
- Page 32, B,4(a): Should there be reference on how to divide between binary, non-binary and agender persons? What if we have 2 males, one female and one non-binary person? Page 33, B,4,b(3) explains it, should that be alluded to in B,4(a)? Can adopt the language used for Convention Pages on page 35, C,2
  - 4. Selection Procedure to Achieve Equal Division
    - a. Presidential candidates (including uncommitted status) shall use their best efforts to ensure that their respective delegation of standing committee members shall achieve Hawai'i's affirmative action, outreach and inclusion goals and that their respective male and female members are equally divided between the men and women determined by gender self-identification. *(Rule 6.1 & Reg. 4.10)*
  
- Page 39, C: Non-binary people should be counted as a gender, so maybe the language could be updated to reflect that? Right now it seems to speak to agender individuals perhaps? Maybe instead of men and women and non-binary, we could simply say by "self-identified" gender identity?
  - C. Hawai'i's delegation shall be equally divided between delegate men and delegate women, and alternate men and alternate women, i.e. the number of men and women shall not vary by more than one. Such goal applies to the entire delegation, which includes all pledged delegates and alternates and all automatic delegates. Delegates and alternates shall be considered separate groups for purposes of achieving equal division as determined by gender self-identification. In the case of gender non-binary delegates or alternates, they shall not be counted as either a male or female, and the remainder of the delegation shall be equally divided by gender. *(Rule 6.C)*
  
- Page 43, 2,d(4): should all protected classes be listed? See also page 43, B,(1) - LGBTQIA?

(4) Ensuring, on behalf of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, that district lines used in the delegate selection process are not gerrymandered to discriminate against African Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders and women. *(Rule 6.E)*

- Page 44: The minimum percentage of LGBTQIA+ delegates should be increased from 6% to 11% on page 44 of the plan. An official letter from the Stonewall Caucus to the Committee with the documentation of data supporting this increase is forthcoming.

- Page 48, F(4): Is there an outreach plan for the LGBTQIA community? I do see John Bickel listed as LGBTQ+ in the State Affirmative Action Committee.

4. Plan for Outreach and Inclusion:

In addition to the education, publicity and other steps described above, the Affirmative Action Committee of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i will reach out to organizations such as the NAACP (for African Americans), University of Hawai'i (for youth), Samoan clubs and organizations, churches, Micronesian associations, Pacific Islander associations, organizations, fairs, pow wows, film festivals, meetings put on by inclusion and outreach targeted minority constituencies, Martin Luther King Jr, Pride, Kamehameha Day, and other parades. The Affirmative Action Committee will complete outreach in high schools and college campuses by tabling where available providing food, conversation, voter registration, and Party enrollment.

- Attachment B.5.b has very limited information regarding affirmative action outreach efforts for the LGBTQ+ community:

Additionally, the Party will specifically purchase advertising space to run advertisements in the Fil-Am Voice and Ka Wai Ola in order to help reach two traditionally underrepresented populations. The Party will also contact community organizations, such as labor unions, local LGBTQ+ organizations, and local organizations of people with disabilities to invite them to share content about the PPP and DSP in their routine publications.

- Attachment C.1: I can't really comment if this is a realistic fundraising plan without seeing historical data around fundraising activities.

# 2024 DSP Public Comments

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Comments?

or the Affirmative Action Committee members, please add Camonia Long, camonia.long@gmail.com, African American and Matt Gorodenchik. mgorodenchik@gmail.com Names were previously submitted but may have been overlooked.

We will need to obtain better statistics on our diversity so we encourage all members to fill out the Affirmative Action survey we distributed in February 2023. If yo do not have it, we can resend. Please let me or Erynn know.

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Comments?

Comments - Well done! Especially the statements regarding an extension in case of SB1005 approval and changes in case we don't raise the required funds. The Affirmative Action section is particularly strong. MAHALO!

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Comments?

The number of delegates to fill the 14 District Level Delegates and 5 At-Large Delegates should reflect more than the suggested ratio for the underrepresented constituency found on Page 44. The chart on Page 44 indicates that 12% of the Delegates be of Hawaiian/PI descent; 9% be of Filipino descent; 50% be women; and 6% of LGBTQIA+. We feel that these underrepresented group ratios should be increased as greater representation is necessary to make a genuine impact for these underrepresented groups. Other groups, such as the Japanese and Caucasian groups are well represented in the Legislature, the Congressional Delegation, and as pledged PLEO Delegates that their ratios found on the Page 44 graph should be decreased. Currently, their ratios are 23% for Japanese and 32% for Caucasians. These ratios can be decreased when considering the 14 District Level Delegates and 5 At-Large Delegates as representation of these groups are well covered as pledged PLEO Delegates and other delegates automatically appointed based on their official status.

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## Comments?

On defining the motivations of the Affirmative Action Plan and Goal:

As I understand it, the aspiration of affirmative Action is not simply to level with the status quo, but rather to strive to favor the underrepresented and disenfranchised.

In order to align ourselves with this theory, it is important to refer to the standards set by the DNC:

"The promises of a democratically elected government and the right to vote have not always been extended equally to all Americans. Historically, certain groups of Americans have been explicitly denied the right to vote or have been subjected to discriminatory and exclusionary practices with the intended effect of denying them voting rights. In recognition of this past history of discriminatory denial of the 2024 Delegate Selection Rules for the Democratic National Convention 8 franchise and in order to encourage full participation by all Democrats in the delegate selection process and in all Party affairs, the national and state Democratic Parties shall adopt and implement affirmative action programs with specific goals and timetables for African Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders and women."

Thus, we feel the number of delegates to fulfill the quota should reflect more than the suggested ratio for the underrepresented constituency, as found on Page 44.

On increasing the Goal for women:

Though women count for half of the Hawai'i Democrat party membership, women have been underrepresented historically in terms of suffrage years and wage discrepancies compared to their male counterparts. I propose that the Goals on page 44 should reflect a ratio of years of being denied the right to vote, and also with consideration of the fact that women earn 20% less than men.

On Decoupling Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islanders,

In order to give both oppressed communities a fair advantage:

As we reside here on ill-gotten land, nearly half of the Kānaka Maoli population live on the mainland. Native Hawaiians are overrepresented in homelessness. Nearly half of the homeless population in Hawai'i are of Hawaiian descent.

<https://asamnews.com/2023/02/04/homeless-protest-unsanctioned-action-6-homeless-sheltered/>

<https://www.hawaiiensnow.com/2023/01/23/high-cost-living-continues-drive-more-native-hawaiians-out-state/>

<https://www.civilbeat.org/2022/08/fewer-native-hawaiian-men-are-going-to-college-the-repercussions-may-last-generations/>

Thus, I feel the Goal for selecting Hawaiians for delegate selection be increased, as greater representation is necessary to make a genuine impact for this underrepresented group.

Moving forward, I hope we can be diligent about collecting careful data on the demographics of the State and the Party in the coming years, in order to more accurately set our goals for the Delegate Selection Plan according to the Affirmative action Plan

Thank you for your consideration.

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2024 Hawai'i State Convention

**VOTER**

Pledge of Support Form

I am submitting my Pledge of Support form so I may vote for candidates running to become an elector or delegate to the Democratic National Convention in August, 2024. I understand that the Pledge of Support form must be postmarked by: May 2, 2024 at 5 P.M. HST to the Secretary of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i by email: secretary@hawaiidemocrats.org, in person, or by mail to PO Box 2041, Honolulu, HI, 96805.

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_ CD \_\_\_\_\_ Dist. \_\_\_\_\_ Prct. \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile / Home (Circle one) Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_ Nonbinary \_\_\_\_\_ (Check one)

(Please Check One)       Candidate 1                       Candidate 3  
                                  Candidate 2                       Candidate 4  
                                  Uncommitted

I, \_\_\_\_\_, the member named herein, do certify that I am a duly qualified and registered member of the Democratic Party and pledge my support to \_\_\_\_\_ for nomination as the Democratic Party's Presidential Candidate.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Candidate's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



National Convention 2024

CANDIDATE\*\*

Pledge of Support Form

I am submitting my name for candidacy as a delegate to the Democratic National Convention in August, 2024. I understand that the Pledge of Support form must be postmarked by **May 2, 2024 at 5 P.M. HST** to the Secretary of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i by email: secretary@hawaiidemocrats.org, in person, or by mail to PO Box 2041, Honolulu, HI, 96805.

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Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile / Home (Circle one) Email \_\_\_\_\_

\*Ethnicity \_\_\_\_\_  
\*Male \_\_\_ Female \_\_\_ Nonbinary \_\_\_ (Check one) \*LGBTQIA+: Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ (Check one)  
\*Under 36 years old: Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ (Check one) \*Disabled: Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ (Check one)

\*This information is being requested so that best efforts are made to reach goals of the outreach and inclusion program.

(Please Check One) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Candidate 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Candidate 3  
\_\_\_\_\_ Candidate 2 \_\_\_\_\_ Candidate 4  
\_\_\_\_\_ Uncommitted

I, \_\_\_\_\_, the candidate named herein, do certify that I am a duly qualified and registered member of the Democratic Party and pledge my support to \_\_\_\_\_ for nomination as the Democratic Party's Presidential Candidate.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Candidate's Signature Date

\*\* All candidates except for Electors; Elector candidates please use the Elector pledge of support form.





## National Convention 2024 - Statement of Candidacy Form DISTRICT-LEVEL

I am submitting my name for candidacy as a delegate to the National Convention in **August**, 2024. I understand that the Statement of Candidacy and Pledge of Support forms must be filed by **May 2, 2024 at 5 P.M. HST** with the Secretary of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i by email: [secretary@hawaiidemocrats.org](mailto:secretary@hawaiidemocrats.org), or by mail to: PO Box 2041, Honolulu, HI 96805.

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Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile / Home (Circle one) Email \_\_\_\_\_

\*Ethnicity \_\_\_\_\_

\*Male \_\_\_ Female \_\_\_ Nonbinary \_\_\_ (Check one) \*LGBTQIA+: Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ (Check one)

\*Under 36 years old: Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ (Check one) \*Disabled: Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ (Check one)

\*This information is being requested for best efforts to reach goals of the outreach and inclusion program.

We, the undersigned members of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, hereby nominate the above individual as a candidate for \_\_\_\_\_ to the 2024 Democratic National Convention.

Signature	Print Name	Address	Dist/Prct
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I, \_\_\_\_\_, the candidate named herein, do certify that I am a duly qualified and registered member of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i and pledge my support to \_\_\_\_\_ for nomination as the Democratic Party's Presidential Candidate.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Candidate's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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**National Convention 2024 - Statement of Candidacy Form**  
**PLEO - Party Leader Elected Official**

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We, the undersigned members of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, hereby nominate the above individual as a candidate for \_\_\_\_\_ to the 2024 Democratic National Convention.

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I, \_\_\_\_\_, the candidate named herein, do certify that I am a duly qualified and registered member of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i and pledge my support to \_\_\_\_\_ for nomination as the Democratic Party's Presidential Candidate.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Candidate's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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**National Convention 2024 - Statement of Candidacy Form**  
**AT-LARGE**

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile / Home (Circle one) Email \_\_\_\_\_

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We, the undersigned members of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, hereby nominate the above individual as a candidate for \_\_\_\_\_ to the 2024 Democratic National Convention.

Signature	Print Name	Address	Dist/Prct
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I, \_\_\_\_\_, the candidate named herein, do certify that I am a duly qualified and registered member of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i and pledge my support to \_\_\_\_\_ for nomination as the Democratic Party's Presidential Candidate.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Candidate's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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Electors  
Pledge of Support Form

As a (check one)  delegate /  alternate to the State Convention, I want to participate in the vote for a particular Presidential candidate as a Presidential Elector. I understand that the Statement of Candidacy and Elector Pledge of Support forms must be filed by **May 2, 2024 at 5 P.M. HST** to the Secretary of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i by email: [secretary@hawaiidemocrats.org](mailto:secretary@hawaiidemocrats.org), in person, or by mail to PO Box 2041, Honolulu, HI 96805.

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Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_ Nonbinary \_\_\_\_\_ (Check one)

(Please Check One)

\_\_\_ Candidate 1  
\_\_\_ Candidate 2  
\_\_\_ Candidate 3  
\_\_\_ Candidate 4  
\_\_\_ Uncommitted

I, \_\_\_\_\_, the candidate named herein, do certify that I am a duly qualified and registered member of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i and pledge my support to the Democratic Presidential nominee as a Presidential Elector in the 2024 General Election.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Candidate's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



## Electors - Statement of Candidacy Form

As a (check one)  delegate /  alternate to the State Convention, I want to participate in the vote for a particular Presidential candidate as a Presidential Elector. I understand that the Statement of Candidacy and Elector Pledge of Support forms must be filed by **May 2, 2024 at 5 P.M. HST** to the Secretary of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i by email: [secretary@hawaiidemocrats.org](mailto:secretary@hawaiidemocrats.org), in person, or by mail to PO Box 2041, Honolulu, HI 96805.

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 Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_ Nonbinary \_\_\_\_\_ (Check one)

We, the undersigned members of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, hereby nominate the above individual as a candidate for Presidential Elector.

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\_\_\_\_\_  
Candidate's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



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## ELECTORAL COLLEGE

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When voters cast their vote for president and vice president, they are actually casting a vote for the slate of electors who has pledged their support for those candidates. In Hawaii, the names of the candidates for president and vice president are used on the general election ballot in place of the electors' names. The votes cast for president and vice president determine which electors meet for Electoral College. The Electoral College is a body of electors who meet every presidential election to elect the next president and vice president of the United States. Pursuant to the Electoral Count Reform Act of 2022, the Electoral College will meet on the first Tuesday after the second Wednesday in December.

The Electoral College will be held on **December 17, 2024, 2:00 p.m.**

There are **538 electors** nationwide in each presidential election, which is equal to the total voting membership of the United States Congress. This is made up of 435 United States Representatives, 100 United States Senators, and 3 electors from the District of Columbia. The number of electors that each state receives is based on the size of the state's population. Population numbers are obtained through census, which is conducted every 10 years. Each state is allocated a number of electors equal to the number of its U.S. Senators and U.S. Representatives. **Hawaii has four (4) electoral votes.**

The chosen electors gather at the Electoral College in their respective states to cast their votes for president and vice president. The votes cast at the Electoral College are sent to the President of the Senate who reads them before a joint session of Congress on January 6 following the general election. The presidential ticket with the majority of votes is declared president and vice president.

If no candidate receives a majority of electoral votes (i.e. 270 out of 538), the U.S. House of Representatives elects the president from the three (3) presidential candidates who received the most electoral votes. Each state delegation has one (1) vote. The U.S. Senate elects the vice president from the two (2) vice president candidates with the most electoral votes. Each U.S. Senator casts one (1) vote for vice presidential. If the U.S. House of Representatives fails to elect a president by Inauguration Day, the vice president elect serves as acting president until the deadlock is resolved in the U. S. House of Representatives.

## Selection of Electors

Qualified political parties and parties or groups that complied with the presidential petition requirements of HRS §11-113 shall submit to the chief election officer its electors and alternates, after holding a state party or group convention pursuant to the constitution, bylaws, and rules of the party or group.

Members of Congress and employees of the federal government are prohibited from serving as an elector in order to maintain the balance between the legislative and executive branches of the federal government.

For more information about the Electoral College, please visit the [National Archives and Records Administration](#) or refer to U.S. Constitution, Article II, and HRS §11-113 and Chapter 14.

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*Last Updated on January 19, 2023*

## CHAPTER 14 [OLD] ABSENTEE VOTING

**REPEALED.** L 1970, c 26, §3.

## CHAPTER 14 [NEW] PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

Part I. Presidential Short Ballot--Repealed  
Section

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## PART II. PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS

**§14-21 Nomination of presidential electors and alternates; certification; notification of nominees.** In each year when electors of president and vice president of the United States are to be chosen, each of the political parties or parties or groups qualified under section 11-113 shall hold a state party or group convention pursuant to the constitution, bylaws, and rules of the party or group; and nominate as candidates for its party or group as many electors, and a first and second alternate for each elector, of president and vice president of the United States as the State is then entitled. The electors and alternates shall be registered voters of the State. The names and addresses of the nominees shall be certified by the chairperson and secretary of the convention of the respective parties or groups and submitted to the chief election officer not later than 4:30 p.m. on the sixtieth day prior to the general election of the same year. The chief election officer upon receipt thereof, shall immediately notify each of the nominees for elector and alternate elector of the nomination. [L 1970, c 26, pt of §2; am L 1973, c 217, §4(b); am L 1981, c 100, §2(1); gen ch 1993]

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**§14-22 Contested nominations of presidential electors and alternates.** If more than one certificate of choice and selection of presidential electors and alternate electors of the same political party or group is filed with the chief election officer, as chairperson of the contested presidential electors' committee hereby constituted, the chief election officer shall notify the state comptroller and attorney general, who are the remaining members of the committee, of the date, time, and place of the hearing to be held for the purposes of making a determination of which set of electors and alternative electors were lawfully chosen and selected by the political party or group. Notice of the hearing shall be given to the chairperson of the state central committee of each political party and the chairperson of each party or group qualified under section 11-113, contestants for the positions of electors and alternate electors by written notice, and to all other interested parties by public notice at least once. A determination shall be made by the committee by majority vote not later than 4:30 p.m. on October 30 of the same year and the determination shall be final. Notice of the results shall be given to the nominees duly determined to have been chosen. The committee shall have all the powers enumerated in section 11-43. [L 1970, c 26, pt of §2; am L 1973, c 217, §4(c); am L 1981, c 100, §2(2); gen ch 1993; am L 1998, c 2, §7]

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**§14-23 Time for election, number to be chosen.** In each presidential election year there shall be elected at large, at the general election, by the voters of the State, as many electors and alternates of president and vice president of the United States as the State is then entitled to elect, in the manner provided under section 11-113. The electors and the alternates must be registered voters of the State. The election shall be conducted and the results thereof determined in conformity with the laws governing general elections except as otherwise provided. [L 1970, c 26, pt of §2; am L 1977, c 189, §3]

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**§14-24 Certificate of election, notice of meeting.** Not later than 4:30 p.m. on the last day in the month of the election, or as soon as the returns have been received from all counties in the State, if received before that time, the chief election officer shall certify to the governor the names of the presidential electors and alternates of the same political party or group as the candidates for president and vice president receiving the highest number of votes as elected as presidential electors and alternates. Thereupon the governor shall in accordance with the laws of the United States, communicate by registered mail under the seal of the State of Hawaii to the administrator of general services of the United States, the certificates of persons elected as presidential electors, setting forth the names of the electors and the total number of votes cast for each elector. The chief election officer shall thereupon, together with a notice of the time and place of the meeting of the electors, cause to issue and transmit to each elector and alternate a certificate of election signed by the governor in substantially the following form:

**CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION OF  
PRESIDENTIAL ELECTOR**

I,.....Governor of the State of Hawaii, do hereby certify that....., a member of the.....party or group, was on the.....day of....., 20....., duly elected a Presidential Elector for the State of Hawaii for the presidential election of 20.....

**CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION OF  
ALTERNATE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTOR**

I,.....Governor of the State of Hawaii, do hereby certify that....., a member of the.....party or group, was on the.....day of....., 20....., duly elected.....Alternate Presidential Elector for Presidential Elector.....for the State of Hawaii for the presidential election of 20..... [L 1970, c 26, pt of §2; am L 1973, c 217, §4(d); am L 1981, c 100, §2(3); am L 2020, c 70, §1]

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**§14-25 Duties of the governor.** On or before the day of the meeting of the electors the governor shall deliver to the electors a list of the names of electors, and the governor shall perform any other duties relating to the presidential electors which are required of the governor by laws of the United States. [L 1970, c 26, pt of §2; gen ch 1985]

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**§14-26 Assembly of electors at state capital; time.** The electors chosen shall assemble at the state capital on the first Monday after the second Wednesday in December next following their election, at two o'clock in the afternoon. [L 1970, c 26, pt of §2]

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**§14-27 Filling vacancies of presidential electors.** In case of the death or absence of any elector chosen, or if the number of electors is deficient for any other reason, the vacancy or vacancies shall be filled by the alternates in the order of their numerical designation for their respective electors causing the vacancy or vacancies, and in the event that vacancy or vacancies still exist, then the electors present shall select from the members of the same political party or group as many persons as will supply the deficiency. Certificates for the alternates or substitutes as presidential electors shall be issued by the governor. [L 1970, c 26, pt of §2; am L 1981, c 100, §2(4)]

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**§14-28 Convening and voting for president and vice president; party vote.** The electors, when convened, if both candidates are alive, shall vote by ballot for that person for president and that person for vice president of the United States, who are, respectively, the candidates of the political party or group which they represent, one of whom, at least, is not an inhabitant of this State. [L 1970, c 26, pt of §2; am L 1981, c 100, §2(5)]

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**§14-29 Naming persons voted for in ballots, separate ballots.**

The electors shall name in their ballots the person voted for as president, and in separate ballots the person voted for as vice president.  
[L 1970, c 26, pt of §2]

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**§14-30 Lists of persons voted for and number of votes, certification, transmission to president of the senate.** The electors shall separately list the persons voted for as president and as vice president, respectively, and the number of votes for each, which lists they shall sign, certify, seal, and transmit by mail, one copy to the seat of the government of the United States, directed to the president of the senate of the United States, and make such other disposition of the lists as required by law. [L 1970, c 26, pt of §2]

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**§14-31 Compensation and mileage of electors, amounts.** Each presidential elector shall receive \$50 for the elector's services, plus the reasonable cost of transportation from the elector's voting residence in the State to the state capital and return. Their accounts shall be certified to by the chief election officer and audited by the state comptroller, and shall be payable out of the general fund. [L 1970, c 26, pt of §2; gen ch 1985]

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**§11-113 Presidential ballots.** (a) In presidential elections, the names of the candidates for president and vice president shall be used on the ballot in lieu of the names of the presidential electors, and the votes cast for president and vice president of each political party shall be counted for the presidential electors and alternates nominated by each political party.

(b) A "national party" as used in this section shall mean a party established and admitted to the ballot in at least one state other than Hawaii or one which is determined by the chief election officer to be making a bona fide effort to become a national party. If there is no national party or the national and state parties or factions in either the national or state party do not agree on the presidential and vice presidential candidates, the chief election officer may determine which candidates' names shall be placed on the ballot or may leave the candidates' names off the ballot completely.

(c) All candidates for president and vice president of the United States shall be qualified for inclusion on the general election ballot under either of the following procedures:

(1) In the case of candidates of political parties that have been qualified to place candidates on the primary and general election ballots, the appropriate official of those parties shall file a sworn application with the chief election officer not later than 4:30 p.m. on the sixtieth day prior to the general election, which shall include:

- (A) The name and address of each of the two candidates;
- (B) A statement that each candidate is legally qualified to serve under the provisions of the United States Constitution; and
- (C) A statement that the candidates are the duly chosen candidates of both the state and the national party, giving the time, place, and manner of the selection; and

(2) In the case of candidates of parties or groups not qualified to place candidates on the primary or general election ballots, the person desiring to place the names on the general election ballot shall file with the chief election officer not later than 4:30 p.m. on the ninetieth day prior to the general election:

- (A) A sworn application that shall include the information required under paragraph (1)(A), (B), and (C), where applicable; and

(B) A petition that shall be upon the form prescribed and provided by the chief election officer containing the signatures of currently registered voters which constitute not less than one per cent of the votes cast in the State at the last presidential election. The petition shall contain the names of the candidates, a statement that the persons signing intend to support those candidates, the address of each signatory, the date of the signer's signature, and other information as determined by the chief election officer.

Prior to being issued the petition form, the person desiring to place the names on the general election ballot shall submit a notarized statement from each prospective candidate of that prospective candidate's intent to be a candidate for president or vice president of the United States on the general election ballot of the State of Hawaii. The statements by a prospective candidate for vice president may be withdrawn by that prospective candidate and an alternative candidate for vice president may be substituted any time prior to the notification of qualification or disqualification provided in subsection (d). Any substitutions shall be accompanied by a notice of substitution satisfying subparagraph (A), a statement of intent as required by this paragraph, and a letter by the candidate for president endorsing the substitute candidate for vice president. Upon receipt of a notice of substitution and all other required documents, the substitute shall replace the original candidate for vice president on the general election ballot. The petitions issued in the names of the original candidates will remain valid for the purposes of this section.

(d) Each applicant and the candidates named, shall be notified in writing of the applicant's or candidate's eligibility or disqualification for placement on the ballot not later than 4:30 p.m. on the tenth business day after filing. The chief election officer may extend the notification period up to an additional five business days, if the applicants and candidates are provided with notice of the extension and the reasons therefore.

(e) If the applicant, or any other party, individual, or group with a candidate on the presidential ballot, objects to the finding of eligibility or disqualification the person may, not later than 4:30 p.m. on the fifth day after the finding, file a request in writing with the chief election officer for a hearing on the question. A hearing shall be called not later than 4:30

p.m. on the tenth day after the receipt of the request and shall be conducted in accord with chapter 91. A decision shall be issued not later than 4:30 p.m. on the fifth day after the conclusion of the hearing. [L 1970, c 26, pt of §2; am L 1973, c 217, §1(ff); am L 1977, c 189, §1(8); am L 1983, c 34, §14; am L 1993, c 304, §6; am L 2011, c 143, §2]

### **Attorney General Opinions**

General election presidential ballots shall contain the candidate's party or group affiliation along with the candidate's name, regardless of whether the party is qualified under §§11-61 and 11-62. Att. Gen. Op. 13-2.

### **Case Notes**

Independent candidates for president denied access to State's ballot for the 2004 election appealed district court's holding that relevant provisions governing access do not violate the First and Fourteenth Amendments or the equal protection clause; district court's holding that the presidential ballot access scheme is constitutional, affirmed. 620 F.3d 1214 (2010).

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## Democratic Party of Hawai'i Delegate Selection Media Plan

### MAY 2023

#### Weeks 1 - 2

##### Print

Send Press Release submission to DNC RBC

##### Television & Radio

Reach out to morning shows for coverage

##### Digital

Post the final version of the DSP with attachments to existing website

#### Weeks 3 - 4

##### Print

Outreach to print outlets, including non-English language and other specialty newspapers, for coverage

##### Television & Radio

Reach out to morning shows for coverage

Reach out to morning radio shows for coverage

##### Digital

Launch new website page

Use forms for new member and volunteer sign-ups linked to NGP

Auto-send onboarding messages for new members, including information about the DSP

Statewide email to party members describing the DSP and how they can get involved

Digital fundraising emails to DPH members and donors

Post to FB/Insta: Information on the 2024 election, the DSP, getting involved & becoming a member

### JUNE - JULY 2023

##### Print

Affirmative Action Committee to write Op-ed/LTE

##### Television & Radio

Record PSA with 'Olelo about ranked choice voting for the Party-run Presidential Primary

Record PSA with 'Olelo about how to vote in the PPP & why it matters

##### Digital

Use forms for new member and volunteer sign-ups linked to NGP

Auto-send onboarding messages for new members, including information about the DSP  
Statewide email to party members describing the DSP and how they can get involved  
Digital fundraising emails to DPH members and donors  
Post to FB/Insta: Information on the 2024 election, the DSP, getting involved & becoming a member

## AUGUST- OCTOBER 2023

### Print

Mail newsletters to party members describing the DSP and how they can get involved  
Press release announcing activist training to recruit and training volunteers

### Television & Radio

Pitch morning radio shows to talk about the 2020 election and how people can get involved

### Digital

Use forms for new member and volunteer sign-ups linked to NGP  
Auto-send onboarding messages for new members, including information about the DSP  
Statewide email to party members with updates and shareable graphics/calls-to-action  
Membership Drive  
Digital fundraising emails to DPH members and donors  
Post to FB/Insta: Encourage members to enroll their friends as members with shareable graphics

## NOVEMBER 2023 - JANUARY 2024

### Print

Place op-eds and letters in key newspapers about the PPP and the inclusive approach of DPH  
Place op-eds and letters about RCV and how successful it has been in other municipalities  
Purchase Midweek ad in January with information about participating in the PPP

### Television & Radio

Morning shows on major networks to remind voters of deadlines to register to receive mail ballots from DPH

### Digital

Use forms for new member and volunteer sign-ups linked to NGP  
Auto-send onboarding messages for new members, including information about the DSP  
Statewide email to party members with updates and shareable graphics/calls-to-action  
Membership Drive  
Digital fundraising emails to DPH members and donors  
Post to FB/Insta: Encourage members to enroll their friends as members with shareable graphics

## FEBRUARY - APRIL 6 2024



## Print

### Mail ballots

Education piece about ranked choice voting and/or announcements for Biennial District Meetings

Place an ad in Midweek, neighbor island papers after March 6, with information on in-person voting and same-day registration/enrollment

## Television & Radio

Request 2 - 3 appearances on each major TV station to discuss mail-in ballots and in-person options

Record and run a PSA on the PPP options and RCV on 'Olelo

Request 2 - 3 morning show appearances on local radio

Consider radio ads

## Digital

Use forms for new member and volunteer sign-ups linked to NGP

Auto-send onboarding messages for new members, including information about the DSP

Push Facebook events for all in-person voting locations & precinct meetings

Create "Hawaii Democrat" FB frames

Encourage members to share their mail-in ballots

Increase Instagram activity: Encourage members to share their mail-in ballots

MARCH AFTER BALLOT DROP: Email reminders to members to mail-in their ballots

# APRIL 7 - MAY 2024

## Print

Mail convention delegates information on how to become a national delegate and how to register for the State Convention

## Television & Radio

Encourage coverage of State Convention and facilitate interviews with campaigns and local media

## Digital

Revert to general forms for new member and volunteer sign-ups linked to NGP

Revert to general auto-send onboarding messages for new members

Remind delegates to sign up for the State Convention via emails and social media posts

Continue to keep voters & acquisitions engaged with regular updates on the Presidential race

**Current Estimated PPP Caucus Plan Expenditures**

20,000 Numbered ballots	\$2,675
2500 Voter registration forms	\$360
2500 DPH membership forms	\$360
Midweek ads Oahu, Kauai, Hawaii Island East and West side, Maui	\$3,457
Mailing costs of materials and return of forms and ballots	\$1,739
Telephone costs for reporting results to DPH HQ on March 6, 2024	\$200
Total estimated costs	\$8,791

**The plan outlined below will raise \$ 255,000.**

At least half should be raised by December 31, 2023.

Grassroots and small to medium donors	\$75,000
Political Leadership (Elected Officials)	\$95,000
Large Donors	\$85,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$255,000</b>

Grassroots and small to medium donors	
Each SCC member (80) donate or raise \$500	\$40,000
Each DPS/PPP committee member (14) to donate or raise \$2,000	\$20,000
Email and letter solicitation	\$15,000
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>\$75,000</b>

Democratic Political Leadership ( Elected Officials)	
Governor donate or raise	\$15,000
Lieutenant Governor donate or raise	\$10,000
Congressional Delegation (4) to donate or raise \$5000	\$20,000
Democrat State Senators (23) to donate or raise \$1000	\$23,000
Democrat State House (45) to donate or raise \$500	\$22,500
Other elected Democrats: County Council members, OHA	\$4,500
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>\$95,000</b>

Large Donors	
Fair Vote	
(If there is a contested primary and ranked choice voting is used)	\$75,000
Individual large donors at \$10,000	\$10,000
(If there is a uncontested Primary will need 9 large donors)	
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>\$85,000</b>

