

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

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Section I

Introduction & Description of Delegate Selection Process

A. Introduction

1. Hawai‘i has a total of 33 delegates and 2 alternates. Hawai‘i is allotted 31 delegates and 2 alternates and has been awarded 2 bonus delegates for holding the Party-run Presidential Primary on Saturday, April 6, 2024. (*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 Party-run Primary for apportioning delegates to the 2024 Democratic National Convention.

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2. The “first determining step” of Hawai'i's delegate selection process will occur on Saturday, April 6, 2024, with a Party-run Primary. Vote-by-mail balloting with ranked choice voting will begin on or about Tuesday, March 5, 2024, and there will be in person voting at polling locations on Saturday, April 6, 2024.

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. Registration deadlines to vote/participate in the first determining step of the delegate selection process are as follows:

- (1) The first mailing of ballots to Democratic Party of Hawai'i members will take place on or about Tuesday, March 5, 2024. In order to receive a mail ballot in the first mailing, a Hawai'i voter must be enrolled with the Democratic Party of Hawai'i by 11:59 PM HST on Tuesday, February 20, 2024. Additionally, Hawai'i voters who enroll with the Democratic Party of Hawai'i between 12:00 AM HST on Wednesday, February 21, 2024 and 11:59 PM HST on Wednesday, March 6, 2024, will be included in a supplemental mailing that will be sent out on or about Monday, March 18, 2024. Members enrolling after Wednesday, March 6, 2024 and up through Saturday, April 6, 2024 will have the opportunity to vote in person.

- (2) Same-day registration and Party enrollment will be available at polling sites throughout the state on Saturday, April 6, 2024.

- 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. 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:

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- 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/ 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 and participate at any time through the in person Party-run Presidential Primary day of Saturday, April 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, or
 - b. Paper Form:
 - i. request via email at 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*)

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- 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 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's vote-by-mail process will include a postage paid return envelope. 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)*

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- 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. Both the vote-by-mail and same-day, in-person voting will be conducted by secret ballot, but for security reasons, not anonymous. *(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 in person Party-run Presidential Primary polling sites indicating they have not voted but are listed as having voted will be given the opportunity to view the record of receipt of their vote but will not be allowed to vote a second time. *(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:
- 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 holds a Party-run Presidential Primary. 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 Party-run Presidential Process; *(Rule 2.H.2)*

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- c. The Democratic Party of Hawai'i will assure that Merriman River Group will use maintained and up-to-date systems and will meet with the DNC security team should they request to participate in the approval; *(Rule 2.H.3)*
 - d. The Democratic Party of Hawai'i through Merriman River Group, will ensure that any direct recording electronic systems in place also have a voter verifiable paper record; *(Rule 2.H.4)*
 - e. The Democratic Party of Hawai'i will require Merriman River Group perform two (2) logic and accuracy tests prior to the election scanning to implement risk limiting post-election manual audits comparing paper records to electronic records. One (1) logic and accuracy test will be completed well in advance for members to participate in and observe, and one (1) will be conducted just before counting commences where volunteer members and presidential campaign representatives may observe. This is the same procedure used in 2020. *(Rule 2.H.5)*
 - f. The Democratic Party of Hawai'i will assure that Merriman River Group will use voting systems which have recognized security measures and will meet with the DNC security team should they request to participate in the approval; *(Rule 2.H.6)*
 - g. The Democratic Party of Hawai'i will assure that Merriman River Group will use accessible and secure voting machines that make 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 by creating and circulating information about the logic and accuracy test done prior to the election scanning. To counter disinformation, the Democratic Party of Hawai'i will record the logic and accuracy test and place the paper records and electronic records on the Party website hawaiidemocrats.org for comparison; *(Rule 2.H.8)*
 - i. The Democratic Party of Hawai'i advocates for fair and honest election policies; and *(Rule 2.H.9)*
 - 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:

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(Rule 2.1 and 2.1.1)

- a. In 2024, just as in 2020, the Democratic Party of Hawai'i will be using vote-by-mail with ranked choice voting for all members who are enrolled by 11:59 PM HST Wednesday, March 6, 2024. Democratic Party of Hawai'i members who are enrolled by Tuesday, February 20, 2024, will receive ballots in the mail on or about Tuesday, March 5, 2024, and those enrolled from the first deadline through 11:59 PM HST Wednesday, March 6th, will receive a ballot on or about Monday, March 18, 2024. Ballots must be received by 3:00 PM HST Saturday, April 6, 2024, which is the same time in person voting will conclude. Same-day voter registration and in person voting will occur on Saturday, April 6, 2024 between 7 AM and 3 PM HST at approximately 15 locations throughout the state. Democratic Party of Hawai'i members with mailed ballots will also have an opportunity to walk in their ballots to in person polling locations; *(Rule 2.1.1.a)*
- b. For same-day enrollment, registration, and in person voting on Saturday, April 6, 2024, locations will be at public schools, community centers, and other locations that are A.D.A. accessible. Since the majority of members will have the opportunity to vote-by-mail, numbers will be significantly less for in person voting than in prior in person only caucus years. There will be approximately 15 locations situated across the state that will be open from 7:00 AM – 3:00 PM HST. Democratic Party of Hawai'i members can access any location that is convenient to them rather than be assigned to a specific location. The voting locations, start and stop times for balloting, and requirements for voting will be advertised well in advance of Saturday, April 6, 2024. Only those participants who are waiting in line at 3:00 PM HST will be allowed to vote beyond the stop time. Voting will be by paper ballot; *(Rule 2.1.1.b)*
- c. The decision to institute vote-by-mail with ranked choice voting for the Hawai'i 2024 Party-run Presidential Primary was the result of a study conducted after the 2016 Presidential Preference Poll and the successes of the 2020 Party-run Presidential Primary. The major criticisms of the 2016 Presidential Preference Poll were the execution of the voting process, excessively long lines, and wait time. The vote-by-mail process in 2020 addressed all of these criticisms and the Democratic Party of Hawai'i will implement the same plan as 2020 again in 2024; *(Rule 2.1.1.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 2.1.1.d)*

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- e. Vote-by-mail and access to same-day, in person polling locations will facilitate access to voting. Since members can access any polling location, they can vote wherever it is convenient. 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 2.1.1.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 Party-run Presidential Primary through vote-by-mail. *(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
 - Democratic Party of Hawai'i enrollment: hawaiidemocrats.org/joinHawai'i residents may also register to vote and enroll with the Democratic Party of Hawai'i on the Party-run Presidential Primary day; Saturday, April 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 Party-run Presidential Primary day; Saturday, April 6, 2024;
(Rule 2.1.2.d)

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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. *(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 Party-run Presidential Primary that incorporates vote-by-mail with ranked choice voting open to all Hawai'i voters who are enrolled as members by Wednesday, March 6, 2024. It will also provide approximately 15 in person voting locations across the state on Saturday, April 6, 2024 from 7:00 AM – 3:00 PM HST for participants who wish to turn in their ballots in person or who wish to register to vote and enroll in the Democratic Party of Hawai'i in order to vote in person for the Democratic nominee 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 participation. The Party shall conduct strong voter education programs directly addressing ranked choice voting. Since the Party must take full responsibility for a complex election process and plans to provide the most valid, trustworthy, and efficient process possible, the Party will assure Merriman River Group will provide services that ensure a valid election. The combination of strong affirmative action and voter education programs directly addressing ranked choice voting, 100% access to voting by members, in person voting opportunities on the Party-run Presidential Primary day, and competent management of the voting process by Merriman River Group will promote active participation by all Hawai'i Democrats. In all phases of the foregoing processes and activities, the Democratic Party of Hawai'i will work with the Democratic National Committee Party Affairs office in the use and implementation of ranked choice voting. *(Rule 2.K)*
 - a. The Party will incorporate mechanisms with reasonable safeguards against error and fraud to vote early by mail by: *(Rule 2.K.1)*
 - (1) Working with Merriman River Group, the Party will design and develop a vote-by-mail package that includes: a copy-proof ballot, a ballot envelope, a return envelope, and an outer mail envelope complete with return postage indicia. Materials will be coded with member-specific identifiers.
 - (2) Participants will rank up to three (3) preferences on the ballot provided, then return their ballots.
 - (3) There will be two (2) postal boxes used for ballot return. Ballots returned by voters for the purpose of submitting their vote will go to the 1st of the two (2) post office boxes set up for ballot return.

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Ballots which are processed by the post office as undeliverable will be returned to the 2nd of the 2 post office boxes set up for ballot return. All envelopes will be scanned appropriately for database entry. All returned ballots will be safely kept and locked by Merriman River Group through the last day and flight for return to O'ahu: Saturday, April 6, 2024 at 6:00 PM HST.

- (4) All return envelope scanning will be completed in order to produce an accurate account of returned ballots on a statewide database. This information will be installed on computers that will be transported by Merriman River Group agent to the polling locations across the state. There, volunteers who have been trained by Merriman River Group will be on hand to run the same-day, in person voting.
- (5) The ballots will be tallied via scanning machines provided by Merriman River Group on each of the islands. After the vote on Saturday, April 6, 2024, the ballots will be transported by Merriman River Group agent to the scanning site and counted with monitors and presidential campaign representatives on hand to witness the count.
- (6) At the conclusion of the Party-run Presidential Primary, the presidential preference rankings will be compiled by congressional district, then distributed according to voter's first choice ranking.
- (7) The viability threshold for a presidential preference group is established to be 15% of the total Party-run Presidential Primary votes by congressional district. All presidential candidates below the 15% viability threshold at the first round of tabulation shall be eliminated. Upon such elimination the rankings of each voter will be redistributed to the voter's next viable choice. If no candidate reaches the 15% threshold, the threshold will be half the percentage of the votes received by the front-runner.
- (8) If any presidential candidate on the ballot has officially ended their candidacy or has not met the viability threshold per subsection (7) at the time of the count, the voter's second choice preference will be tallied. If the voter's second choice preference is also invalid for the same reason, the voter's third choice will be tallied.

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- (9) Candidates who have not met the viability threshold per subsection (7) are prohibited from receiving future rounds of distribution.
 - (10) When all ballots have been redistributed to candidates who have met the viability threshold per subsection (7) or have been exhausted with no viable candidates selected among the allowed choices, all ballots will be tallied by congressional district and statewide results will be reported for each viable presidential candidate.
 - (11) The congressional district and statewide count will be transmitted in person, by the Merriman River Group representative to the State Chair of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, who will announce the results of the election.
- b. The Democratic Party of Hawai'i is committed to an aggressive fundraising program to raise necessary funds for the Party-run Presidential Primary. The estimated cost of this Plan is \$255,000; **[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 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

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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 final expression of preference at the first determining step, as determined by Hawai'i's Delegate Selection Plan, subject to recount; *(Rule 2.K.5)*
- f. To ensure final 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 Saturday, April 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 is outlined as follows: *(Rule 2.K.7)*
 - (1) In the event of a recount, ballots will be moved and counted at the tabulation center in Honolulu, the recount will be conducted by Merriman River Group.
 - (2) The recount will consist of an initial logic and accuracy test in front of the presidential campaign representative(s), Party officials/observers, and other stakeholders prior to tabulation. This test will demonstrate the machines are counting accurately and that the ranked choice voting logic is applied correctly. Once the logic and accuracy are satisfactorily demonstrated, tabulation, followed by ranking will commence. In the event of a necessary recount, which should be one half of one percent for any candidate to achieve the 15% threshold, or one half of one percent for the top finisher, a sample recount by hand-counting 1% of the ballots will be completed, followed by a machine recount of those same ballots. If the results demonstrate machine accuracy, the ballots will be tabulated again upon request. Demonstrated failure of the machines to accurately tabulate will result in a hand recount.
- h. With vote-by-mail, those 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. Additionally, those who are in the state but outside their home congressional

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districting boundaries will be able to vote in person at any Party-run Presidential Primary polling location throughout the state; (*Rule 2.K.8*) and

- i. The Affirmative Action Committee will take appropriate steps to ensure voters in Hawai'i's Party-run Presidential Primary, like those in primary states, have a right to participate in the process. These steps could include any required rules changes and the proper education and outreach to 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. (*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 Party-run Presidential Primary 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 Party-run Presidential Primary 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 fifteen (15) 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 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	4	4	8
Total	8	7	15

- 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 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 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 and intends to implement a Party-run Presidential Primary. 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 primary vote won in that district by each preference according to the final preference at the first determining step, except that

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preferences falling below a 15% threshold shall not be awarded any delegates. *(Rule 2.K.5, Rule 14.B & Reg. 4.28)*

- 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.

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- (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 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 or mailed to the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, PO Box 2041, Honolulu, HI 96805. District-level, PLEO, at-large delegate forms

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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 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

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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. 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

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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)*

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 six (6) 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 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 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)*

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- 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 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

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candidate has used their best efforts to ensure that their respective pledged at-large delegate and alternate 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 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 and intends to implement a Party-run Presidential Primary. 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 primary vote won statewide by each preference according to the final 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)*

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- 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)*
- (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

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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)*

- (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

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delegate they replace, and to the extent possible shall be from the same political subdivision within the state as the delegate.

- 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

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the DNC within three (3) days after the replacement is selected. *(Call IV.D.1)*

- (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)*

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- 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 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 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*:

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| Japanese: 8 (23%) | Youth: 10 (29%) |
| Other (2+): 6 (18%) | Disabled: 5 (14%) |
| Hawaiian / Pacific Islander: 4 (12%) | LGBTQIA+: 3 (8%) |
| Filipino: 3 (9%) | |
| Chinese: 2 (6%) | |
| Hispanic: 2 (4%) | |
| African American: 1 (3%) | |
| Native American: 0 (%) | |

*Please note that these goals have been adjusted to include the awarded bonus delegates

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4. 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 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)*

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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)*
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

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constituency groups set forth in the introduction of this Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program.

- 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

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2041, Honolulu, HI 96805, postmarked by Wednesday, January 24, 2024 at 5:00PM HST. *(Rule 6.H.1)*

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:

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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.

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 primary 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 Party-Run Presidential Primary, apportioning its delegates to the 2024 Democratic National Convention.

The “first determining step” of Hawai'i’s delegate selection process will occur on Saturday, April 6, 2024, with a ranked choice, vote-by-mail and in person, same-day registration/enrollment Party-Run Primary.

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	15	0	5/18/2024	Selecting Body: 2024 Hawai'i State Convention elected delegates
				Submit Statement of Candidacy and Pledge of Support form for a presidential candidate with the Democratic Party of Hawai'i by Thursday, May 7, 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: State Central Committee senatorial district representatives
				Submit Statement of Candidacy and Pledge of Support form for a presidential candidate with the Democratic Party of Hawai'i by Thursday, May 7, 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	6	2	5/19/2024 5/19/2024	Selecting Body: State Central Committee senatorial district representatives
				Submit Statement of Candidacy and Pledge of Support form for a presidential candidate with the Democratic Party of Hawai'i by Thursday, May 7, 2024 at 5:00PM HST. National delegates are selected by the senatorial district reps of the State Central Committee. [Forms: Attachment B.7]

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Type	Delegates	Alternates	Date of Selection	Selecting Body
				Filing Requirements and Deadlines
TOTAL Delegates and Alternates	33	2		

* 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

- 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 Party-run Presidential Primary ballot AND the name(s) of their authorized campaign representative(s). The written authorization letter must be received either in person

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- 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*)
 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
2022	
December 15	Party-run Presidential Primary Special Committee Meeting - ongoing meetings throughout 2023.
2023	
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 hawaiidemocrats.org . 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. 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.
Upon Approval	Final Hawai'i Delegate Selection Plan placed online at hawaiidemocrats.org .
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.
2024	
January 1	Fundraising push for Party-run Presidential Primary continues; final push for April deadline.

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Date	Activity
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"> 1) the candidate name as it should appear on the Party-run Presidential Primary ballot; 2) the name(s) of their authorized campaign representative(s); and 3) a filing fee of \$2,500.00. <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>
February 20	Last day for voters to enroll as members of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i in order to receive a ballot in the 1st ballot mailing
March 1	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 hawaiidemocrats.org (Forms - attachment B.7)
On or about March 5	1st ballot Mailing: vote-by-mail ballots begin to arrive in homes
March 6	<p>Biennial Elections (District Officers Elected) - 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>Last day for voters to enroll as members to receive a ballot in the 2nd mailing. (Walk in voting available on April 6, 2024)</p> <p>DNC Secretary's office confirms names of the Hawai'i Automatic Delegates.</p>
On or about March 18	2nd Ballot Mailing: vote-by-mail ballots out for mailing
April 6 7AM-3PM HST	<p>Party-run Presidential Primary Day: In person voter registration, membership enrollment, and voting at approximately 15 locations across the state. Locations available at hawaiidemocrats.org.</p> <p>Deadline to receive ballots returned by mail is 3PM.</p>
6PM HST	Election Count Day.
April 10	Deadline for presidential campaigns to file a recount petition.
April 12	Deadline for State Chair to respond to petitioning presidential campaign with amount for recount paid by the petitioning campaign.
April 15	Deadline for petitioning presidential campaign to respond before recount begins.
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 elected 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	State Chair distributes district-level, PLEO, and at-large delegate and alternate candidates lists to the respective presidential campaigns for approval.
May 10 5PM HST	Presidential candidates respond with a list of approved district-level delegate candidates to the State Chair.
May 14	State Chair certifies AA qualifications for each presidential campaign's district-level delegates to the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee.

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Date	Activity
May 18	<p>State Convention convenes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Selection of district-level delegates - Selection of presidential electors
May 19	<p>State Convention concludes.</p> <p>State Central Committee meeting convenes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Election of Democratic Party of Hawai'i executive officers. <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"> - Selection of PLEO delegates. <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"> - Selection of at-large delegates. <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"> - Selection of at-large alternates. <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"> - Delegates select National Convention delegation chair. - Delegates select standing committee members. - State Chair names convention pages. <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>
2025	
April 6	<p>Stored paper ballots may be destroyed/discarded by the Democratic Party of Hawai'i.</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**
- 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**
- 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**