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Hawaii Democratic Party
State Convention 2002

Pre-Convention:
Agenda and Program
HAWAI'I
DEMOCRATS
Maka Makana
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Hawaii Democratic Party
State Convention 2007
Program and Proceedings
2002 DEMOCRATIC STATE CONVENTION
SHERATON WAIIKII HOTEL
May 31 - June 2, 2002

AGENDA

FRIDAY, MAY 31, 2002

1:30 - 7:00 p.m.  REGISTRATION

3:00 p.m.  GENERAL ASSEMBLY
Call to Order
Invocation
Call to Convention
Reports of the Pre-Convention Committees
  • Credentials & Registration Committee
  • Rules Committee
  • Affirmative Action Committee
  • Platform Committee
  • Business & Economic Development Resolutions Committee
  • Education Resolutions Committee
  • Environment Resolutions Committee
  • Government Operations & Human Services Resolutions Committee
Election of Temporary Convention Officers
  • Temporary Convention Chair
  • Temporary Convention Secretary
Appointment of Temporary Convention Officers
  • Temporary Convention Parliamentarian
  • Temporary Convention Sergeant-At-Arms
  • Temporary Convention Floor Managers
Appointment of Temporary Convention Committees
  • Credentials & Registration Committee
  • Rules Committee

RECESS

RECONVENE
Reports of the Temporary Convention Committees
  • Credentials & Registration Committee
  • Rules Committee
Election of Permanent Convention Officers
  • Convention Co-chairs
  • Convention Secretary
Appointment of Permanent Convention Officers
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Reports of the State Central Committee
- Report of the State Chair
- Report of the State Treasurer

5:00 p.m.  RECESS

5:00 p.m.  RECEPTION (Open to registered attendees)

7:00 p.m.  CONVENTION COMMITTEE MEETINGS
(end 10 p.m. or until work is completed)

SATURDAY, JUNE 1, 2002

7:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.  REGISTRATION

8:00 a.m.  RECONVENE
Call To Order
Oil
Presentation of Colors
National Anthem and Hawaii Poooi
Introduction of DNC Representatives
Core Values Speaker
Reports of the Permanent Convention Committees
- Credentials & Registration Committee
- Rules Committee
- Affirmative Action Committee
- Platform Committee
- Business & Economic Development Resolutions Committee
- Education Resolutions Committee
- Environment Resolutions Committee
- Government Operations & Human Services Resolutions Committee

11:45 p.m.  RECESS

12:00 p.m.  AWARDS LUNCHEON
Guest Speaker: Donna Brazile, former campaign manager for Gore-Lieberman
2000/chair of DNC Voting Rights Institute
1:30 p.m.  RECONVENE
Call to Order
Gubernatorial Candidates Forum
Special Tribute for Myron "Pinky" Thompson
Address by U.S. Senator Daniel K. Inouye

3:00 p.m.  CONTINUE PERMANENT CONVENTION COMMITTEES
REPORTS

5:00 p.m.  ELECTION OF DEMOCRATIC PARTY OFFICIALS

6:00 p.m.  RECESS*
Hospitality Suites Open

*Note: Recess and opening of hospitality suites will be delayed if additional
time is needed to complete action on committee reports

SUNDAY, JUNE 2, 2002

8:30 a.m.  RECONVENE
Call to Order
Pledge of Allegiance
Invocation
Address by Governor Benjamin Cayetano
Address by U.S. Senator Daniel Akaka
Address by Congresswoman Patsy T. Mink
Address by Congressman Neil Abercrombie
Musical Presentation
Core Values Speakers

ANNOUNCEMENT OF ELECTION RESULTS
Address by Newly Elected Party Chair

10:00 a.m.  RALLY OF DEMOCRATIC ELECTED OFFICIALS AND CANDIDATES
All democratic candidates on stage for rally

11:00 a.m.  ADJOURN*
Singing of "Hawaii Aloha"

*Note: The State Central Committee will meet immediately following
adjournment
2002 Democratic Party of Hawaii State Convention Program

Friday, May 31, 2002
1:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Registration: Foyer
Luggage Storage: Koko Crater
2:00 p.m.
- Credentials Committee: Akaka Falls
  Rules Committee: Wai'anae Canyon
3:00 p.m.
General Assembly: Kauai/Maui
5:00 p.m.
Governor's Mahalo Reception: Diamond Head Lawn
7:00 to 10:00 p.m.
- Convention Committee Meetings: Wai'anae Canyon
- Affirmative Action: Ewa
- Environment: Honolulu
- Rules: Kahuku
- Platform: O'ahu
- Economy: Waialua
- Education: Wai'anae

Saturday, June 1, 2002
7:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Registration: Foyer
9:00 a.m.
General Assembly: Kauai/Maui
12:00 p.m.
- Meritorious Party Member Awards Luncheon: Lanai/Molokai
  Guest Speaker: Donna Brazile
1:30 p.m.
Reconvene General Assembly: Kauai/Maui
- Gubernatorial Candidates to speak
5:00 p.m.
Election of Party Officials: Lanai/Molokai
6:00 p.m.
Recess/Hospitality Suites

Sunday, June 2, 2002
7:00 a.m.
Luggage Storage: Koko Crater
8:00 a.m.
Reconvene General Assembly: Kauai/Maui
10:00 a.m.
- Rally of Elected Officials and Candidates
11:00 a.m.
Adjournment
State Central Committee meeting: Honolulu Room
Young Democrats Convention: Wai'anae Canyon
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...and all the volunteers who have graciously donated their time and support to making this convention a success.

Hawaii Aloha
E Hawaii e ku' u one hānau e
Ku u home kula'wi nei
'Oli nō au i nā pono laui e
E Hawaii, aloha e

Hui/Chorus:
E hau oli ma' 'opio o Hawai'i nei
'Oli e! 'Oli e!
Mai nā ahaehe makani e pā na mai nei
Mau ke aloha, no Hawai'i

Second Verse:
E ha'i mai kou mau ki'i laui e
Kou mau kupa aloha, e Hawai'i
Nu mea 'ōlino kamaha'o no luna mai
E Hawai'i aloha e

Third Verse:
Nu ke Akua E mālama mai iā 'oe
Kou mau kualoa aloha nei
Kou mau kahawai 'ōlinoloino mau
Kou mau māla pua nani e

Hawaii Pono'i
Hawai'i pono'i
Nānā i kou mau iā
Ka lani ali'i
Ke ali'i

Hui/Chorus:
Makua lani e,
Kamamane e,
Nā kāua e paie,
Me ka ihe

Second Verse:
Hawai'i pono'i
Nānā i nā ali'i
Nā pua nui kou
Nā po'i

Third Verse:
Hawai'i pono'i
E ka lāhui e
'O kū hana nui
E u'i e
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Environment
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Pre-Convention
Preliminary
May 24, 2002

Pre-Convention Report of the Democratic Party of Hawai’i's Environment Committee

Honorable Chair and members:

Your Committee on Environment held a pre-convention meeting on Friday, May 17, 2002, and submits the following recommendations and revisions to certain resolutions. The changes are suggested to clarify intent and deal with issues on a State level. Where your pre-convention committee has made substantive changes, we have included the original resolution, as passed by the Counties, followed by the recommended language made in committee.

We also recommend holding the following resolutions:

Resolution Urging Enforcement of Beach Access Parking

Resolution Urging The Legislature To Amend Chapter 6e-15 And 6e-16 To Define The Requirements For Native Hawaiian Cultural Monitors In Any Project That May Impact Native Hawaiian Historic And Cultural Sites

The two resolutions were vaguely written and there may already be similar measures that already exist.

This report submitted for your approval.

Environment Committee
Co-Chairs
RESOLUTION URGING THE LEGISLATURE TO AMEND CHAPTER 6E-15 AND 6E-16 TO DEFINE THE REQUIREMENTS FOR NATIVE HAWAIIAN CULTURAL MONITORS IN ANY PROJECT THAT MAY IMPACT NATIVE HAWAIIAN HISTORIC AND CULTURAL SITES

WHEREAS, the Natural Historic Preservation Act, Section 106 stresses that federal, state or county agencies must take into account the effects of their undertakings on historic properties when using federal money; and

WHEREAS, the Hawaii State Constitution recognizes the value of conserving historic and cultural properties within the State regardless of funding source; and

WHEREAS, the Hawaii Legislature has declared that Hawaiian history and culture are important assets, yet social and economic demands of contemporary society threaten to destroy remaining vestiges of this unique native heritage; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature further declared that it shall be the public policy of this State to provide leadership in preserving, restoring, and maintaining historic and cultural property, to ensure the administration of such historic and cultural property in a spirit of stewardship and trusteeship for future generations, and to conduct activities, plans, and programs in a manner consistent with the preservation and enhancement of historic and cultural property; and

WHEREAS, to lessen adverse impacts and assure mitigation measures, project developers should hire Native Hawaiian cultural monitors to assure the implementation of these mitigations; and

WHEREAS, in recent development, without a cultural monitor, there have been irreplaceable losses of cultural assets, including burial sites and 'iwi;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Democratic Party of Hawaii urges the Legislature to amend HRS Chapter 6E-15 and 6E-16, relating to the regulations, special conditions or restrictions section of historic preservation, by including the adoption and use, by all government agencies and private sector developers, of Native Hawaiian cultural monitors and funding thereof.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Native Hawaiian cultural monitors, hired in consultation with the affected communities should demonstrate:

1. a cultural affiliation to the affected project area;
2. familiarity with the affected and anticipated cultural properties in the project area; and
3. known sensitivity and ability to represent and communicate on behalf of the Native Hawaiian community to developers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution will be delivered to the Governor, Democratic members of the Legislature.

Submitted by: Oahu County
Resolution Urging Enforcement of Beach Access Parking

WHEREAS, public access to the beaches is an integral part of our island lifestyle; and

WHEREAS, community access to the beaches in Maui County has been slowly dwindling due to lack of properly maintained access corridors along some beaches; and

WHEREAS, parking for beach access has been infringed upon or has disappeared due to lack of other parking in nearby areas among other reasons; and

WHEREAS, implementation of beach access corridors and the accompanying parking requirements need additional oversight and enforcement to ensure that our beaches are accessible to the public; now, therefore,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Democratic Party encourages the County of Maui to review all designed public beach access areas for compliance with signage, parking and other requirements.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County of Maui rigorously enforce compliance with all beach access requirements to benefit public access.

Submitted by: Maui County
Resolution Urging Pump Stations in all Harbor Facilities

WHEREAS, there are an increasing number of vessels in the coastal waters of the County; and

WHEREAS, there are inadequate or no pump-out facilities for boats in many of the harbors located within the County; and

WHEREAS, raw sewage, toxic to both human and marine life, is too often dumped in ocean waters off our islands' coast line; now, therefore,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Democratic Party urges that all public and private harbors in the County be required to have pump-out stations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Democratic Party urges the State Boating and Ocean Recreation Division, Department of Land and Natural Resources and the State Harbors Division, Department of Transportation, to assist in the implementation of this resolution by working cooperatively to provide pump-out stations at all State small boat and harbor facilities.

Submitted by: Maui County
RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE LEGISLATURE TO PROVIDE
LONG TERM EQUITABLE PROTECTION OF WATER RESOURCES
FOR MAUI COUNTY CITIZENS

WHEREAS, the County of Maui lacks an agreeable master plan that identifies and protects
existing, as well as alternative, water sources and how they can economically or feasibly be
integrated to address Maui's water requirements; and

WHEREAS, the conservation of Maui's important water resources is not only critical to the long-
term viability of agriculture and state efforts to diversify and expand Hawaii's economic base,
but is also vital to the quality of the visitor experience, and most important is the livelihood and
well-being of Maui's residents; and

WHEREAS, there is an immediate need to address the deteriorating state of Maui's aquifers and
other water resources through the creation of a Maui County water equity and resources project;
and

WHEREAS, the valuable and irreplaceable water tables and aquifers are being lost due to
nonagricultural development pressures, and in order to ensure the long-term utilization of Maui's
most viable water resources, it is necessary to adopt and implement an effective master plan and
infrastructure for aquifer preservation on the island and County of Maui;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that it is the intent of this body to declare that all
water resources and their components are considered an essential element to the life support
system of Maui County citizens and important contributor to Maui's economy.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the 2002 Maui Democratic Convention that the Executive
branch of the State of Hawaii, the Hawaii State Legislature, the Mayor of the County of Maui,
and the Maui County Council fully provide for the creation of watershed and water resource
protection to serve the long-term needs of the citizens of Maui.

Submitted by: Maui County
REQUESTING THE LEGISLATURE TO PROVIDE LONG-TERM EQUITABLE PROTECTION OF WATER RESOURCES IN THE STATE OF HAWAII

WHEREAS, the conservation of water resources are important not only critical to the long-term viability of agriculture and state efforts to diversify and expand Hawaii’s economic base, but is also vital to the quality of the visitor experience, and most important is the livelihood and well-being of all Hawaii residents; and

WHEREAS, there is an immediate need to address the state of all aquifers and other water resources; and

WHEREAS, the valuable and irreplaceable water tables and aquifers are being lost, and in order to ensure the long-term utilization of the State’s viable water resources, it is necessary to adopt and implement an effective master plan and infrastructure for aquifer preservation and utilization throughout the State; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that it is the intent of this body to declare that all water resources and their components are considered an essential element to the life support system of the State’s citizens and important contributor to State’s economy.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the 2002 State Democratic Convention that the Executive branch of the State of Hawaii, the Hawaii State Legislature, the Mayor’s of each County and their respective County Councils fully provide for the creation of watershed and water resource protection to serve the long-term needs of the citizens of the State.

SUBMITTED BY Maui County
AS AMENDED IN PRE-CONVENTION COMMITTEE
RESOLUTION FOR WILDERNESS AREAS

WHEREAS, large open space and wild areas are important resources to preserve for Hawai‘i’s economic, cultural, and recreational well-being; and

WHEREAS, Governor Ben Cayetano has declared that a “string of pearls” consisting of wilderness coastal areas should be preserved throughout the Hawaiian Islands chain; and

WHEREAS, a University of Hawai‘i Travel Industry Management School Study done in 2001 found that the single most important recommendation by visitors to our state (64.4% of respondents) was the preservation of Hawai‘i’s coastline in its natural state; and

WHEREAS, Hawai‘i’s own residents rely upon gathering, hunting, recreational use, fishing, camping and religious use of open state lands; and

WHEREAS, Natural Area Reserves were established with the intent and mandate to protect Native ecosystems over and above all other uses; and

WHEREAS, Game Management Areas were established with the intent to define areas where hunting is the primary focus for management; and

WHEREAS, State Parks are often improved with Interpretive Programs, comfort stations, parking areas, trails, water services, trash receptacles, and other costly infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, DLNR land designations such as “Uncumbered,” “Forest Reserve,” and “Conservation” provide no guaranteed protection that land will remain in open space and/or in wilderness; and

WHEREAS, several of our most treasured last tracts of open space wilderness areas do not qualify biologically for designation as a Natural Area Reserve, would lose their unique and unspoiled character if infrastructure were imposed upon them, and must be preserved for the long-term as important, recognized recreational and cultural areas; and

WHEREAS, numerous important open space areas around our state would benefit from a designation that allows for recreational use but does not require significant new improvements and budget requirements for the division of State Parks; and

WHEREAS, these areas potentially include: the Ka‘iwi Coast on O‘ahu, areas surrounding the NARS at Ka‘ena Point on O‘ahu, state lands along the Nā Pali Coast that are not currently designated as State Park or NARS land on Kaua‘i, Lualaha‘i Beach on Kaua‘i, and Kekaha Kai on the Big Island; and

WHEREAS, The Division of State Parks Kekaha Kai State Park Conceptual Plan on the Big Island calls for a “wilderness park” as opposed to an urban or improved park where: “The natural setting is emphasized. Modern amenities, facilities and conveniences are downplayed in size and design. Wide open natural spaces are preserved and managed as much as possible. Uses
are more passive or related to natural resources rather than active uses associated with organized sports. Landscape improvements are minimal."

WHEREAS, the Hawai‘i State Legislature has recognized a need for a "primitive park" or "wilderness park" in the case of Senate Resolution No. 267, requesting the Board of Land and Natural Resources to conduct a feasibility study for a natural, recreational and historic park from Honomolino, South Kona to Manuka, Kau, on the Island of Hawai‘i in 1971; and

WHEREAS, in 1971 the BLNR voted unanimously to adopt the concept of a "primitive-type" park in the general location of Honomolino to Manuka; and

WHEREAS, the DLNR Division of State Parks cited its desire to create a "primitive-type" park which would not require capital improvements but which would provide for controlled access to the park and for the excavation and preservation of some archaeological sites; and

WHEREAS, in 1983, Senate Resolution No. 65 was adopted by the State Senate and requested DLNR to renew plans to create a park from Honomolino to Manuka, and in conjunction with Resolution 65 the Legislature appropriated $50,000 to conduct a feasibility study of a "wilderness park concept"; and

WHEREAS, in 2001, Senate Resolution 140 was adopted by the State Senate requesting DLNR to renew the plan to create a state park and nature preserve with minimum improvements but preserving the significant archaeological sites in the area; and

WHEREAS, the state would benefit from a new State Parks designation of "Wilderness Area" that allows land to be protected in perpetuity without undue infrastructure costs;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by this convention, that this party stands for the creation and implementation of a new State Park designation known as "Wilderness Area" which shall preserve crucial open space areas of our state in perpetuity, while allowing recreational and subsistence use without mandating infrastructure improvements that would conflict with the natural character of the land.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the governor, the legislature, the State Department of Land and Natural Resources and the Mayors and Councils of the respective counties.

SUBMITTED BY: HAWAII COUNTY
RESOLUTION FOR WILDERNESS AREAS

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WHEREAS, the state would benefit from a new State Parks designation of “Wilderness Area” that allows land to be protected in perpetuity without undue infrastructure costs; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Democratic Party stands for the creation and implementation of a new State Park designation known as “Wilderness Area” which shall preserve crucial open space
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mandating infrastructure improvements that would conflict with the natural character of the land.

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legislature, the State Department of Land and Natural Resources and the Mayors and Councils of
the respective counties

SUBMITTED BY: HAWAII COUNTY
AS AMENDED BY PRE-CONVENTION COMMITTEE
RESOLUTION TO PROTECT SHORELINE MARINE RESOURCES

WHEREAS the Hawaiian Islands are blessed with some of the more pristine coastal resources in the world; and

WHEREAS our citizens and visitor industry benefit from this natural resource; and

WHEREAS the state legislature has funded marine resource protection programs that have served the islands well; and

WHEREAS there is an urgent need to protect these resources,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Democratic Party to urge the State Legislature and Department of Land and Natural Resources to continue to maintain, monitor and expand the "no collection" zones of aquarium fish in our Hawaii waters

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Democratic Party support the ongoing efforts of the West Hawaii Fisheries Management Council and that this resolution be transmitted to the State Convention to urge the State Department of Land and Natural Resources to support these efforts.

Submitted by: Hawaii County
RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH PRIORITY INVASIVE SPECIES ERADICATION PROGRAMS

WHEREAS the County of Hawaii has a large population of alien species; and

WHEREAS the County of Hawaii has provided support for miconia eradication, coqui frog eradication, faya tree and gorse eradication; and

WHEREAS, County, community and non-profit organizations are dedicated to efforts to control such invasive and dangerous pests as killer bees, Tiger mosquitoes (dengue fever vectors), feral exotic birds, wallabies, etc.; and

WHEREAS, County, community and non-profit organizations have provided substantial assistance in control and maintenance programs; and

WHEREAS, the state Emergency Workforce Development program has provided a substantial workforce, training and education component; and

WHEREAS additional state and federal resources may be helpful combined with support from the private sector through volunteer efforts and contributions;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Democratic Party of Hawaii that an “Invasive Species Eradication Priority Plan” be developed by the Big Island Environmental Management Commission, county Planning Department and interested non-profit organizations, and that this plan be forwarded to county, state and federal agencies for support.

Submitted By: Hawaii County
RESOLUTION FOR PROTECTION OF HAWAI’I’S PURE WATER

WHEREAS, since ancient times, Hawaiians have treasured water, “wai,” as the spiritual fount of all life and Hawai’i’s water law encodes this cultural perspective that water is a precious resource that must be preserved for the benefit of all; and

WHEREAS, like the air we breathe, drinking water is a vital necessity of life and must be kept as pure as possible with exception of those chemicals necessary to make it safe for human consumption; and

WHEREAS, adding chemicals to our drinking water should not be used as a solution to any health problem which is not contagious or life threatening and when alternative measures are available for prevention without exposure to the entire population; and

WHEREAS, using the drinking water system for delivery of chemicals for medication purpose is not cost effective since more than 99% of the chemicals will be discharged into the environment when washing cars, watering yards, flushing toilets, etc., thereby wasting tax dollars; and

WHEREAS, it is not the role of state or city government to override an individual’s freedom of choice, right to informed consent or affect the water such that it would compel selected groups (e.g. chemically sensitive, auto-immune disorder, etc.) to purchase bottled water; and

WHEREAS, this resolution re-emphasizes an individual’s environmental right to a clean and healthy environment, including control of pollution and protection and enhancement of natural resources, as provided for in Article XI, Section 9 of the Hawaii State Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the function of a public water supply is to provide pure, safe water for everybody, not to serve as a vehicle for drugs for a selected minority group of individuals;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic Party of Hawaii supports a policy of pure and safe drinking water and will work toward legislation to prohibit the addition of any chemicals (except for water safety treatment), drugs or nutrients, to any water supply providing water to the general public. This resolution shall remain in effect until legislation is passed. In the interim, any chemical proposed to be added to the water, other than for treatment of the water, shall require that the issues of testing, safety and effectiveness be resolved by the Food and Drug Administration with a joint agreement published by the EPA Headquarters Professionals’ Union (National Treasury Employees Union, Chapter 280).

Submitted By: Norma Nicholl and Marsha Joyner
RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE APPROPRIATE DEVELOPMENT
OF MAUNA KEA SUMMIT

WHEREAS, Mauna Kea’s a priceless resource for the people of the State of Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, Mauna Kea is an important historical, cultural and religious site for Native Hawaiians and the community at large; and

WHEREAS Mauna Kea's development and utilization to date has formed an important part of the educational infrastructure and economy for the island and state of Hawaii; and

WHEREAS as Hawaii approaches the next millennium it is of vital importance to the people that the planning for the future use of this resource into the next century is done with care, sensitivity and respect; and.

WHEREAS, it is imperative that this effort be a collaborative partnership between the various groups in the community that have a vital interest in Mauna Kea’s planning and development; and

WHEREAS, a two-year planning process resulted in the MAUNA KEA STRATEGIC PLAN under the direction of the Mauna Kea Advisory Committee and the ‘Aha Hui Ku Mauna, approved together with substantive resolutions by the UH Board of Regents and a state-prepared Environmental Impact Statement; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that any further development must be ecologically and culturally appropriate, respecting the inherent limits to growth; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Hawaii Democratic Party supports orderly development of Mauna Kea under the aegis of the Mauna Kea Advisory Committee and the University of Hawaii at Hilo with appropriate support from the University System and Institute for Astronomy.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this development should include an ongoing comprehensive study and investigation of the historical, cultural, recreational and religious aspects of the mountain that is necessary to the heritage of Hawaii’s people. It must also include stakeholder participation, and consideration of cost impacts for keeping Hawaii at the cutting edge of astronomy and space research. It is vitally important that any development considers and makes allowances for the fragile ecological and environmental aspects of this resource so that they are protected if further development is contemplated, and appropriate resources are available to accomplish these tasks. Any development should consider optimum use of the mountain by visitors, residents and educators in order to properly preserve this resource in perpetuity.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Mayors, University of Hawaii, Department of Land and Natural Resources, NASA, the Mauna Kea Users Group, congressional, legislative and council bodies for support.

Submitted by: HAWAII COUNTY
RESOLUTION URGING SUPPORT FOR THE ARMY TRANSFORMATION PROGRAM AT POHAKULOA

WHEREAS, the Pohakuloa Training Area has been established since World War II as a training area for the 25th Infantry Division (Light) headquartered at Schofield Barracks, Wahiawa, and incorporating tactical training exercises for National Guard, US Marine Corps and other Hawaii-based and allied troops; and

WHEREAS, the Army Environmental Center has kept strict accounting of all training exercises and impact to environmental consideration within PTA, and has provided continuing information and outreach to the community; and

WHEREAS, a program known as the “ARMY TRANSFORMATION PROGRAM” is in a preliminary planning stage to develop scoping detail for a complete Environmental Impact Statement; and

WHEREAS, the transformation program scoping for Pohakuloa includes (but not limited to) Army purchase of currently leased private land from Parker Ranch (23,000 acres) which is used for tactical exercises, repair and maintenance of Bradshaw Army Airfield and addition of runway lights and runway surface improvements, and development of a tactical training squadron of 400 wheeled vehicles; and

WHEREAS, additional programmatic detail will be developed during the scoping phase of this project,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Democratic Party that the transformation program for Pohakuloa is supported in concept for purposes of the EIS scoping.

BE IT RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Commander, Pohakuloa and the State Department of Land and Natural Resources, as well as congressional, state and county elected officials.

SUBMITTED BY: Hawaii County
RESOLUTION URGING SUPPORT FOR RECYCLING AND ENERGY DEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS, the East Hawaii Landfill will be closed in May, 2004; and

WHEREAS, the County has created an Environmental Management Commission to study appropriate technologies for waste management and energy development; and

WHEREAS, a congressional appropriation to the EPA has provided a pilot project grant to set up a recycling center, education and long range planning; and

WHEREAS, substantial needs and resources exist throughout Hawaii County to establish further pilot programs in source separation, renewable resource management through reuse and value-added purchase or contracting preference, new waste to energy alternatives and other new technological advances in alternative energy applications such as innovative gasses and fuel technologies including but not limited to hydrogen fuel cells, nanotechnology etc., which will improve the quality of life for all Hawaii citizens while protecting natural resources,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY the Democratic Party to support a planned, integrated and applied approach to recycling, renewable resource management and energy development.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the members of Hawaii’s Congressional delegation, State legislators and Hawaii County Council.

SUBMITTED BY: Hawaii County
Mana Makaʻainana

We the People
Hawaii Democratic Party
State Convention 2002

Pre-Convention:
Treasurer's Report
## DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF HAWAII
### TREASURER’S REPORT
May 1, 2000 - April 30, 2002

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Mana Makaʻainana

We the People
Hawaii Democratic Party
State Convention 2002

Pre-Convention:
Government Operations
and Human Services
Government Operations and Human Services

May 24, 2002


Honorable Chair and Members:

Your Committee on Government Affairs held a pre-convention meeting on May 22, 2002. We reviewed the resolutions that were forwarded to our committee and submit the following recommendations:

Resolution Supporting and Promoting Equality and Justice Regarding Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity, as submitted by William Woods and Lance Bateman. We recommend that this measure be held as it is identical to other measures that were submitted by the counties. We also suggest that each of the identical county measures be combined to reflect the Democratic Party of Hawaii, rather than separate counties.

Resolution Supporting the Establishment of Clothing-Optional Beaches as submitted by Martin Rice and Fred Rainville. We recommend that this measure be held. The pre-convention committee felt that the issue addressed in this measure is a county issue and does not apply statewide.

Resolution Urging Support of a State of Hawaii Council for the Chronically Homeless. We recommend that amendments should be made to this measure to eliminate references to the 4 Point Plan. Therefore the paragraph that references the 4 Point Plan should be deleted (paragraph seven) and the 4 Point Plan reference removed from paragraph nine.

On a separate issue, Mr. William Woods presented a resolution that was not referred to this committee, requesting support for the removal of Jon Yoshimura from the Democratic Party of Hawaii. Your pre-convention committee felt very uncomfortable taking any action on this measure as there should be other means of addressing issues that are of a personal matter.

The Democratic Party of Hawaii is a party of diversity and inclusion. Your committee on Government Affairs sought to maintain the integrity of the party to remain diverse and inclusive through the actions that were taken on the resolutions that were discussed. We hereby submit this report for your approval.

Respectfully,

Joe Magaldi
Karen Piltz for Kate Stanley

Encl:
Resolution: Supporting and Promoting Equality and Justice regarding Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity

Whereas, the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i believes and supports the concept that "government's equal application and enforcement of the laws are fundamental to a just society"; and

Whereas, the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i's Preamble states that "we opened the doors that lead to economic, political, and social opportunity for all of our people. And we remain dedicated to the principle that equal opportunity and individual freedom are fundamental to our democracy"; and

Whereas, the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i's vision "is guided by traditional commitments to equality, opportunity, compassion, inclusiveness, and the celebration of our diversity"; and

Whereas, the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i believes and supports fairness. And "fairness is not a slogan; it requires constant attention to detail, dedication, and hard work. It requires aloha"; and

Whereas, the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i has a profound respect for the individual. "We recognize that responsible, individual freedom, compatible with the rights of others, is fundamental to our democracy"; and

Whereas, the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i supports families. "We believe that individuals are best nurtured within families of caring people. We therefore support those policies, services, and institutions that strengthen families";

Whereas, the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i recognizes that a quality public education and is fundamental to our democracy and to our state's economic, political, and social welfare; and

Whereas, the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i has a long-standing recognition and support for directed issue caucus and groups and their active involvement in the Democratic Party and in promotion of government policy-making; and

Whereas, the Central Committee of the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i unanimously recognized the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgendered Caucus as an official caucus of the Party at its January 12, 2002 meeting;

Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Maui County Committee supports and promotes justice and equality regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity for such issues and concerns as:

Government Operations, Government Rule-Making and Practices, Government Funding and Appropriations, and Welfare and Social Service Benefits; Hate Crimes; Relationship Rights and Responsibilities; Parenting, Adoption and Definitions of Family; Employment; Housing; Public accommodations; Health; Education; Tourism; Economic development; and Serving our country in military service.

SUBMITTED BY: Maui County Democratic Party
Resolution Supporting and Promoting Equality and Justice Regarding Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity

WHEREAS, a list of comprehensive issues are not addressed in the Hawai‘i Revised Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i believes and supports the concept that “government’s equal application and enforcement of the laws are fundamental to a just society”; and

WHEREAS, the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i’s Preamble states that “we opened the doors that lead to economic, political, and social opportunity for all of our people. And we remain dedicated to the principle that equal opportunity and individual freedom are fundamental to our democracy”; and

WHEREAS, the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i’s vision “is guided by traditional commitments to equality, opportunity, compassion, inclusiveness, and the celebration of our diversity”; and

WHEREAS, the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i believes and supports fairness, and “fairness is not a slogan; it requires constant attention to detail, dedication, and hard work. It requires Aloha”; and

WHEREAS, the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i has a profound respect for the individual, and “We recognize that responsible, individual freedom, compatible with the rights of others, is fundamental to our democracy”; and

WHEREAS, the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i supports families, and “We believe that individuals are best nurtured within families of caring people. We therefore support those policies, services, and institutions that strengthen families”; and

WHEREAS, the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i recognizes that a quality public education and is fundamental to our democracy and to our state’s economic, political, and social welfare; and

WHEREAS, the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i has a long-standing recognition and support for directed issue caucus and groups and their active involvement in the Democratic Party and in promotion of government policy-making; and

WHEREAS, the Central Committee of the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i unanimously recognized the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgendered Caucus as an official caucus of the Party at its January 12, 2002 meeting; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Kauai County Committee supports and promotes justice and equality regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity for such issues and concerns as:
Government Operations and Human Services

- Hate Crimes;
- Relationship Rights and Responsibilities;
- Parenting, Adoption and Definitions of Family;
- Employment;
- Housing;
- Public Accommodations;
- Health;
- Education;
- Tourism; Economic Development; and
- Serving our Country in Military Service.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Governor of the State of Hawai‘i, Democratic members of the Hawai‘i State Legislature, and the Resolutions Committee of the State Democratic Convention.

SUBMITTED BY: Maui County Democratic Party
Government Operations and Human Services

Relating to Alternative Lifestyles and Gender Equity

Whereas, the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i believes and supports the concept that "government's equal application and enforcement of the laws are fundamental to a just society"; and

Whereas, the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i’s Preamble states that "we opened the doors that lead to economic, political, and social opportunity for all of our people. And we remain dedicated to the principle that equal opportunity and individual freedom are fundamental to our democracy"; and

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Whereas, the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i supports families. "We believe that individuals are best nurtured within families of caring people. We therefore support those policies, services, and institutions that strengthen families";

Whereas, the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i recognizes that a quality public education and is fundamental to our democracy and to our state’s economic, political, and social welfare; and

Whereas, the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i has a long-standing recognition and support for directed issue caucuses and groups and their active involvement in the Democratic Party and in promotion of government policymaking; and

Whereas, the Central Committee of the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i unanimously recognized the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgendered Caucus as an official caucus of the Party at its January 12, 2002 meeting;

Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgendered Caucus will be dedicated to supporting and promoting the values and positions of the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i in promoting justice and equality regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity for such issues and concerns as:

Therefore, Be it Further Resolved that certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the governor of the State of Hawaii, Democratic members of the Hawaii State Legislature, and the Resolutions Committee of the State Democratic Convention.

SUBMITTED BY: Hawaii County Democratic Party
RESOLUTION SUPPORTING EQUALITY AND JUSTICE REGARDLESS OF SEXUAL ORIENTATION AND GENDER IDENTITY

WHEREAS, the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i believes and supports the concept that "government's equal application and enforcement of the laws are fundamental to a just society"; and

WHEREAS, the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i's Preamble states that "we opened the doors that lead to economic, political, and social opportunity for all of our people. And we remain dedicated to the principle that equal opportunity and individual freedom are fundamental to our democracy"; and

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WHEREAS, the Central Committee of the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i unanimously recognized the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgendered Caucus as an official caucus of the Party at its January 12, 2002 meeting; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Oahu County Convention of the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i supports and promotes justice and equality regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity for such issues and concerns as:

Government Operations, Government Rule-Making and Practices, Government Funding and Appropriations, and Welfare and Social Service Benefits; Hate Crimes; Relationship Rights and Responsibilities; Parenting, Adoption and Definitions of Family; Employment; Housing;
Government Operations and Human Services

Public accommodations; Health; Education; Tourism; Economic development; and Serving our country in military service.

; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution will be delivered to the Governor, Democratic members of the Legislature and the Hawaii State Democratic Convention.

SUBMITTED BY: Oahu County Democratic Party
Government Operations and Human Services

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE STATE TO PROVIDE FOR A PRIMARY ELECTION FOR THE ELECTION OF OHA TRUSTEES

WHEREAS, voters have difficulty deciding among a large field of candidates for a political office; and

WHEREAS, a Primary Election is held biannually for State and County offices to narrow the field of candidates before final selection; and

WHEREAS, it is unfair to target the State Office of Hawaiian Affairs by denying a Primary Election to candidates and constituencies; and

WHEREAS, good government depends on the wise and careful selection of officials;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Oahu County Convention of the Democratic Party of Hawaii that the Hawaii State Government is requested to provide a Primary Election for Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs similar to the process currently used in the election of members of the State Board of Education; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution will be delivered to the Governor, Democratic members of the Legislature and the Hawaii State Democratic Convention.

SUBMITTED BY: Oahu County Democratic Party
RESOLUTION Urging the Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu to Activate the Oʻahu Historic Preservation Commission by Funding it and Appointing its Members

WHEREAS, in 1993 the City Council of the City and County of Honolulu unanimously signed into law Bill 18 establishing a Historic Preservation Commission to identify, protect, preserve, restore and rehabilitate historic properties of the City and County of Honolulu, Island of Oʻahu, particularly prehistoric Hawaiian sites not already included on the Hawaii or national registers of historic places; and

WHEREAS, the Commission is designed to be attached to the Planning Department and consist of nine members appointed by the Mayor and approved by the City Council that shall be from disciplines representative of history, archaeology, architecture, planning and Hawaiian culture chosen from lists submitted by community organizations, including the Oʻahu Council of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs; and

WHEREAS, although Bill 18 was enacted into law as Ordinance 93-55 on June 10, 1993, it was subsequently vetoed by Mayor Frank Fasi, and the City Council voted unanimously to override the mayor’s veto and succeeded a court challenge in 1999, thereby allowing Ordinance 93-55 to remain as law; and

WHEREAS, to date the law has remained on the books since 1993 and has never been put into effect and the Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu has chosen instead to appoint an Advisory Committee to the Mayor rather than provide by law a review process on projects that potentially impact on culturally significant sites within County jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, such an Advisory body undermines the intent of full accountability to the general public and the Hawaiian community and limits the intended purpose of the Commission to enhance the educational, cultural, economic and general welfare of the county through comprehensive historic preservation planning and administration with special emphasis on the cultural resources of the native people;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Oʻahu County Convention of the Democratic Party of Hawaii that urges the Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu to activate the Oʻahu Historic Preservation Commission by funding it and appoint its members; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution will be delivered to the Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu, Council Members of the City and County of Honolulu, and the Hawaii State Democratic Convention.

SUBMITTED BY: Oahu County Democratic Party
RESOLUTION Urging the STATE OF HAWAII AND COUNTIES OF HAWAII TO PRESERVE AND USE HAWAIIAN PLACE NAMES

WHEREAS, place names are an important part of Hawaii’s history, documenting historical events and genealogies; and

WHEREAS, Article XV, section 4, provides that “English and Hawaiian shall be the official languages of Hawaii”; and

WHEREAS, lands were confiscated with the illegal overthrow of the Hawaiian kingdom and under the jurisdiction of a foreign entity many Native place names were changed and/or renamed; and

WHEREAS, due to development and natural causes, many of Hawaii’s natural landmarks have been destroyed leaving names, stories, and history forgotten; and

WHEREAS, the stories and histories of place names that were traditionally passed down orally from generation to generation; and

WHEREAS, the suppression of the Hawaiian language and culture disrupted this tradition and helped erode place names; and

WHEREAS, not all the stories and history of places are documented in writing; and

WHEREAS, all history and stories related to Hawaiian place names need to be preserved for future generations; and

WHEREAS, the only way to preserve history and stories, are to preserve the original Native Hawaiian place names; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Oahu County Convention of the Democratic Party of Hawaii urges the State of Hawaii and Counties of the State to use and preserve original Native Hawaiian place names; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution will be delivered to the Governor, Democratic members of the Legislature, Mayors and Council members of the Counties of the State, and the Hawaii State Democratic Convention.

SUBMITTED BY: Oahu County Democratic Party
RESOLUTION RELATING TO PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

WHEREAS, health care spending increases for the year 2002 averaged 13 to 16 percent, with prescription drug costs as the primary factor. The escalating cost of providing prescription drug coverage to Medicaid beneficiaries and state employees has prompted many states to look for strategies to control costs by paying lower prices for pharmaceuticals through multi-state purchasing agreements and other pooling arrangements, generic substitution, and disease management programs. Bulk purchasing provides a means to obtain deep discounts on pharmaceuticals by combining the pool of consumers and increasing the purchaser’s bargaining power with manufacturers; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services recently announced the creation of a new waiver program that pools Medicaid and Medicare dollars to provide low-income seniors with prescription drug coverage. The waiver offers states a generous matching rate and only Illinois has been awarded one; and

WHEREAS, the state of Maine enacted legislation establishing the Maine Rx program, designed to lower the cost of prescription drugs by negotiating prescription drug prices for the uninsured or the insured who don’t have drug coverage, Medicaid, and prescription drug programs for seniors; and

WHEREAS, runaway prescription drug costs are creating a major crisis for this country’s and Hawaii’s healthcare system. Spending on drugs grew faster than spending in any other personal health category during the last three years; and

WHEREAS, the United States has the highest drug prices in the world and is the only industrialized country not to have imposed some form of price controls on prescription drugs and American-made drugs typically sell for 15 percent to 30 percent less in Canada than in the United States; and

WHEREAS, pharmaceutical inflation in 2000 accounted for 25 percent of overall increases in the cost of health care and these increases have helped to make the pharmaceutical industry the most profitable industry in the world and the large drug manufacturers are experiencing median net profits of over 20 percent—4.5 times the median profits for the average Fortune 500 company; and

WHEREAS, employers are increasingly passing off portions of the cost increases to employers in the form of higher prescription cost-sharing provisions. Many employers have also placed restrictions on the type of pharmaceuticals covered by health plans, and in some jurisdictions, employers are capping prescription drug coverage at a specific dollar amount.

Now therefore be it resolved by the Oahu County Convention of the Democratic Party of Hawaii:

1. Call on the State Legislature and Governor to pursue a variety of avenues to control the cost of prescription drugs, including entering into multi-state purchasing pools and seeking administrative relief from the federal government under its new Pharmacy Plus Program; and

2. Advocate for federal or state legislation similar to the Fair Market Drug Pricing Act model
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legislation that attempts to control escalating costs by negotiating discounts and rebates; and

3. Educate party members and the larger community on issues that affect access to affordable prescription drugs;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution will be delivered to the Governor, Democratic members of the Legislature and the Hawaii State Democratic Convention.

SUBMITTED BY: Oahu County Democratic Party
RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A LONG TERM CARE FINANCING PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the segment of the population over age eighty-five, the segment most likely to require long-term care, will grow over three times its current size by 2040 in Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, impossible financial and social hardships will be placed on Hawaii’s families as their members become disabled; and

WHEREAS, current methods of financing long-term care largely involve Medicaid and personal assets; and

WHEREAS, the majority of Hawaii’s older adults have incomes above the poverty level, yet are too low to cover costly long-term care; and

WHEREAS, because increasing numbers of Hawaii’s residents will need long-term care, there is a compelling need to create an affordable and sustainable method of financing those services; and

WHEREAS, any program that is created in response to these needs should promote individual choice and discretion in selecting and paying for long-term care services;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Oahu County Convention of the Democratic Party of Hawaii encourages state government to develop and implement a financing plan for a dedicated source of revenue to support the long-term care needs of all citizens in the State regardless of income; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that to the extent possible, the long-term care financing program should be administered by the private sector, with the government involvement limited to an oversight and quality monitoring role; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution will be delivered to the Governor, Democratic members of the Legislature and the Hawaii State Democratic Convention.

SUBMITTED BY: Oahu County Democratic Party
RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A DEPARTMENT OF AGING

WHEREAS, the future of Aging in Hawaii is one of the most compelling and demanding issues facing the State; and

WHEREAS, by 2020, adults age 60 and over will comprise more than one-fourth of the adult population in the State; and

WHEREAS, these issues will grow increasingly important as the State attempts to grapple with the demands for assistance by these citizens and their caregivers; and

WHEREAS, a number of different agencies within State government serve the elderly and disabled populations; and

WHEREAS, about one-third of state governments in the United States have consolidated these functions into a single department; and

WHEREAS, a cabinet-level presence will help State government focus its efforts on the needs and demands associated with aging and disabilities communities;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Oahu County Convention of the Democratic Party of Hawaii shall encourage State government to develop a Department of Aging to effectively administer the State’s aging and long-term care programs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the new Department of Aging shall develop policies and coordinate the planning and implementation of State programs relating to aging and long-term care and to determine ways to effectively increase the availability of long-term care services and benefits to the elderly and disabled; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Department of Aging shall have primary jurisdiction over all matters relating to the administration of the State’s aging and long-term care programs except as otherwise provided by law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution will be delivered to the Governor, Democratic members of the Legislature and the Hawaii State Democratic Convention.

SUBMITTED BY: Oahu County Democratic Party
Resolution Urging Hawaii Democrats to protect the reproduction rights of all people in the State of Hawaii

WHEREAS, our remarkable progress in securing reproductive rights over the past 40 years is at risk at the federal and state levels as we currently face a federal government that is an adversary to basic family planning and sexuality education, as well as to the woman’s right to choose an abortion; and

WHEREAS, at the Federal level, the 1973 Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision that protects a women’s right to privacy and to personal reproductive self-determination, without government intrusion, in choosing an abortion, is now under intense assault and has been eviscerated by subsequent government and court decisions, such as waiting periods and parental consent regulations and holds a razor-thin one-vote majority on the Supreme Court; and

WHEREAS, since the 1980’s anti-choice administrations have consistently “packed the bench” with anti-choice federal judges and senior administrators and as many as 170 federal judges could be appointed during the current presidential term; and

WHEREAS, 80,000 women die from unsafe abortion and maternal and child health suffers greatly in areas lacking reproductive health care services while the United States government forces foreign organizations receiving United States funding for family planning services to choose between meeting the family planning needs of their patients and being able to counsel patients on the option of abortion; and

WHEREAS, the federally endorsed policy of abstinence-only education has been shown to be an ineffective method of reducing teen pregnancy, however nationwide eighty-six percent of school districts with a sexuality education policy require promotion of abstinence, and 35 percent require abstinence to be taught as the only option for unmarried people, while either prohibiting the discussion of contraception altogether or limiting discussion to contraceptive failure rates and in Hawaii, there can be no discussion of contraception in the DOE sex education programs;

WHEREAS, in the last legislative session alone, Hawaii legislators introduced 45 bills that sought to limit access to abortion, restrict choice, or remove reproductive freedom entirely; and

WHEREAS, the Hawaii Healthcare Systems Corporation sought to limit access to abortion to teens by policy, an action that was later rescinded because of public pressure but such action has effectively eliminated access to abortion to teens on the neighbor islands and

WHEREAS, the Democratic Party has always been the party of “choice” and has always supported the reproductive freedom of women; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the O‘ahu County Committee of the Democratic Party of Hawaii urges Hawaii Democrats to protect the reproduction rights of all people in the State of Hawaii; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we shall include in our Party Platform an affirmative statement for a woman's right to choose whether or not to have children; support access to affordable domestic and international family planning services, support the provision of medically accurate sexuality education programs in the schools, support laws that require insurance companies and HMOs to cover contraceptives as they do other prescription drugs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution will be delivered to the Governor, Democratic members of the Legislature and the Hawaii State Democratic Convention.

SUBMITTED BY: Oahu County Democratic Party
RESOLUTION ON DEATH WITH DIGNITY

WHEREAS, medical science and technology are greatly prolonging life - creating many new and complex philosophical perspectives; and

WHEREAS, since the implementation of the Death With Dignity initiative in Oregon, the quality of end of life care, pain management, and the use of hospice have all greatly increased; and

WHEREAS, Hawaii was the first state to recognize a woman's right to make personal choices about their body; and

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court of the United States ruled that issues surrounding physician assisted suicide are reserved for the states to decide; and

WHEREAS, since 1997 the state of Oregon has recognized this personal choice of her citizens; and

WHEREAS, on April 17th, 2002, the 9th Circuit Court for the second time indemnified this state's right in Oregon; and

WHEREAS, out of the 180,000 deaths occurring during the five years since the citizens of Oregon Death With Dignity initiative was implemented, only 91 people have exercised this freedom of choice; and

WHEREAS, recent polls indicate an overwhelming percentage of Hawaii's voters support the concept of Death With Dignity; and

WHEREAS, the 2002 Hawaii State House of Representatives passed Death With Dignity legislation based upon the Oregon law; and

WHEREAS, the 2002 Hawaii State Senate failed to pass this Death With Dignity legislation by only three votes; and

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the United States created a defined separation of church and state; and
WHEREAS, Hawaii is home to the most diverse number of religions than any other state in the union; and

WHEREAS, superimposing the beliefs of any one religion on such a diverse religious populations is inherently wrong;

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THEREFORE BE IT NOW RESOLVED, that the O'ahu County Committee of the Democratic Party of Hawaii urges the continuing support in the state of Hawaii for education regarding end of life issues including the discussions of the Death With Dignity philosophy;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be delivered and presented to the 2002 Democratic Party State Convention.

SUBMITTED BY: Oahu County Democratic Party
RESOLUTION SUPPORTING FEDERAL LEGISLATION WHICH CLARIFIES THE UNITED STATES’ RELATIONSHIP WITH NATIVE HAWAIANS

WHEREAS, the U.S. Supreme Court, in Morton v. Mancari, 417 U.S. 535 (1974), noting that Indian tribes have a “unique status . . . under federal law” and that Congress has a “plenary power” to “regulate commerce . . . with the Indian tribes; which “is drawn both explicitly and implicitly from the Constitution itself” (Article I, section 8, clause 3) and that the Constitution “gives the President the power, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, to make treaties . . . with Indian tribes” (Article II, section 2, clause 2), held that an employment preference program for Indians was not suspect as racial discrimination, stating: “[t]he preference is not directed towards a ‘racial’ group consisting of ‘Indians’; instead, it applies only to members of ‘federally recognized’ tribes” and “[t]his operates to exclude many individuals who are racially classified as ‘Indians’” and “[t]his sense, the preference is political rather than racial in nature.” (417 U.S. 535, at 553, n. 24); and

WHEREAS, although the basic premise of Morton v. Mancari decision has come under attack over the years following its pronouncement, it is still the law of the land; and

WHEREAS, in virtually the eleventh hour of the Bush administration (January 13, 1993), the Office of the Solicitor General of the U.S. Department of the Interior issued an opinion calling the Hawaiians Homes Program “unconstitutional”, saying that, since the Program was not protected by inclusion under the provisions of the U.S. Constitution which provide that native American “tribal governments” or “Indian nations” can be treated differently than other segments of the population and that their citizens or members have a special status and, because of the beneficiaries of the Hawaiian Homes Program were merely members of an unprotected “racial classification” and not members of a “tribal nation”, the Program’s basis in the law was fatally flawed; and

WHEREAS, then Governor John D. Waihee III requested that President Clinton have the opinion repudiated, whereupon, yielding from the White House, the Interior Department caused the opinion to be withdrawn, but the aforementioned opinion has never been repudiated; and

WHEREAS, on June 12, 1995, the U.S. Supreme Court, in Adarand Constructors, Inc., v. Pena, 115 S.Ct. 2097 (1995), ruled that all government action based on race is subject to detailed judicial inquiry to ensure that personal rights to equal protection under the law have not been infringed and that all “racial classifications” imposed by government must be analyzed under “strict scrutiny” (i.e. such classifications are constitutional only if they are “narrowly tailored measures that further compelling government interest” [emphasis supplied]. See also City of Richmond v. J.A. Croson Co., 109 S.Ct. 706 [1989]); and

WHEREAS, a 1997 opinion issued by the General Counsel of the Federal Aviation Administration said that the payment of a share of the landing fees collected at Honolulu International Airport and other state airports which operate on so-called “ceded land” to the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (O.H.A.) under Section 5(f) of the Admissions Act (establishing the Public Land Trust and providing that a portion of the so-called “ceded land revenue” be used “for the betterment of conditions of native Hawaiians, as defined in the Hawaiian Homes

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Act” was also illegal, for the reasons cited in the 1993 opinion of the Solicitor General of the U.S. Department of the Interior; and

WHEREAS, in 2000, the U.S. Supreme Court, in Rice v. Cayetano, held that the denial by the State of Hawai‘i of Plaintiff Rice’s right to vote in OHA elections violates the Fifteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution; and

WHEREAS, Native Hawaiians are also specifically designated as beneficiaries under the Native American Programs Act and numerous other pieces of federal legislation, including those which benefit Hawaiians through the entrepreneurship and employment training and other programs of Ali Līke, Inc., the Native Hawaiian health programs of Papa Ola Lokahi and its sister island agencies and the Native Hawaiian Education Program, which programs have provided millions of federal dollars to address social problems suffered by Native Hawaiians; and

WHEREAS, the constitution and certain statutes of the State of Hawai‘i contain specific provisions concerning and preserving the rights of Native Hawaiians, including “all rights, customarily and traditionally exercised for subsistence, cultural and religious purposes and possessed by aboriginal tenants who are descendants of native Hawaiians who inhabited the Hawaiian Islands prior to 1778, subject to the right of the State to regulate such rights” (Article XII, Section 7, Constitution of the State of Hawai‘i), and the principle that “Hawaiian judicial precedent” and “Hawaiian usage” may override common law (Section 1-1, Hawai‘i Revised Statutes); and

WHEREAS, there is dire concern that the hard-earned rights of Native Hawaiians to certain entitlements, benefits, special programs, set-asides and monies both at the federal and state levels, which are considered merely racially based, appear to be in jeopardy as a result of the Rice v. Cayetano decision and expected future litigation based on the rulings in Adarand Constructors, Inc., v. Pena, Rice v. Cayetano and similar cases; and

WHEREAS, on July 20, 2000, the congressional delegation from the State of Hawai‘i caused to be introduced simultaneously in the U.S. Senate and the U.S. House of Representatives important legislation which would clarify the United States’ relationship with the Native Hawaiians and facilitate Native Hawaiian initiatives toward gaining federal recognition and a native American quasi-sovereign government;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Oahu County Convention of the Democratic Party of Hawaii urges the support of Federal legislation which clarifies the United States’ relationship with Native Hawaiians; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution will be delivered to the Governor, Democratic members of the Legislature and the Hawaii State Democratic Convention.

SUBMITTED BY: Oahu County Democratic Party
URGING SUPPORT FOR A RENEWAL OF VOLUNTEERISM AND HAWAII’S GRASS ROOTS COMMUNITY VALUES

WHEREAS, Hawaii’s multicultural and socio-economic history is linked to its dynamic status as a sovereign nation and years of plantation heritage starting with the Reciprocity Treaty of 1876 and

WHEREAS community involvement through volunteerism has been a strength, and it is essential to encourage and promote the continuity of Hawaii’s grass roots Democratic Party values,

WHEREAS, Hawaii’s political history after World War II has been a sterling example of grass-roots-based political activism, grounded in multicultural values and commitment to hard work, self-reliance, civility, mutual obligation, integrity, family support, inclusivity and honest rewards, and

WHEREAS, with the passing of the plantation economy and lifestyle, there must be a renewal and reaffirmation to the values and traditions which built and sustained the Democratic Party in 1954 in the context of the next century, and

WHEREAS, in recent times the Democratic Party in Hawaii has strayed from the simplicity and focus of its beginnings, has accommodated special interests and politically correct positions to the detriment of Hawaii’s citizens and core values, has not encouraged independent and vigorous political kama‘aina candidates, and is in dire need of self-examination of its priorities; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE 2002 Hawaii County Democratic Convention that the leadership of the Democratic Party of Hawaii, the elected and appointed officials of the Party throughout the State and its Counties, (Legislative, Administrative and Judicial), and the Hawaii Congressional Delegation be respectfully urged to join in a concerted effort to identify, protect and honor volunteerism, political candidacy and the grass-roots community values which are the foundation of the 50th State; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaii County Democratic Party urge the State Central Committee by encouraging support for candidates, and encouragement and nurturing for qualified candidates to represent Democratic Party values, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the leadership of the Democratic Party of Hawaii, the elected and appointed officials of the Party throughout the State, officials of public and private sector unions, and members of Hawaii’s Congressional delegation.

Offered by: George Yokoyama
Submitted to State Convention: Paula Helfrich, Chair

SUBMITTED BY: Hawaii County Democratic Party
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A RESOLUTION FOR PUBLIC INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION PLAN FOR PROJECTS AFFECTING THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE.

WHEREAS, many projects proposed by the public or private sector are critical to providing safety, public benefit, and gainful employment for Hawai‘i’s people and

WHEREAS, Hawai‘i’s people have a right to fully understand the nature and consequences of all initiatives requiring public review, and

WHEREAS, numerous initiatives have been delayed or halted because government and/or private developers failed to provide objective, timely and adequate information to the public or to give the community appropriate opportunity to participate in planning and shaping the initiatives, and

WHEREAS, an informed and participating public might very well improve the initiatives or even help government determine that the initiative needs to be reshaped or even terminated, and

WHEREAS, substantial electronic resources, digital imaging, teleconferencing and electronic town meetings can facilitate communication, now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Governor and Mayors of the various counties immediately and administratively appoint working committees comprised of a “fair fix of citizens”, some of whom will be versed in modern communications methods, to develop comprehensive communications plans to inform and involve the public in significant issues affecting the public, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that public informational meetings be held to discuss and perfect the various communications programs developed as a result of this resolution.

SUBMITTED BY: Hawaii County Democratic Party
RESOLUTION TO EMPOWER THE AGRIBUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

WHEREAS, the Legislature passed the Agribusiness Development Corporation Act in 1994 establishing a stand-alone quasi-government entity to promote, support and empower agribusiness development similar to the structure employed for the establishment of the Hawaii Tourism Authority, and

WHEREAS, the Legislative and industry intent was to create a voice for agriculture through an organized plan for infrastructure, processing, appropriate land-use and water allocations, value-added product development, marketing and training for Hawaii’s farmers especially those located on former sugar plantation lands, and

WHEREAS, the ADC established a Board of Directors, a general plan, a Program of Work and a series of projects and working committees, federal funding opportunities and professional staff and

WHEREAS, internal rulemaking and regulations were imposed on ADC which essentially created another body of oversight and control through the Board of Agriculture, and did not permit independent operation, and

WHEREAS the state Department of Agriculture, in spite of eight years of petitioning and stakeholder requests for support and assistance, has been unable to empower the ADC under its administrative and operational control, NOW THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED that the Hawaii County Democratic Party urges the state Democratic Party to petition the Governor, the state Department of Agriculture, the Board of Agriculture, the College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources, the congressional delegation, the legislature and county councils to revisit the regulatory climate to ensure success for Hawaii’s agricultural industry, and to reestablish and empower the Agribusiness Development Corporation as originally envisioned.

SUBMITTED BY: Hawaii County Democratic Party
RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITY SERVICES IN REMOTE RURAL AREAS

WHEREAS, several of our remote rural communities do not have standard infrastructure requirements for access to electricity, water or telephone service and

WHEREAS, citizens in these remote rural areas have petitioned public and private providers for many years with limited success and

WHEREAS, the quality of life for citizens in these remote areas such as Hawaiian Ocean View Estates is considerably impacted because of the lack of basic and/or inadequate infrastructure,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Hawaii County Council give serious consideration to affordable plans for strengthening these vital infrastructure services,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be made available to the Mayor, County Council, State Legislators and urge them to consider expedited action.

SUBMITTED BY: Hawaii County Democratic Party
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Long Term Care Resources in Maui County

WHEREAS, Maui County's Older American population, that is, those 60 years or older, has been growing exponentially since the 1980 census, with the 2000 census confirming that there are now over 20,000 citizens in Maui County who are 60 years or older; and

WHEREAS, many of our citizens, our kupuna, are living longer, due to our increased awareness of and participation in healthier lifestyles; and

WHEREAS, many of our kupuna are not only living longer, but living with physical and other disabilities that compromise their independence and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, many of our kupuna are in need of a support system and supportive services in order for them to live with dignity and a quality of life worthy of the respect due to them, given their longevity and the cultural values we nurture; and

WHEREAS, in the year 2011, when the "early baby boomers" turn 65 years of age, the need for a support system and supportive services for kupuna will become acute, with many of those kupuna becoming increasingly frail and vulnerable; and,

WHEREAS, our kupuna are both a reflection of ourselves and an opportunity for us to demonstrate care and compassion for one another; and

WHEREAS, the Maui Long Term Care Partnership, a public and private partnership of Long Term Care providers and consumers, has embarked on a planning and development process that will allow the communities and families of Maui County to care for kupuna comprehensively, responsibly, efficiently, effectively and with social, economic and cultural appropriateness; and

WHEREAS, as we know, that the Older Americans in our county, our kupuna, will continue to be among us, in even greater numbers and that they will continue to be part of who we are, because we, ourselves, will become kupuna; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Maui County Democratic Party endorse efforts in Maui County to plan for Long Term Care Services that are comprehensive and reflective of who we are, as a multi-cultural, multi-generational people, especially the efforts of the Maui Long Term Care Partnership; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Maui County Democratic Party urge our County and State Legislators to support appropriate legislation to implement this resolution.

SUBMITTED BY: Maui County Democratic Party
Resolution Urging Creation of a County Public Transportation System

WHEREAS, the County of Maui has grown 27.6% in the last ten years, making it statistically the fastest growing County in the State; and

WHEREAS, most Maui County residents use automobiles to commute to work, medical appointments, shopping, recreation and other activities, due to a lack of transportation options; and

WHEREAS, Maui County, in 1999, had 87,550 licensed drivers and over 122,833 registered passenger vehicles, vans and trucks logging in excess of 9000 miles per vehicle per year; and

WHEREAS, the need for many families to have more than one vehicle and for our visitors to see the sights by car contribute greatly to traffic congestion, cost of living and stress; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Maui County Democratic Party urge the Mayor and County Council to develop a public transportation plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County of Maui implement a regularly scheduled 7-day a week public transit system for the County of Maui.

SUBMITTED BY: Maui County Democratic Party
Resolution Regarding Regionalizing the State Hospital System by County

WHEREAS, Maui Memorial Medical Center (MMMC) is the only tertiary care facility to serve the growing resident and visitor population on the island of Maui and;

WHEREAS, Maui Memorial Medical Center is operating over its bed capacity in part due to the lack of available long term care beds at Hale Makua and Kula San and;

WHEREAS, the overcrowding contributes to unreasonably long patient holds prior to and after treatment in the Emergency Room as well as contributing to an increasingly overtaxed staff and an accompanying increase in overtime expenses; and

WHEREAS, this vital acute care facility is in dire need of repair, maintenance and updated equipment in good working order; and

WHEREAS, Maui Memorial Hospital is the only hospital in the State’s Hawaii Health Systems Corporation (HHSC) that realizes a profit, that this year topped $5.6 Million; and

WHEREAS, these profits should be reinvested in MMC for staff, patient care, maintenance and facilities including parking rather than being diverted to other HHSC facilities; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Maui County Democratic Party supports Maui Memorial becoming a Regional Hospital that retains a proportion of revenues earned at MMC for reinvestment in the operations, improvement and maintenance of MMC to ensure a high quality health care facility; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Maui County Democratic Party urge our State Legislators to support appropriate legislation to implement this resolution.

SUBMITTED BY: Maui County Democratic Party
Government Operations and Human Services

URGING THE LEGISLATURE TO FULLY FUND TWENTY-FOUR-HOUR AMBULANCE SERVICE.

WHEREAS, advanced life support ambulances are vital components to our community providing emergency medical care at the scene of traumatic or medical emergencies and during transport to a medical facility; and

WHEREAS, certain rural areas in Maui County do not have a twenty-four-hour, locally based advanced life support ambulance service available for its visitors and residents; and

WHEREAS, health care professionals, residents, and visitors feel that part-time ambulance services are inadequate to fulfill the health needs of those seeking emergency medical attention; and

WHEREAS, in emergency situations occurring after regular ambulance service hours in these areas result in longer response times from ambulances responding from other communities; and

WHEREAS, ambulances responding to emergencies outside of their normal service area deprive its area with quick response times; and

WHEREAS, in emergency situations, prolonged response time can mean the difference between life and death for individuals visiting or living in these rural communities; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED by the 2002 Maui County Democratic Convention that the Legislature should fully fund twenty-four-hour advanced life support ambulance service.

SUBMITTED BY: Maui County Democratic Party
REQUESTING THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH AND THE HAWAII HEALTH SYSTEM CORPORATION TO FULLY SUPPORT LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATIONS EARMARKED FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND OPERATING COST NEEDS FOR MAUI MEMORIAL MEDICAL CENTER.

WHEREAS, Maui Memorial Medical Center will mark its 50th Anniversary this year with nearly half of its facility in dire need of renovations and expansion; and

WHEREAS, Maui Memorial Medical Center is the acute-care hub for the county and therefore its resources have been overloaded to meet the needs of the tri-island’s growing population; and

WHEREAS, for the past four years Maui Memorial Medical Center officials and its supporters have been vigorously seeking funds to renovate and expand the sole acute-care hospital facility in Maui County; and

WHEREAS, a $38 million revenue bond was approved by the State Legislature two years ago, but due to unexpected financial problems encountered by the hospital and the Hawaii Health System Corporation, its umbrella organization, the Department of Budget and Finance declined to release the money; and

WHEREAS, during the 2002 Legislative Session, lawmakers agreed to a $38 million bond authorization to fund the first phase of capital improvements for Maui Memorial Medical Center; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED by the 2002 Maui County Democratic Convention that the Executive Branch and the Hawaii Health System Corporation are urged to support the release of the $38 million general obligation bond for capital improvement projects at Maui Memorial; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature, the County of Maui, and Maui Memorial Medical Center officials and its supporters are requested to remain steadfast in their efforts to call upon the Executive Branch to fully finance all legislatively appropriated capital improvement and operating cost funds earmarked for Maui Memorial Medical Center.

SUBMITTED BY: Maui County Democratic Party
RESOLUTION URGING THE STATE TO PLACE A HIGH PRIORITY ON
ESTABLISHING AN ACUTE-CARE FACILITY
OR EMERGENCY ROOM IN WEST MAUI

WHEREAS, the increase in temporary closures of Honoapiilani Highway and the tremendous population growth in West Maui has rekindled the public's interest in calling upon the State to address the lack of acute medical care access for West Maui; and

WHEREAS, there are numerous proposals to address the traffic problems along Honoapiilani Highway as a means of preventing road closures and reducing vehicular accidents, but many are long-range recommendations that will not satisfy the immediate needs of a growing community that is at the mercy of a two-lane highway; and

WHEREAS, West Maui is the county's most powerful economic engine in respect to the hospitality industry, and that the population of West Maui averages about 46,000 on any given day when factoring in the influx of visitors and commuters with the number of residents per day; and

WHEREAS, there is no medical facility in West Maui that accepts ambulance patients, that can treat cardiopulmonary emergencies, or that can treat accident victims with life-threatening injuries; and

WHEREAS, the nearest acute-care facility available to the residents of West Maui and its visitors and commuters is a 45-minute drive, in favorable traffic, to Maui Memorial Medical Center in Central Maui; and

WHEREAS, developing a West Maui acute-care facility or emergency room would ease the county's dependency on and overburdening of its primary service provider which is Maui Memorial Medical Center; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the 2002 Maui County Democratic Convention that the Governor of the State of Hawaii, the Hawaii State Legislature, and the Mayor and County Council Members of the County of Maui are urged to place the establishment of an acute-care or emergency room facility in West Maui as a high priority project in the next biennium.

SUBMITTED BY: Maui County Democratic Party
RESOLVING THE CRITICAL SHORTFALL OF LONG-TERM CARE BEDS

WHEREAS, long term care beds are primarily utilized by those persons aged sixty and over; and

WHEREAS, the shortage of long-term adult care beds on Maui leaves elderly patients in hospital beds while they wait for space in nursing homes; and

WHEREAS, while elderly patients occupy the limited beds available at Maui Memorial Hospital, acute patients are required to wait until a bed becomes available to them; and

WHEREAS, adding additional long-term care beds at other Maui facilities will help alleviate this overflow problem at Maui Memorial; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED by the 2002 Maui County Democratic Convention that the State of Hawaii and Maui County work collaboratively with the private sector in resolving the critical shortfall of long term care beds for Maui County.

SUBMITTED BY: Maui County Democratic Party
RESOLUTION SUPPORTING DISCRIMINATION-FREE PUBLIC ACCOMMODATIONS AND SERVICES

WHEREAS, the need for public services and accommodations is universal; and

WHEREAS, the vast majority of the public enjoys the legal protection to acquire these services and utilize these accommodations on the basis of their race, sex, color, religion, ancestry or disability; and

WHEREAS, there are other classifications where discrimination may occur; and

WHEREAS, the Hawai‘i Democratic Party forbids discrimination in its Rules, Platform and Affirmative Action Plan; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that Kaua‘i Democratic Party support the inclusion of marital status, familial status, age, health status, sexual orientation and gender identity in the list of anti-discrimination practices possible at HRS 489-3; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon passage of this Resolution, that this Resolution be expeditiously transmitted to the Hawai‘i Democratic Party and to Democratic candidates who have filed their papers for the offices of Governor, Lt. Governor, State Senator and State Representative.

SUBMITTED BY: Kauai County Democratic Party
RESOLUTION SUPPORTING DISCRIMINATION-FREE HOUSING

WHEREAS, housing is a basic human requirement; and

WHEREAS, affordable housing is in short supply in Hawai'i; and

WHEREAS, many groups of people, but not all people, are protected from housing discrimination on the basis of their race, sex, color, religion, marital status, familial status, ancestry, disability, age or HIV infection status; and

WHEREAS, without proper legal codification discrimination can exist for other reasons, but can and should be prevented; and

WHEREAS, a majority of the Hawai'i State Senate supports such a move; and

WHEREAS, the Platform, Rules and Affirmative Action Plan of the Kaua'i Democratic Party and the Hawai'i Democratic Party forbid discrimination; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Kaua'i Democratic Party supports the inclusion of sexual orientation (be it heterosexual, homosexual or bisexual) and gender identity in the anti-discrimination list of current housing laws residing at HRS 515-3, HRS 515-5, HRS 515-6 and HRS 515-7; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon passage of this Resolution, that this Resolution be expeditiously transmitted to the Hawai'i Democratic Party and to candidates who file papers to run as Democrats for the offices of Governor, Lt. Governor, State Senator and State Representative.

SUBMITTED BY: Kauai County Democratic Party
Resolution Urging Support of a State of Hawaii Council for the Chronically Homeless

Whereas Hawaii is one of only eight states to be funded by a HUD and HHS block grant to investigate solutions to the problem of chronic homelessness through the formation of a council for state and local policymakers improving access to mainstream services for homeless persons; and

Whereas society has an obligation to help the homeless who normally have no voice, are vulnerable, and whom are sometimes subjected to threats and harassment by law enforcement; and

Whereas police sweeps simply result in displacing homeless individuals from one place to another and serve only to frighten already traumatized individuals; and

Whereas the Institute for Human Services (I.H.S.) affirms that 10% of the chronic homeless consume 50% of financial resources funded for homelessness, both within Hawaii and nationally; and

Whereas evidence based research indicates that the chronic homeless can live successfully in permanent housing with support services for less money than it currently costs to warehouse them in homeless shelters so as not to suffer harassment, threats, or bodily harm at our beaches and parks; and

Whereas we need to support the effort to find ways that mainstream social services can satisfactorily service the needs of all homeless people; and

Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Hawaii State Convention of the Democratic Party advocate and support the implementation and follow through of HUD and HHS sponsored block grants to deal with the problems of chronic homelessness; and

Be It Further Resolved that the Hawaii State Convention of the Democratic Party advocate and support the proposed to end homelessness in 10 years as recommended by the National Alliance to End Homelessness; and

Be It Further Resolved that copies of this resolution be delivered to the Governor, Democrat members of the legislature, and council members of city and county governments in Hawaii.

Submitted By: Vanessa Walker and Lance Bateman
RESOLUTION SUPPORTING CIVIL UNIONS

WHEREAS a substantial number of households in Hawai‘i live in the context of a committed family situation without the benefit of an ironclad civil and contractual relationship which is above legal reproach, and

WHEREAS the Hawai‘i Supreme Court has mandated that the state must provide the vehicle for a civil and contractual relationship for everyone so that all of Hawai‘i’s citizens can equally share in the benefits and protections that such arrangements provide, and

WHEREAS the Legislature has not provided those civil and contractual relationships to date,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Hawai‘i Democratic Party supports the institution of Civil Unions for two people who wish to enter into such a legal relationship, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon passage of this resolution, a copy be transmitted to Democratic candidates for Governor, Lt. Governor, State Senator and State Representative.

Submitted by:
Martin Rice
Fred Rainville
Mana Maka‘ainana

We the People
Hawaii Democratic Party
State Convention 2002

Pre-Convention: Economy
RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A PUBLIC REFERENDUM ON GAMING IN THE STATE OF HAWAII

WHEREAS the issue of gaming has been consistently debated in the legislature for many years and

WHEREAS the economy in the state of Hawaii is devoid of the monies needed to support the various programs which are at the core values of the Democratic Party, and

WHEREAS there has yet to be a comprehensive voice extended to the voting public on this issue; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic Party of Hawaii urge the Hawaii State Legislature to seek a public statewide referendum to decide the issue of gaming and county determination; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the Legislature and Councils of the respective Counties for appropriate action.

SUBMITTED BY: Hawaii County Democratic Party
RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A COORDINATED AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS, a major land, natural and human resource transition is now underway in Hawaii as a result of the ending of the plantation agricultural era; and

WHEREAS, the steady expansion of new and diversified agricultural commodities, products and value-added services has displaced mono-crop plantation agriculture as the principal money maker in the agricultural sector of Hawaii's economy; and

WHEREAS, the desirable rural transition will require the development of new entrepreneurial farming skills and the financing of new production, processing, marketing, storage and transportation facilities and operations, many of which skills and enterprise financing must be obtained from private sources; and

WHEREAS, more and better targeted marketing assistance is needed to match existing commodities, products, markets and services, and to develop and serve new markets in import substitution, value-added products and services and export, and

WHEREAS, (a) federal, state and local government assistance for this rural transition is currently limited and must be better coordinated with private-sector initiatives, and (b) much of the state regulatory apparatus currently in place relates to health, worker safety, environmental protection, land use and taxation and will require careful adjustment to create a positive environment for this desirable transition; and

WHEREAS, government and business must collectively resolve to work cooperatively towards enabling new entrepreneurial successes by simplifying constraints, creating enterprise zones, allowances for ancillary agricultural activities such as farm and garden tours, and updated appropriate non-urban infrastructure, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic Party of Hawaii support an orderly rural transition policy that promotes new and diversified agriculture and the resulting rural employment and development, and that emphasizes and facilitates private initiatives with public support, including the creation of enterprise zones, a supportive regulatory framework, construction of needed non-urban infrastructure, and improved marketing assistance programs; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the Legislature, the State Department of Agriculture, and the Mayors and Councils of the respective Counties.

SUBMITTED BY: Hawaii County Democratic Party
RESOLUTION SUPPORTING EXPEDITED DEVELOPMENT OF WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEMS AND INFRASTRUCTURE MAINTENANCE FOR FORMER PLANTATION WATER SYSTEMS

WHEREAS, Hawaii’s plantation water infrastructure system represents an outstanding infrastructure resource; and

WHEREAS, there is a strong requirement for availability of agricultural water resources to support diversified agricultural requirements; and

WHEREAS there is need for coordinated federal, state and county finance and regulation to properly expedite the development of adequate infrastructure as discussed above; and,

WHEREAS, it is of paramount importance to identify and maintain the existing water resources and fair water rates in order for Hawaii’s new agricultural industry to progress; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic Party of Hawaii support expedited development of water distribution systems for new diversified agricultural and agronomic needs and that maintenance of existing plantation water infrastructure is of paramount importance; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Democratic Party of Hawaii urge the Councils and Boards of Water Supply of the respective Counties to scrutinize agricultural water rates, and to propose Charter Amendments if necessary to assist specific districts which do not have adequate water distribution systems; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to the Governor of the State of Hawaii, Mayors of respective counties, the State Department of Agriculture and Hawaii’s Congressional Delegation.

SUBMITTED BY: Hawai‘i County Democratic Party
RESOLUTION SUPPORTING DEVELOPMENT OF POTABLE AND NON-POTABLE WATER SOURCES IN DROUGHT-PRONE RURAL AREAS

WHEREAS during the recent drought experienced in the State, many families experienced extreme economic hardship as a result of inadequate water resources, and

WHEREAS the diverse agricultural industry in the State of Hawaii is dependent on consistent water resources for farming, ranching and personal use, and

WHEREAS the development of adequate wells, distribution systems and water reservoirs and resources for agriculture, domestic use and fire protection are essential for the well being of the State of Hawaii; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic Party of Hawaii urge federal, state, county and local water resource personnel to place a high priority on the development of adequate water resources; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all efforts be expended to use "gray" waste water for irrigation systems where prudent and appropriate; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Democratic Party of Hawaii urge federal, state and county officials to work together with local residents in the field to establish adequate wells, distribution systems, minimum standards for catchment systems in new construction, and take the necessary steps to implement the above by appropriate and timely coordination.

SUBMITTED BY: Hawaii County Democratic Party
RESOLUTION SUPPORTING PARIMUTUEL HORSE RACING

WHEREAS, the economic circumstances of Hawaii, particularly the neighbor islands, are depressed following a series of economic slowdowns and cataclysmic world events; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to develop alternative agricultural industries which do not impact heavily on our environment; and

WHEREAS, equine-related activities have deep agricultural and historical antecedents in Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, the expansion of these activities, such as with horse racing, would offer a unique economic opportunity to Hawaii’s residents; and

WHEREAS, throughout the United States, horse racing has continually demonstrated its economic viability and has been approved by forty-four other states; and

WHEREAS, throughout the Monarchy and early territorial days of Hawaii’s history, horse-racing was a well-established cultural tradition; and

WHEREAS, the Pauoa Time Trials Race Track is the only regulation mile-and-a-quarter track left in the State, and was established in perpetuity through the Wessel Trust of Holoalu Park, subsequently transferred to Pauoa; and

WHEREAS, race track activities can be limited (like the Kentucky Derby) to a six-week racing season which can involve betting, which is classified as pari-mutuel, as opposed to casino gambling; and

WHEREAS, differing from casino gambling which pays eighty percent to the house with only ten percent paid to the players, track betting pays eighty percent to the players, with ten percent for state revenues and ten percent for facility and stock maintenance; and

WHEREAS, all pari-mutuel activities and facilities are operated by private groups under strict federal and state government regulation and law enforcement; and

WHEREAS such regulation and control serves to inhibit and deter unlawful bookmaking and gambling activities; and
WHEREAS the development of a pari-mutuel horse racing industry in Hawaii would boost our State’s lagging tourism industry, and provide many more economic development opportunities in keeping with our 200 year old Panolo culture, such as stock management, feed and forage production, farriery, veterinary services, breeding and training services, haulage, event production and many others; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic Party of Hawaii support the establishment of a pilot project of horseracing pari-mutuel activity at the regulation training track at Panaewa Equestrian Center as a means to generate public revenue and revitalize our great State’s economy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the Members of the State Legislature, and the Mayors and Councils of the respective Counties.

SUBMITTED BY: Hawaii County Democratic Party
RESOLUTION SUPPORTING LOCAL ATHLETES, ATHLETIC AND COMPETITIVE EVENTS TO PROMOTE HAWAII'S ECONOMY

WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii benefits economically from athletic events such as major golf tournaments, the Volcano Marathon, the Ironman Triathlon, the Hawaii International Billfish Tournament, the Mauna Kea 200, the Mountain Bike 200, the Professional Rodeo Cowboy's Association sanctioned Rodeos, Exhibition Rugby and Soccer events, Hawaii State Canoe Association, and other such events; and

WHEREAS, Hawaii has produced legendary sons and daughters who have served as world models for athletic prowess; and

WHEREAS, such events generate income and employment for residents of Hawaii without significant environmental or infrastructure burdens; and

WHEREAS, the excellent family and sporting entertainment provided by the Hawaii Winter Baseball League has been a sterling example of cooperation which did not receive much needed public promotional support; and

WHEREAS, such events promote the tourism industry of the State of Hawaii and generate shared cooperative advertising and promotion favorable to the State of Hawaii; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic Party of Hawaii urge the Governor, the State Legislature, the Mayors and Councils of the respective Counties and other offices and agencies to support as a matter of policy and through appropriate legislation existing and additional sporting events, including but not limited to such events involving golf, running and endurance, volleyball, baseball, rugby and soccer, surfing, basketball, track, fishing, boating, yachting, sailing, cycling, equestrian and other competitions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the aforementioned parties encourage and support inclusion, opportunity and training for Hawaii's own athletes in all disciplines.

SUBMITTED BY: Hawaii County Democratic Party
RESOLUTION SUPPORTING HAWAII’S TRAVEL AND VISITOR INDUSTRY

WHEREAS, the travel and visitor industry directly generates approximately one quarter of the State's gross product and approximately one third of the State's jobs and indirectly generates many more jobs; and

WHEREAS, although diversification of the economy is highly desirable, the travel and tourism industry will continue to be Hawaii’s largest and most important industry for the foreseeable future; and

WHEREAS, there is increasing national and international competition from other destinations seeking to attract visitors, and in many cases, these efforts receive government support far beyond the level provided by Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, cultural and educational tourism and locally-grown crops and products are an important component of the visitor industry market for Hawaii, and these sights include, but should not be limited to, Waipio Valley Lookout, Pulolu Valley Lookout, Akaka Falls, Rainbow Falls, Boiling Pots, and other sites deemed significant by the DLNR and the Division of Historic Preservation; and

WHEREAS, we must encourage the Hawaii Tourism Authority (HTA) to expand its Product Development funding for major cultural, educational, and agricultural scenic attractions for the purposes of improving infrastructure needs, establish visitor-educational centers to insure preservation and public safety for both local residents and visitors alike; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic Party of Hawaii strongly support the State’s travel and visitor industry and urge our State elected officials to increase dedicated funding support to HTA to support the neighbor island destinations and to include educational and agricultural components in its visitor marketing programs and policies, and to designate a significant portion of that support from the Hawaii Tourism Authority go directly to the Island chapters of the Hawaii Visitors and Convention Bureau (HVCB) for county destination marketing and activities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the State Legislature, the Hawaii Tourism Authority and the President of the Hawaii Visitors and Convention Bureau for follow-up action and support.

SUBMITTED BY: Hawaii County Democratic Party
RESOLUTION SUPPORTING BED & BREAKFAST ESTABLISHMENTS, FARM AND
GARDEN STAYS, VACATION RENTALS, CAMP SITES AND OTHER ALTERNATIVE
ACCOMODATIONS AS PART OF THE VISITOR INDUSTRY PLANT

WHEREAS, Bed and Breakfast establishments provide a sustainable economic contribution to
the State of Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, Hawaii County has led the State in establishing reasonable and appropriate
regulations governing bed and breakfast operations, without detriment to the economy or the
environment; and

WHEREAS, ecotourism and other forms of educational and cultural tourism are excellent
economic generators and preferred users of Bed and Breakfast and other alternative
accommodations; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic Party of Hawaii support alternative accommodations
establishments as an emerging, sustainable new industry deserving of recognition and support
accordingly by county and state agencies; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Democratic Party of Hawaii urge State and County
officials to support this new industry and adopt of similar policies and ordinances.

SUBMITTED BY: Hawaii County Democratic Party
RESOLUTION SUPPORTING CREATION OF A TELECOMMUNICATIONS HUB OF THE PACIFIC

WHEREAS, the future of telecommunications lies with those that take the role of advocacy and education for expansion of this dynamic industry; and

WHEREAS, national and international policymakers have initiated dramatic support for telecommunications industry attraction and development; and

WHEREAS, Hawaii being the hub of the Pacific would be the most advantageous site for telecommunications links between the Pacific nations; and

WHEREAS, the Pacific Telecommunications Conference held in Honolulu each January has invited and sponsored participation of neighbor islands to encourage expansion and development of telecommunications and technological operations supported by the US Department of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, as the nexus of national and international scientific activity and data-based research in astronomy, volcanology, seismology, oceanography, remote sensing and many other scientific and technological activities requiring advanced telecommunications infrastructure and

WHEREAS, advanced computer technology has been instituted through the astronomy community, notably via Subaru (Japan National Telescope) Super Computer; and

WHEREAS, additional telecommunications infrastructure has been completed to create island and state-wide linkage, including wireless and radio telecommunications; and

WHEREAS, incorporating computers and computer education in the K-12 schools, Community Colleges and University of Hawaii campuses for both students and teachers as a required part of general education would address important deficiencies in the education of our young people and prepare them for success in the technological revolution upon us; and

WHEREAS, with the development of community media, also known as Public Education and Government Access our communities are increasingly linked both through cable television and Internet connections; and

WHEREAS, this connectivity and technological linkage is critical for all citizens of Hawaii whether in remote or urban locations so that they may be given full choice of participation in this
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evolving and revolutionary technology that promises to inform and build consensus in a truly participatory democracy; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic Party of Hawaii support the designation of Hawaii Island as a telecommunications hub for potential Call Center operations, development of a Techno Tourism Center, and facilitate other developments to advance the scope and efficiency of communications technology; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Democratic Party of Hawaii encourage electronic service providers to upgrade and install fast digital links to the citizens in all parts of rural and urban Hawaii so that these technologies can be effectively accessed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the State Legislature, Mayors and Councils of the respective Counties, the Directors of the State Departments of Business, Economic Development and Tourism, Commerce and Consumer Affairs and Education, and the Public Utilities Commission for their support.

SUBMITTED BY: Hawaii County Democratic Party
RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE EXPEDITED IMPLEMENTATION OF SADDLE ROAD REALIGNMENT

WHEREAS, Hawaii Island is comprised of a 4000 square mile land-mass, with isolated urban and rural areas around the island connected by perimeter two-lane highways built in the early part of the 20th century and modified since that time; and

WHEREAS, Hawaii Island's two urban centers on either coast are disadvantaged in communication and trade by significant distance factors, and

WHEREAS, a federally-funded roadway known as the Saddle Road was built in the 1940's to provide linkage between Hilo and Kawaihae; and

WHEREAS, expansion and modification to this roadway has been under discussion since the early 1970's; and

WHEREAS, Congressional support has been received to significantly enhance and expand this roadway, to realign certain portions and to provide more definitive cross-island linkage between urban centers; and

WHEREAS, a comprehensive Environmental Impact Study has been completed with overwhelming support from the community at large and significant mitigation measures, including socio-cultural, Native Hawaiian, environmental and technical concerns along various recommended alignments; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic Party of Hawaii urge the Governor of the State of Hawaii, the Federal, State and County Departments of Transportation, and Hawaii's Congressional delegation to support expedited implementation of the Saddle Road realignment; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the aforementioned officials.

SUBMITTED BY: Hawaii County Democratic Party
RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A CONCERTED STATEWIDE EFFORT TO PROMOTE THE EXPORT OF HAWAII’S PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

WHEREAS, professional service accounts for at least 7 percent of Hawaii’s gross state product and provides over 57,000 jobs in the State; and

WHEREAS, Hawaii has a comparative advantage in several professional service areas, most notably resort development, planning and design, environmental and infrastructure engineering, tourism consulting, land use planning, agricultural consulting, telecommunications, graphic and industrial arts and design, education targeted to Asians including English as a second language, corporate, cross cultural and professional development training, medical, health and wellness, captive insurance among others; and

WHEREAS more Hawaii professional service providers are competing for projects overseas, mostly in Asia, and sending work back to Hawaii to be completed, increasing the State’s tax revenue base and providing quality employment; and

WHEREAS, technological advancement in communications allows thriving international practices to be developed within home offices in Hawaii, thereby making the need to locate near project sites less of a necessity, except where cost is an issue; and

WHEREAS, Hawaii professional firms must remain competitive overseas against other sites and countries with lower costs of doing business; and

WHEREAS, Hawaii professional services must be brought to the attention of overseas markets with the assistance and collaboration of State, County and private sector economic development resources; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic Party of Hawaii support Hawaii’s professional services; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the State Legislature, the Directors of the State Departments of Business, Economic Development and Tourism, Commerce and Consumer Affairs, the Mayors and Councils of the respective Counties to, seek expanded support for their efforts.

SUBMITTED BY: Hawaii County Democratic Party
RESOLUTION URGING FUNDING FOR ROAD IMPROVEMENTS AND CONSTRUCTION OF BY-PASS ROADS

WHEREAS, the number of passenger cars and trucks on Hawaii roads is rapidly reaching the maximum density as our resident population continues to grow; and

WHEREAS, traffic delays and accidents have become an almost daily occurrence on many of our State’s critical transportation arteries; and

WHEREAS, there are limited public transportation options for many island residents and visitors especially on Maui; and

WHEREAS, traffic congestion negatively impacts our quality of life and visitor satisfaction threatening the health of our number one industry; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Democratic Party of Hawaii urge the State Department of Transportation to work cooperatively with the County of Maui to fund and build on a priority basis, new by-pass roads and other road improvement projects to ensure the public’s health, safety and economic well being.

SUBMITTED BY: Maui County Democratic Party
RESOLUTION URGING SUPPORT FOR KALELOA (BARBER’S POINT) REDEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS, the Kaleloa (Barber’s Point) military facility has been turned over to the State of Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii and the City and County of Honolulu have created a master plan for the redevelopment of Kaleloa (Barber’s Point); and

WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii has a master plan designating Kapolei as the new City and growth areas for new opportunities in business and employment on Oahu; and

WHEREAS, the City and County of Honolulu also has designated and created a master plan for the Kapolei area as the new city on Oahu for business and employment development for the Island; and

WHEREAS, there have been delays in the conversion of Kaleloa (Barber’s Point) from a military installation to public domain and use; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Democratic Party of Hawaii support the clean up of the military base by the federal government, and request the State of Hawaii appropriate the funds necessary for the infrastructure so the land and facilities may accommodate the public use; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Democratic Party of Hawaii support local communities’ continued involvement in the present and future decisions made in the redevelopment of Kaleloa (Barber’s Point); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Governor and the Democratic members of the Legislature.

SUBMITTED BY: Oahu County Democratic Party
RESOLUTION REAFFIRMING PREVAILING WAGE LAWS

WHEREAS, Federal prevailing wage laws and State's prevailing wage laws have been in effect for over sixty years and have been effective in protecting a decent standard of living for workers in local areas where the laws have been implemented; and

WHEREAS, prevailing wage laws were enacted to prevent the erosion of living wages by out-of-state employers who ship from one state to another low wage, under-trained, unskilled workers, to work on a locality's government construction projects to the detriment of construction quality and of that locality's workers' employment opportunities; and

WHEREAS, Hawaii's construction workers' living wages have made the construction industry a cornerstone of Hawaii's economy by elevating the construction trade class of workers into the stable economic middle class; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Democratic Party of Hawaii reaffirm its commitment to the guiding principles first articulated by the Democratic Party in 1955 that bids for construction of public works should be based on the relative skill and efficiency of the contractors concerned and not on a difference in wages paid, and that government money, coming from the taxes of all of us, should not be used to subsidize contractors who are depressing the wages of some of us; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Democratic Party of Hawaii reaffirm and encourage the strengthening of the Federal and Hawaii's prevailing wage laws as a means of ensuring public construction of high quality, reasonable costs, and furthering the economic well-being of workers in Hawaii; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution will be transmitted to the Governor and the Democratic members of the Legislature.

SUBMITTED BY: Oahu County Democratic Party
RESOLUTION SUPPORTING LIVING WAGE LAWS

WHEREAS, the Hawaii State Democratic Platform in 2000 affirmed the Dignity of Labor and expressed the Democratic Party’s commitment to the achievement of a living wage for all Hawaii’s workers; and

WHEREAS, the Hawaii State Democratic Platform in 2000 further expressed the belief that our government, even while seeking operational efficiency, must never exploit its labor force, erode prevailing wages, or compromise the principle that government money, derived from the taxes of all of us, shall not be used to depress the wages or standard of living of any of us; and

WHEREAS over 50 Living Wage ordinances have been passed in the United States since 1991, improving living standards for low-wage workers without overburdening public funds or harming the local economies; and

WHEREAS, paying no more than the current state and federal minimum wages leaves most workers in Hawaii far under the poverty level for a family of four; and

WHEREAS, privatization of government services without the protections of a living wage statute similar to the federal Service Contracts Act favors contractors whose low bids are based on payment of minimum wages and benefits; and

WHEREAS, people who are paid enough to support their families, not only are less dependent on government aid, but also pay more taxes and buy more goods and services, stimulating local economic growth; and

WHEREAS, in 1933 that greatest of all Democrats, President Franklin D. Roosevelt, boldly expressed his administration’s policy that “No business which depends for existence on paying less than living wages to its workers has any right to continue in this country. By living wages I mean more than a bare subsistence level. I mean the wages of a decent living.”; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Democratic Party of Hawaii reaffirm its commitment to passage of a statewide living wage law and service contract act that will let government in Hawaii show by example that payment of living wages and benefits is the best way to uplift our economy and the standard of living for all Hawaii’s working families; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Governor and the Democratic members of the Legislature.

SUBMITTED BY: Oahu County Democratic Party
RESOLUTION OPPOSING SO-CALLED "RIGHT TO WORK" AND "PAYCHECK PROTECTION" LAWS

WHEREAS, strong and free labor unions are necessary to preserve and defend the legitimate rights of working people to participate with dignity in the political and economic life of their communities and states; and

WHEREAS, the success of organized labor raises the standard of living generally, expanding and fostering the growth of the State's middle class; and

WHEREAS, so-called "Right-to-work" and "Paycheck Protection" laws have over the years been proposed to allow workers to gain the benefits of collective bargaining without joining the union or paying union dues or service fees; and

WHEREAS, famed business advisor Peter Drucker has said, "Union Security is also in the social interest. Without it, no union can be expected to accept the responsibility for labor relations and for contract observance which our society must demand of a successful union movement"; and

WHEREAS, that great Democratic President, Harry S Truman has likewise commented, "You will find some people saying that they are for the so-called "Right-to-Work" law, but they also believe in unions. This is absurd - it's like saying you are for motherhood but against children"; and

WHEREAS, the Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr. most eloquently warned us all that, "in our glorious fight for civil rights, we must guard against being fooled by false slogans, such as 'right-to-work'. It provides no 'rights' and no 'works.' Its purpose is to destroy labor unions and the freedom of collective bargaining. We demand this fraud be stopped"; and

WHEREAS, the Oahu County Convention of the Democratic Party of Hawaii reaffirmed its commitment to collective bargaining;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Oahu County Convention of the Democratic Party of Hawaii opposes the introduction, consideration or enactment of any so-called "Right-to-Work" or "Pay Check Protection" bills which would seek to limit, restrict, or control a duly constituted and democratically run labor organization from collecting and using dues or representation fees for such lawful purposes as our national labor laws allow; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution will be delivered to the Governor, Democratic members of the Legislature and the Hawaii State Democratic Convention.

SUBMITTED BY: Oahu County Democratic Party
RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES NAVY TO INCREASE THE WORKLOAD AND EMPLOYMENT IN PEARL HARBOR NAVAL SHIPOYARD AND TO UTILIZE THE FULL CAPACITY OF THE HAWAIIAN SHIP REPAIR AND SUPPLY INDUSTRY

WHEREAS, Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard is strategically located in the Pacific Ocean and a strong, healthy Naval base is in the best interest of National Security; and

WHEREAS, Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard is the largest industrial employer in the State of Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard spends in excess of 450 million dollars in material purchases, contracts to local businesses and payroll costs; and

WHEREAS, Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard provides for trade and skills training for the youth of Hawaii through the apprentice program in partnership with the University of Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard has the capacity to accomplish more Navy ship repair work with an increased skilled workforce; and

WHEREAS, Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard employed 6,900 employees in 1989, experienced a 58% reduction in workforce and currently employs 3,200 employees; and

WHEREAS, Pearl Harbor was the Homeport for 41 Navy Ships and Submarines in 1989, and currently is the Homeport for 31 Navy Ships and Submarines; and

WHEREAS, Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard provided Navy contract work for 65 to 75% of the private ship repair industry in Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard needs to be “right sized” for its current and future workload to allow Pearl Harbor and the Navy to maintain and overhaul ships in Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard would require the hiring of 700 to 800 permanent civilian employees over the next two years to obtain the necessary skilled personnel to execute Navy work and has a application list of 1,000 qualified local applicants seeking employment at Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Democratic Party of Hawaii urge the United States Navy to increase the workload and employment in Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard and to utilize the full capacity of the Hawaiian ship repair and supply industry; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Democratic Party of Hawaii urge the United State Navy to brief the State Legislature and the community business leaders on the future work load plans for Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Democratic Party of Hawaii support the community leadership in their efforts to secure an increase in workload and workforce in Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Governor and Democratic members of the Legislature.

SUBMITTED BY: Oahu County Democratic Party
RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF HOLISTIC HEALING CENTERS USING NATURAL RESOURCES

WHEREAS, Hawaii’s naturopathic medical traditions in herbal medicines, relaxation therapy and holistic healing are valuable skills and resources; and

WHEREAS, Hawaii’s natural resources include steam vents and natural hot springs in the Puna and Ka’u Districts and other resources throughout the Islands; and

WHEREAS, traditions in the health and wellness industries (particularly in Japan) include enthusiastic support for holistic healing, naturopathic medicines and facilities; and

WHEREAS, Hawaii’s health and wellness benefits are increasingly well-known in traditional and alternative medicinal treatment centers, known as La’au lapa’au as practiced at Lapukahi; and

WHEREAS, Five Mountain Center and the North Hawaii Community Hospital have established an international reputation for holistic healing; and

WHEREAS, agricultural products, naturopathic medicines, nutraceuticals and phytopharmaceuticals represent economic opportunities in the Islands within the context of community priorities can be created by recognition of the important cultural and natural resources available for the health and wellness industries; and

WHEREAS, sustainable scale development should be considered for health and wellness centers, to include traditional healing methods and practices, Onsen (hot spring) spa operations, and cultural instruction; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic Party of Hawaii support the development of holistic healing centers in the Islands; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the State Legislature and the Mayors and Councils of the respective Counties to urge their support for this promising industry.

SUBMITTED BY: Hawaii County Democratic Party
RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE PROMOTION OF HEALTH AND WELLNESS IN HAWAII

WHEREAS, health, wellness and associated beneficiaries represent a growing industry involving traditional, non-traditional and multi-ethnic practices; and

WHEREAS, the health, wellness and related industries generate employment and educational opportunities desirable for the people and State of Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, the health, wellness and related industries does not generate significantly adverse environmental or cultural impacts, nor require major governmental infrastructure needs; and

WHEREAS, retirees from around the world are frequent visitors to Hawaii, and those who participate in extended visit programs such as Elderhostel are especially strong contributors to economic revitalization; and

WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii’s geographical location and environment is beneficial for health, wellness and related activities and the combination of western and non-western traditions, practices and development; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic Party of Hawaii urge the Governor and the State Legislature and other agencies and departments to support as a matter of policy and through appropriate legislation the development of health and wellness and related industries in Hawaii; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Congressional Delegation, the Governor, the State Legislature, the Mayors and the Councils of the respective Counties for support.

SUBMITTED BY: Hawaii County Democratic Party
RESOLUTION SUPPORTING CULTURAL EVENTS TO PROMOTE HAWAI'I'S EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH AND ECONOMY

WHEREAS, Hawaii's multicultural traditions are recognized worldwide; and

WHEREAS, cultural and commemorative sites and events are an important part of resident and visitor experiences; and

WHEREAS, these sites and events generate enormous economic contributions and enhanced recognition for Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, non-profit museums, performing arts and cultural centers and commercial galleries provide outstanding educational opportunities for visitors and residents; and

WHEREAS, International goodwill and cultural exchanges particularly to Japan provide significant recognition and training opportunities for thousands of Japanese hula students under the training of Hawaii's renowned kumu hula; and

WHEREAS, the State has funded initial planning and design for a Multipurpose Cultural Complex at the University of Hawaii at Hilo; and

WHEREAS, cultural and artistic events such as the Merrie Monarch Festival, International Festival, Old Hawaii on Horseback, Paniolo events, Aloha Festival, Holo Mai Pele, Papaya Festival, Macademia Nut Festival, Kona Coffee Cultural Festival, Kona Historical Society and other historic and cultural sites such as the Kamehameha Statue, the Naha Stones, the Hilo/Hanakau Heritage Corridor, Kona Heritage Corridor, Volcano Art Center, Lyman Museum and other traditional cultural and commemorative demonstrations deserve statewide, national and international recognition; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic Party of Hawaii urge support for cultural, artistic and commemorative events and activities, to include consideration of a Hula Museum, a major Exposition and Cultural Center and the early completion of the Multipurpose Cultural Complex at the University of Hawaii at Hilo; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the State Legislature, the President and Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii and the Mayors and Councils of the respective Counties.

SUBMITTED BY: Hawaii County Democratic Party
RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A MAUNA KEA SCIENCE AND EDUCATION CENTER

WHEREAS, the University of Hawaii at Hilo location and facilities provide the State of Hawaii and the United States of America with a singular opportunity to provide an educational resource facility relating to astronomy, space science, and navigation which will be unique in North America; and

WHEREAS, this center will provide a forum for the education of our children, students, educators and visitors in exploring this cutting edge of science; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic Party of Hawaii support the construction of the Mauna Kea Science and Education Center and encourage our Congressional delegation, our State elected officials and the international scientific community to continue their support of this endeavor for the good of the people of Hawaii and in the interests of international science; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be transmitted to Hawaii's Congressional delegation, the Governor, the State Legislature, the Mayors and Councils of the respective Counties.

SUBMITTED BY: Hawaii County Democratic Party
RESOLUTION SUPPORTING CONTINUED EFFORTS TO DEVELOP BAYFRONT AREAS
IN HILO AND KAILUA.

WHEREAS, the Bayfront Highway in Hilo and Alii Drive in Kailua-Kona represent significant
potential cultural and natural resources; and

WHEREAS, appropriate shoreline setbacks, improved highway alignment and landscaping will
provide an important cultural statement about Hawaii Island's County Seat and major population
centers and its history; and

WHEREAS, with the completion of the outstanding redevelopment of Liliuokalani Park and
Gardens, and planning for a comprehensive village walkway in Kailua, and with additional work
underway along the bayfront areas in both locations; and

WHEREAS, existing and additional recreational and cultural areas should be considered such as
a botanical garden display area, more emphasis on canoe paddling and other ocean recreational
activities such as small-boat access, shore-side walks or bicycling paths, and a broader vision for
a cultural center and theme in keeping with community traditions and the cultural heritage of
Waiolama, the 'Ahu'ena Heiau complex and Hulihee Palace; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic Party of Hawaii support collaborative efforts between
the State, County and private landowners to create bayfront parks and cultural centers in Hilo
and Kona; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be transmitted to Hawaii's Congressional
Delegation, the Governor, the State Legislature and the Mayors and Councils of the respective
Counties for support.

SUBMITTED BY: Hawaii County Democratic Party
RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO APPOINT A VOTING BOARD
MEMBER OF THE HAWAII TOURISM AUTHORITY TO REPRESENT NATIVE
HAWAIIANS

WHEREAS, the Hawaii Tourism Authority (HTA), was established by Act 156, SLH, 1998, codified as HRS 201b; and

WHEREAS, HTA’s mission is of “managing the strategic growth of Hawaii’s visitor industry in a manner consistent with the economic goals, cultural values, and community interest of the people of Hawaii” is specified in HTA’s Strategic Plan (Ke Kumu); and

WHEREAS, tourism’s success stems from the natural and cultural resources of the community, Hawaii’s remarkable natural assets, cultural diversity, and world-renowned aloha spirit attracting millions of visitors to Hawaii each year; and

WHEREAS, HTA’s Ke Kumu Strategic Plan identifies that “we have a unique host Hawaiian culture, and our aloha spirit is acclaimed the world over” and that “In order for Hawaii to prosper and fulfill its potential to become a tourism leader in the millennium, the proper balance between staying competitive (demand) and keeping Hawaii’s cultures, values and product (supply) intact must be achieved”; and

WHEREAS, most of the programs and projects currently funded by the HTA tout promotion and perpetuate preservation of Hawaiian music, dance, traditional art; and

WHEREAS, an HTA member is needed who has the knowledge, experience, and expertise in Native Hawaiian issues in order to identify, evaluate, and accredit, what is Native Hawaiian; and

WHEREAS, an HTA member is needed who has the knowledge, experience, and expertise in Native Hawaiian culture, values and issues in order to identify evaluate and recommend strategies to encourage public support and participation in tourism among the plurality of Native Hawaiians;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Democratic Party of Hawaii support an amendment to HRS 201b to read “that the Governor of the State of Hawaii, appoint a voting board member of the Hawaii Tourism Authority who has the knowledge, experience, and expertise in Native Hawaiian culture, values and issues to represent Native Hawaiians”; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be to the Governor and the Democratic members of the State Legislature.

SUBMITTED BY: Oahu County Democratic Party
RESOLUTION URGING THE HAWAII STATE LEGISLATURE TO PROTECT CULTURAL HERITAGE RESOURCE AREAS BY CREATING DISTRICT COMMISSIONS/COUNCILS TO REGULATE AND MONITOR THE VARIOUS TYPES OF ECOTOURISM OPERATORS LICENSED TO OPERATE IN THEIR RESPECTIVE DISTRICTS

WHEREAS, cultural heritage resource areas are significant historic sites which include places, structures, and objects; and

WHEREAS, these resources may be of value for educational, scientific, interpretive, traditional, religious and spiritual reasons and help us to be aware of our origins, our history, and our traditions and may be found on both private as well as public lands; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism (DBEDT) acknowledged in 1994 that "the state has a unique natural environment and culture and these resources have begun to suffer from overuse and lack of adequate revenues to sustain them"; and

WHEREAS, presently there is no legal entity to monitor and regulate ecotourism operators; and

WHEREAS, at the first "Hawaii State Conference on Ecotourism in October 1994", recommendations were made to review the regulatory process and reconsider the requirements for studies, permits, licenses and fees necessary for ecotourism operators; and increase community awareness and involvement in the planning and decision-making processes in ecotourism development; and

WHEREAS, numerous cultural heritage resource areas such as historic site, trails, and archeological treasures are being violated, destroyed or put at risk; and

WHEREAS, local residents have a greater knowledge of the locations of these sites, trails and archaeological treasures and are in a geographically beneficial position to observe these ecotourism groups on a regular basis; now, therefore
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Democratic Party of Hawaii urge the State Legislature to protect cultural heritage resource areas by creating district commissions/councils to regulate and monitor the various types of ecotourism operators licensed to operate in their respective districts; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the district commissions/councils work with OHA, DLNR, DBEDT and other such designated State and County agencies to ensure that further unnecessary destruction of the environment and desecration of cultural heritage resource areas is stopped; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Democratic members of the State Legislature, the Mayors and Councils of the respective Counties.

SUBMITTED BY: Oahu County Democratic Party
RESOLUTION URGING THE HAWAII STATE LEGISLATURE TO RE-ENACT THE
PROVISIONS OF “ACT 304, SLH 1990” AND TO IDENTIFY APPROPRIATE SOURCES
OF FUNDING, OTHER THAN AIRPORT TRUST FUND REVENUES, TO ASSURE TRUST
PAYMENTS TO THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

WHEREAS, controversies surrounding the calculation and payment of the twenty percent share
of incomes generated from the use of 5(b) and other ceded lands to the Office of Hawaiian
Affairs (OHA) led to protracted court challenges, contested rulings, and a general ill-feeling
between the State and Hawaiian beneficiaries; and

WHEREAS, successful negotiations between OHA and the Office of the then-Governor John D.
Waivee III to resolve these controversies led to the legislative passage of “Act 304, SLH 1990”
to clarify which lands and what activities generating incomes, were subject to the OHA pro rata
computation; and

WHEREAS, continuing disputes regarding trust payments to OHA were entered into court,
upheld by a summary judgment issued by First Circuit Judge Hecely and then appealed to the
Hawaii State Supreme Court; and

WHEREAS, on September 12, 2001, the Hawaii State Supremc ruled “Act 304” invalid because
funds from the Airport Trust Fund, in violation of federal law, were used for payments to OHA
and, consistent with section 16 of the Act, then repealed the entirety of this law; and

WHEREAS, in its conclusion, the Hawaii State Supreme Court noted: “...now, more than twenty
years later, as we continue to struggle with giving effect to that enactment, we trust that the
legislature will re-examine the State’s constitutional obligation to native Hawaiians and the
purpose of HRS§ 10-13.5 and enact legislation that most effectively and responsibly meets those
obligation...”; and

WHEREAS, it is the constitutional, legal and moral obligation of the State of Hawaii to honor its
trust obligations to the Hawaiian peoples; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Democratic Party of Hawaii urge the Hawaii State Legislature to re-
enact the Provisions of “Act 304, SLH 1990” and identify appropriate sources of funding, other
than Airport Trust Fund revenues, to assure trust payments to the Office of Hawaiian Affairs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution will be transmitted to the Governor
and the Democratic members of the Legislature.

SUBMITTED BY: Oahu County Democratic Party
RESOLUTION URGING ACTION AGAINST PRICE GOUGING BY OIL COMPANIES IN HAWAII

WHEREAS, a cartel of oil companies, dominated by Chevron, sets and controls the price of gasoline and diesel fuel in Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, consumers, businesses, and the state and local governments in Hawaii consistently pay the highest prices in the nation for gasoline and diesel fuel; and

WHEREAS, these exorbitant prices contribute to the overall high cost of living in Hawaii and have a depressing effect on the State's economy; and

WHEREAS, Chevron has admitted in court that its price for gasoline sold in Hawaii is more than forty cents a gallon higher than what it charges in California while the real differential in production and distribution cost is closer to four cents; and

WHEREAS, based on oil company court filings, gasoline and diesel fuel charges in Hawaii during the calendar year 2001 amounted to more than $228 million in excess profits for the oil cartel; and

WHEREAS, the oil cartel has fought any attempt to moderate gasoline and diesel fuel prices in Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, this continuing price gouging by the oil cartel will further depress Hawaii's already fragile economy; and

WHEREAS, Hawaii's people will continue to be held as economic hostages to the individual and collective greed of the oil companies; and

WHEREAS, the Hawaii State Legislature acted upon measures designed to alleviate the captive position of Hawaii's consumers and reduce the islands' cost of living resulting from the predatory practices of the oil cartel; and

WHEREAS, it has been proposed that a Hawaii Fueling Authority be formed with power under the law to buy gasoline and diesel fuel on the world's spot market, transport it to Hawaii, store that fuel, and sell it to independent gasoline and diesel fuel retail dealers, or erect its own retail facilities; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Hawaii Fuel Authority's activities would result in a more competitive free enterprise system in the gas and diesel fuel industry in Hawaii, reduce the wholesale cost of such fuel to retail dealers, result in a savings to the consumer annually of approximately a quarter of a billion dollars, and appreciably reduce Hawaii's high cost of living; and
WHEREAS, the Hawaii State Legislature was not formally presented with a proposal to establish a Hawaii Fueling Authority; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic Party of Hawaii condemns the predatory pricing practices of the oil companies; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Democratic Party of Hawaii, all Democratic Party candidates for positions in the Hawaii State Legislature and for Governor of Hawaii promote broad understanding and support for legislation empowering the establishment of a State Fuel Authority to import and distribute gasoline and diesel fuel to independent dealers in competition with the oil cartel by engaging in and promoting widespread discussion among candidates and within the community of this issue; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution will be delivered to the Governor and the Democratic members of the Legislature

SUBMITTED BY: Oahu County Democratic Party
Mana Makaʻainana

We the People
Hawaii Democratic Party
State Convention 2002

Pre-Convention: Rules
DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF HAWAI'I
STATE CONVENTION 2002

May 31, 2002

PRECONVENTION RULES COMMITTEE REPORT

Delegates:

Your Preconvention Rules Committee ("Committee") proposes the following:

1) Standing Rules of the 2002 Biennial Convention of the Democratic Party; and


Your Committee met twice and reviewed carefully all proposals received. We forward to the State Convention all proposals adopted by the Counties of Oahu and Kauai; and proposed amendments which we believe would further the Party’s goals of openness, inclusion, fairness, and flexibility. We also made efforts to streamline and clarify the language and endorsed Kauai County Committee’s proposal to add the okina in all Hawaiian nouns to honor our Hawaiian host culture.

After full discussion of each proposed amendment, your Committee recommended against forwarding to the Convention four proposals. Two proposals were held as they applied solely to Kauai County. Two other proposals relating to: (1) the endorsement for nonpartisan offices, and (2) paid county staff were not supported; but, upon request, they may be brought to the Permanent Rules Committee for further discussion.

Based on the foregoing, we propose that the Preconvention Rules Committee Report be adopted and forwarded to the Permanent Rules Committee.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bill Kaneko and Sharon Miyashiro
Preconvention Rules Committee Co-Chairs
STANDING RULES OF THE 2002 BIENNIAL CONVENTION OF THE
DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF HAWAII

RULE 1. RELATING TO CREDENTIALS
(a) The Credentials Committee, directly after the opening ceremonies of the first business
session of the convention, shall report the number of delegates and alternates present with
the proper credentials, and shall make a supplementary report after the open ceremonies
as required.
(b) A member registered as an alternate can, upon proper clearance by the Credentials
Committee, be transferred from alternate to delegate at any time during the continuance
of business meetings when the Registration desk is open.

RULE 2. RELATING TO WEARING OF BADGES
For admission to the assembly hall and to facilitate identification and
seating, members shall be required to wear the badge issued by the Credentials
Committee upon registration.

RULE 3. RELATING TO ITEMS APPROVED AT COUNTY CONVENTIONS
All amendments to the General Laws of the Democratic Party of Hawaii (hereinafter
"Rules"), platform provisions, resolutions, and Affirmative Action proposals (hereinafter
"documents") that were approved at the County Conventions on May 4, 2002
will be automatically submitted to the State Convention.

RULE 4. RELATING TO ALL OTHER DOCUMENTS GENERALLY
(a) Any other documents may be submitted by two party members who are voting
members of the convention supported by the signatures of ten (10) other party
members. The signatures of the submitting members must be on the face of
the document. The supporting members’ signatures must be on an accompanying
sheet, and they need not be voting members of the convention.
(b) The proposers shall submit one copy printed in Arial, Courier, or Times
12 point type, one inch margins on left and right side and one and-one-half
inch margins at the top and bottom, on 8-1/2” by 11” white paper. Proposed
resolutions are limited to one page.
(c) The documents must be accompanied by a 3.5-inch floppy disk containing
the text of the proposal.
(d) If you are not using Microsoft Word, please use the "Save As" feature to
convert the document into "Word" format. Store only one document per disk.
Mark the disk clearly with the type of document (e.g. Resolution, Rule,
Platform or Affirmative Action), the title of the document, your name, and
the software program used.
(e) Documents must be accompanied by a completed submittal form and contain
the signatures and addresses of the supporting members. The list of supporting members
shall not be considered part of the document and will not be printed.
(f) A majority of the committee to which the document is referred shall
have the right to reject any document not complying with these requirements.
RULE 5. RELATING TO PROPOSED RULES AMENDMENTS

(a) Documents proposing amendments to the Rules, in addition to meeting the above requirements, shall be referred to and considered by the Pre-Convention Rules Committee and shall:

1. State the article, section, sub-section, and page number and line numbers of the rule proposed to be amended.
2. State the present text of the rule.
3. State the rule again with changes, additions or deletions set forth in Ramseyer format, i.e., bracket and strike through deletions and underline words to be added or inserted.
4. State the rationale for the rule change.
5. Note whether the proposal affects precinct clubs, district councils, county committees, state central committee, a specific party office, or elected officials.

(b) The proposals shall be considered by the Pre-Convention Rules Committee and a suitable report thereon with appropriate recommendations on each proposal shall be made to the Permanent Rules Committee of the Convention.

RULE 6. RELATING TO PLATFORM PROPOSALS

Documents proposing platform provisions shall be considered by the Pre-Convention Platform Committee and a suitable report thereon with appropriate recommendations on each proposal shall be made to the Permanent Platform Committee of the Convention.

RULE 7. RELATING TO RESOLUTIONS

Documents proposing resolutions for consideration by the Convention shall be referred to and considered by the appropriate Pre-Convention Committee. Such committees shall prepare and submit an appropriate report on the proposals with recommendations on each proposal to the appropriate Permanent Resolutions Committee of the Convention.

RULE 8. RELATING TO AFFIRMATIVE ACTION PROPOSALS

Proposals for affirmative action by the Democratic Party of Hawaii shall be referred to
and considered by the Pre-Convention Committee on Affirmative Action which shall
consider such proposals and submit an appropriate report with recommendations to the
Permanent Convention Committee on Affirmative Action.

RULE 9. RELATING TO DEBATE TIME
No member shall speak in debate more than once on the same question on the same day,
except as provided for in Rule 13, or longer than two minutes, without permission of the
convention granted by a two-thirds vote without debate.

RULE 10. RELATING TO RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
All reports and other material for the permanent record or printed proceedings shall be in
typed form and immediately on presentation shall be sent to the convention secretary.

RULE 11. RELATING TO MINORITY REPORTS
Minority reports of any committee's action can be filed by members of that committee
comprising 10% of the committee. Any minority report must be filed with the convention
Co-chairs or convention secretary within one hour of the filing of the majority report.
Minority reports will be a part of the permanent record of the convention. They can be
brought to the floor upon the request of any member who has signed the minority report,
whereupon the decision to take up that minority report will be put to a convention
vote without debate and will require a majority agreeing to take up the matter
for discussion by the convention.

RULE 12. RELATING TO RESOLUTIONS AND RULES CHANGES
A delegate can request that resolutions and rules changes requiring discussion be
separated out for discussion; all other resolutions and rules changes will be approved en
bloc.

RULE 13. RELATING TO LIMITING DEBATE
The convention chair may terminate debate on any motion after four speakers in favor of
the motion and four speakers opposed to the motion have discussed the motion. Prior to
speaking and at the option of a member wishing to speak in debate, such member may
declare his or her intention to limit comment to one minute and reserve the remaining
minute for later rebuttal. This rule may be suspended by a majority vote of the
convention without debate.

RULE 14. RELATING TO NOMINATION PROCESS
Nominations for State Chairperson shall be limited to one nomination speech of three
minutes and one seconding speech of one minute for each nominee. Nominations and
seconds for National Committeeman and National Committeewoman shall not exceed
one minute. Nominations and seconds for Youth representatives, one (1) male and one
(1) female shall not exceed one minute. In contested races, candidates for State
Chairperson may speak for four minutes each, candidates for National Committeeman
and National Committeewoman may speak for two minutes each, candidates for Youth
representative one (1) male and (1) female may speak for one minute each. Nominations
for other positions will be announced the Chairperson of the Elections Committee.
Nominees for contested State Central Committee seats will address delegates from their
district in caucus prior to voting.

RULE 15. RELATING TO MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS
Notices for announcement shall be sent to the desk of the convention Secretary or the
desk of the Floor Manager.

RULE 16. RELATING TO CONVENTION GOVERNANCE
The rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the
Convention in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not
inconsistent with the General Laws of the Democratic Party of Hawaii and these standing
rules.
THE GENERAL LAWS OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF HAWAII
AS AMENDED ON MAY 28, 2000

ARTICLE I - MEMBERSHIP

* Proposed amendments are indicated in Ramseyer method: new language is underlined; deletions are in brackets and italicized.

** NOTE: It has been proposed that the correct spelling of words with the 'okina (') be adopted where applicable throughout the General Laws, and that the 'okina be included during finalization of the General Laws.

RATIONALE: Insertion of the 'okina reflects the proper Hawaiian spelling and should be used as a way of honoring the host culture. Discussed at the May 13, 2002 meeting.

Section 1. Eligibility. [Individuals who at the time of application are registered to vote in the State of Hawaii may become members of the Democratic Party of Hawaii.] The Democratic Party of Hawaii shall be open to all persons who desire to support the Party, who wish to be known as Democrats, and who live in Hawaii.

RATIONALE: The intent is to open the doors of the Party to all who wish to become members.

Section 1. Eligibility. [Individuals who at the time of application are registered to vote in the State of Hawaii may become members of the Democratic Party of Hawaii.] (a) The Democratic Party of Hawaii shall be open to all persons who desire to support the Party, who wish to be known as Democrats, and who live in Hawaii. (b) Individuals who, at the time of application are registered to vote in the State of Hawaii may become voting members of the Democratic Party of Hawaii. (c) Individuals who, at the time of application, are eligible but not registered to vote in the State of Hawaii may become non-voting associate members of the Democratic Party of Hawaii; and upon registration to vote in the State of Hawaii, may apply to become voting members of the Democratic Party of Hawaii. (d) Individuals who, at the time of application, are not eligible to register to vote in the State of Hawaii may become non-voting associate members of the Democratic Party of Hawaii. If eligibility to register to vote in the State of Hawaii is later attained and the individual duly registers to vote, then the individual may apply to become a voting member of the Democratic Party of Hawaii.

RATIONALE: The intent is to make Party membership more expansive. However, safeguards are included in order to be in compliance with Federal and State Campaign Spending laws, and to insure that the state does not jeopardize its voting privileges at the Democratic National Convention. Discussed at the May 22, 2002 meeting.

Section 2. Enrollment. The procedure for enrollment in the Democratic Party of Hawaii shall be as follows:
2A. The applicant shall fill out a Democratic Party of Hawaii State Enrollment Card and may submit a voluntary contribution.

2B. The enrollment card and contribution, if any, of a new member, shall be hand-delivered or delivered [or] by mail [or fax] to the Democratic Party Headquarters. Additionally, to meet filing deadlines, the enrollment card may be transmitted by fax or scanned electronic mail to Democratic Party Headquarters. It shall be the responsibility of the Treasurer of the State Central Committee to issue a receipt for cash contributions and the Secretary of the Central Committee issue a membership card along with information about the member’s Precinct Club and its officers, within thirty (30) days of receipt of the enrollment card. The contribution shall remain with the Democratic Party Headquarters to take care of the administrative expenses of maintaining a centralized membership records system.

RATIONALE: The deletion of the single word “or” is grammatical and this proposed rule change could be considered on its own merit. Discussed at the May 13, 2002 meeting.

The addition of the phrase “hand-delivered or” reflects the reality of enrollment card transmission to the party in that many cards are hand delivered. In any case the original card should reside at Democratic Party Headquarters per the Rules change of 2000.

Further, current rules allow for the enrollment card to be faxed to party headquarters, but not scanned electronically and transmitted by electronic mail. The end result, however is the same: a piece of paper printed out with the pertinent information and required signature. Allowing electronically scanned enrollment cards is more cost- and time-efficient.

2B. The enrollment card and contribution, if any, of a new member, shall be received [delivered or by mail or fax to] the Democratic Party Headquarters. It shall be the responsibility of the Treasurer of the State Central Committee to issue a receipt for cash contributions and the Secretary of the Central Committee issue a membership card along with information about the member’s Precinct Club and its officers, within thirty (30) days of receipt of the enrollment card. The contribution shall remain with the Democratic Party Headquarters to take care of the administrative expenses of maintaining a centralized membership records system.

RATIONALE: The above proposal broadens the means by which the enrollment card may be delivered to Party Headquarters. It is intended that all forms of submission including but not limited to mail, fax, hand-delivery, electronic mail, be permitted. Discussed at the May 22, 2002 meeting.
2C. Immediately upon becoming a member of the Democratic Party of Hawaii, the new member, as of the date of Party membership, becomes a member of the Democratic Precinct Club in the precinct in which the member is registered to vote and resides except as provided for in Article II, Section 3 of the Hawaii State Constitution. The Precinct Club and the District Council to which the Precinct Club belongs shall be notified at appropriate intervals of all new members enrolled by the Secretary of the State Central Committee. The new member shall be entitled to all the rights, privileges and obligations in the Party, provided that the right to vote in the Precinct Club may be exercised only after forty-five (45) days membership. However, the forty-five (45) day restriction shall not apply to the Presidential Preference Poll. If a member has resigned from the Party in the two (2) years prior to re-enrollment in the Democratic Party of Hawaii, the re-enrolled member must be a member in good standing for at least two years prior to serving on a County Committee, State Central Committee, or as National Committeeman or National Committeewoman or as State Party Chairperson.

2D. [In order to ensure that potential Democratic Precinct Club members be accorded full participation in the biennial election of precinct officers and delegates to the State Convention, official notice of the last day on which Democratic Party enrollment will fulfill the forty-five (45) day membership requirement set forth in Section 2C. above shall be given by the Secretary of the State Central Committee. This notification shall be published at least once in a newspaper of general circulation in each of the counties between January 1st and January 10th of each even numbered year; provided, however, that in the County of Hawaii, notification shall be published in East and West Hawaii.

2E. An individual who has completed and submitted a Democratic Party Enrollment Card (forty-five (45) days prior to the Democratic Party precinct elections), but whose name does not appear on the voter registration list in the County in which that person resides, shall submit proof of his/her voter registration at the Democratic Party precinct meeting, or shall sign a sworn voter registration form in the presence of a precinct official at the precinct meeting and shall submit that form to the Secretary of the State Central Committee. The Precinct President shall have the responsibility to verify that the Party member was registered to vote in that precinct within one month after the biennial precinct meeting. If the Party member has not submitted the form to the Democratic Party Headquarters by one month after, then the membership in the precinct will not be recognized by the Democratic Party and any office so obtained will be deemed vacant.

RATIONALE: The forty-five day restriction is a hindrance to permitting membership in
the party and participation at all levels of party activities. Removing the limitation would
give greater accessibility to all interested persons who support our democratic ideals.
Discussed at the May 13, 2002 meeting.

Section 3. Official Enrollment Card. The form of the official enrollment card and
membership card shall be as prescribed by the State Central Committee.

Section 4. Membership.

4A. Any member once enrolled in the Democratic Party of Hawaii shall, at the
member’s option, continue to be a member except as provided by Article I, Section
8.

4B. Where record of prior membership cannot be located and membership is
claimed, the claimant shall obtain the signatures of five (5) members of
the Party and proof of voter registration. Upon the filing and validation of
the signatures on a form specified by the State Central Committee, the
Secretary of the State Central Committee shall be authorized to issue a
duplicate membership card. An enrollment card shall be filed pursuant to
Section 2, above, except that the card will bear the word “duplicate.” The
above form certified by the Secretary of the State Central Committee will
serve as proof of membership.

Section 5. Transfer. Where a member’s place of voting changes to a different precinct,
upon such change, the member is automatically a member of such precinct’s Precinct
Club. It shall be the duty of the Secretary of the State Central Committee to notify the
District Councils and Precinct Clubs of the change.


6A. The Secretary of the State Central Committee shall be the official
custodian of the membership records of the Democratic Party of Hawaii.
It shall be the Democratic Party of Hawaii’s duty to keep and file all
enrollment cards pursuant to Section 2, above, as well as record all
changes and transfer of which notice is received. The Secretary of the
State Central Committee shall notify the County Committee, the District
Council, and the Precinct Club of the change.

6B. It is the duty of each member to inform the Secretary of the State Central
Committee any changes in his or her mailing address. When a member is
no longer registered to vote at the address on the official mailing list, the
Democratic Party Headquarters is authorized to remove that name from
the list. The Democratic Party Headquarters shall at regular intervals send
a copy of all changes made to the official membership list to each County
Secretary.
6C. Where a member is removed from a Precinct Club’s official membership list, it shall be filed in a permanent alphabetical suspense file until such time the status of the member can be determined and placed in the correct Precinct Club or officially deleted from membership in the Democratic Party of Hawaii.

Section 7. Termination. It shall be the duty of the Secretary of the State Central Committee to remove enrollment cards from the active file and notify the respective secretaries of the County Committee, the District Council and Precinct Club for any of the following reasons:

7A. Death.

7B. Assumption of a permanent residence outside of the State.

7C. Disaffiliation from the Democratic Party of Hawaii.

7D. Loss of civil rights or U.S. Citizenship.

Section 8. Expulsion, Censure or Reprimand.

8A. A member of the Democratic Party shall be automatically expelled from the Party for the following reasons:

1) Membership with a political party[,] other than the Democratic Party[,] or

2) Filing as a candidate of a political party other than the Democratic Party.

Rationale: The purpose of the amendment is to clarify that either one of the listed reasons would constitute grounds for the automatic expulsion from the Party. Discussed at the May 13, 2002 meeting.

8B. A member of the Democratic Party may be expelled, censured or reprimanded for the following reasons:

1) Active support or promotion of a political party or any candidate(s) of a political party, other than the Democratic Party. Examples of active support include[,] but are not limited to, announcing one’s candidacy for an elected position of another political party, running as a candidate of another political party and rejoining the Democratic Party, making monetary or in kind contributions, acceptance of an official or non-official position in an opposition campaign, resigning from the Democratic Party to support or run as a candidate of another political party and rejoining the Democratic Party, sign-waving, letter writing, appearance in campaign ads, etc.
RATIONALE: The proposal adds the additional ground of “announcing” to run as a candidate of another political party as a reason for expulsion from the Party. A grammatical error is also corrected. Discussed on May 22, 2002.

2) Failure of a candidate for an elective office or an elected official to follow and abide by the General Laws of the Democratic Party of Hawaii, and regulations of the Party campaign committees as approved by the State Central Committee or respective County Committee.

3) Failure to abide by the General Laws of the Democratic Party of Hawaii and/or platform of the Party.

4) Violation of governmental ethics codes as adjudicated or determined by the State Ethics Commission, the County Ethics Commission, the Office of Disciplinary Counsel, the State House, the State Senate, or the courts.

8C. Procedure. The procedures for expulsion, censure or reprimand shall be as outlined below. In addition, the State Central Committee may adopt procedures and policies consistent with this section.

1) Any expulsion of a member pursuant to subsection A, shall be automatic and implemented by the Secretary of the State Central Committee. After expulsion, the expelled member is barred from enrolling for membership for five (5) years.

2) Any proceeding for the expulsion, censure or reprimand of a member of the Democratic Party under subsection B will be conducted in the following manner.

a) Complaints; Limitations. Any complaint charging a member with cause for expulsion, censure or reprimand under subsection B shall be made in writing to the County Secretary no later than one hundred and twenty (120) days after the violation. The written complaint shall state the rule(s) which have been violated, the activities alleged to have been committed, the date(s) of these activities, be accompanied by evidence of such activities and shall be signed by one (1) Party member and endorsed by four (4) other Party members.

b) Notice. The accused member must be notified in writing by the County Secretary within ten (10) days of the receipt of a written complaint charging cause for expulsion, censure or reprimand
pursuant to subsection B. The member shall have thirty (30) days from the date of notification to prepare a response.

c) Investigation. The County Chairperson shall refer each complaint to the County Rules Committee or a special committee to investigate the charges. The referral of complaint shall be reported to the County Committee at its next meeting and shall be recorded in the minutes. The Rules Committee or special committee shall conduct a good faith investigation to determine if a violation of the rules has occurred. The committee shall interview the accused member, the complainant, and any witnesses and gather other facts as necessary for its finding, and shall, within thirty (30) days, submit a report and recommendation(s) to the County Chairperson. The Rules Committee or special committee may recommend, in addition to the provisions provided in subsection (g) below that the member:

(i) be expelled for at least three (3) years but not more than five (5) years;

(ii) be censured in writing and removed from all Party offices for at least three (3) years but not more than five (5) years;

or

(iii) be reprimanded.

d) The Committee's Report. A copy of the Committee Report shall be provided to the accused member and the complainant. The report shall include the grounds upon which the expulsion, censure or reprimand is being sought, the committee's findings and recommendations, and a list of County Committee members who are eligible to vote to accept, amend, or reject the committee's findings and recommendations.

e) Hearing. The County Committee shall place the complaint on the agenda at its next meeting following receipt of the Rules Committee or special committee report or by agreement with the accused member at some other time. Notice of the meeting shall be given to the member, the complainant and the County Committee at least seven (7) days prior to the hearing. The Rules Committee or special committee shall present its report on the complaint and its recommendation(s) in a meeting open to any interested Party member. The accused member, complainant and any member shall be allowed to make a statement relating to the facts of the case or the committee's recommendation. The County Committee shall decide the complaint by majority vote. The County
Committee shall give notice in writing of its decision to the
secretary of the State Central Committee, with a copy to the
member and complainant within seven (7) days. A copy of the
committee’s report and the County Committee’s decision shall be
filed with the County Secretary and the State Secretary and shall
be available for inspection by Party members.

f) Appeal. A member expelled, censured or reprimanded pursuant to
subsection B may appeal the decision of the County Committee to
the State Central Committee by filing a written request with the
Secretary of the State Central Committee within ten (10) days of
receiving the written decision of the County Committee. Where no
appeal is taken within the ten (10) days limitation, the decision of
the County Committee shall be final. Where an appeal is taken to
the State Central Committee, a hearing shall be granted in open
meeting of the entire State Central Committee within thirty (30)
days. The State Central Committee shall decide the appeal by
majority vote and shall transmit to the member a written notice of
its decision within ten (10) days. The decision of the State Central
Committee shall be final.

g) Enforcement. In the case of a member expelled under subsection
A, the Party shall take all reasonable action to prevent such person
from running for office as a Democrat, serving in public office, or
holding an office in the Party during the (5) years provided in that
section. In the case of a member expelled under subsection B, the
Party shall take all reasonable action to prevent such person from
participating in Party activities, running for public office as a
Democrat, or serving in public office for the (running/ period
provided in the decision of the County Committee or State Central
Committee. In the case of a member censured under subsection B,
the Party shall take all reasonable action to prevent such member
from holding an office in the Party.


ARTICLE II - PRECINCT CLUB

Section 1. Definition. The Precinct Club shall be the basic unit of the Party
organization. There shall be one Precinct Club in each precinct, as defined by law.

Section 2. Organization.

2A. Initial organization of a Precinct Club shall be under the jurisdiction of the
District Council of the district within which the precinct is located. At least four (4)
one (1) eligible person/s, all/ residing within the /same/ precinct, may proceed with the
formation of a Precinct Club. A Precinct Club, once organized and recognized by the
District Council, shall be the constituted body having jurisdiction in the precinct.
Thereafter, no other Precinct Club in the same precinct may be organized unless and until
such time as the club of record shall be declared by the Executive Committee of the
District Council to be inactive as defined in this section.

2B. An inactive Precinct Club is one from which the Precinct President [and the First
Vice-President have] has resigned or [have] has registered to vote outside of the
precinct’s boundaries and where the Precinct Club fails to have at least one active
member eligible for and willing to serve as Precinct President, for other reasons has
become unable to muster a quorum of (4) active members.

2C. Whenever a Precinct Club of record is declared inactive by the Executive
Committee of the District Council, the Chairperson of the District Council shall initiate
reorganization of the Club by the following procedure.

1) The District Council Chairperson shall call for a precinct reorganization
meeting. All precinct members of record shall be notified pursuant to
Article II, Section 6.

2) The District Council Chairperson shall at such meeting see assembled at
least (four (4)) eligible members of the Precinct Club and proceed as with the initial organization of a new
precinct. [Where there are fewer than 100 registered voters in a precinct, the
precinct may be organized with fewer than four members.] The
requirement of Article I, Section 2.C. as to length of membership shall not
apply.

3) If the District Council Chairperson fails to reorganize the precinct within
fifteen (15) days of the declaration, the Chairperson of the County
Committee shall accept the responsibility for reorganizing the precinct as
defined in this Article. However, requirements of Article I, Section 2.C.
as to length of membership shall not apply.

RATIONALE: Corrects a grammatical error.

Section 3. Biennial Election of Precinct Officers and Delegates to the State Convention.
3A. The Precinct Club shall meet to elect officers, delegates, and alternates as provided in Section 5 of this Article and Article VI, Section 2 E., on the first Tuesday of March in every even numbered year or at such other times as may be determined by the State Central Committee. Elections shall be by secret ballot if requested by any member present. The official notice designating the time, place, and purpose of such meeting shall be given by the Secretary of the County Committee by publication at least once in a newspaper of general circulation in each of the Counties and by other appropriate written communication to each Democratic Party member not less than (forty-five (45)) twenty (20) days prior to the first Tuesday of March of such year, provided, however, that in the County of Hawaii, notice shall be published in both East and West Hawaii.

RATIONALE #1: Some attendees at precinct club meetings feel intimidated by open voting. As the presidential poll is required to be by secret ballot, so should the other elections. Discussed on May 22, 2002.

RATIONALE #2: It was impossible in 2002 to lock in locations 45 days in advance. Many schools would not commit to rent space more than 30 days in advance. Discussed on May 22, 2002.

RATIONALE #3: In the event the National Convention is advanced in time, flexibility to schedule the Hawaii caucuses and convention is necessary. Additionally, notification beyond newspaper publication insures participation in Party events by all members. Discussed on May 22, 2002.

1) By the first week of December of odd numbered years in order to facilitate the compilation of said list of Precinct and District meeting places, each County Chairperson shall be responsible to contact each Precinct President
who shall be responsible to secure a meeting place in order of preference:

a) polling place, b) community center, or c) other.

2) Each Precinct President shall report their meeting place to the District Chairperson by the 15th of December. It shall be the District Chairperson’s responsibility to report back to the County Chairperson with the meeting places by December 21. The County Chairperson must submit to the Corresponding Secretary a completed list of meeting places by January 5 of even numbered years.

3B. The Democratic Party Headquarters shall issue a certified copy of the membership list of each Precinct Club to the District Council Chairpersons and Precinct Club Presidents not later than thirty (30) days before the regular elections for officers and delegates of that Precinct Club.

1) The official list shall include only the names of those persons [whose membership dates back forty-five (45) days from the date of] eligible to participate in the Precinct Club elections. A copy of this list will be available to any interested Democrat at the County Office and District Council in which the precinct is located.

2) Members listed on the official membership list for that precinct shall be eligible to vote in that precinct. Members who do not appear on said list shall comply with the rules of membership as provided in Article 1.

3C. Where a name has been omitted from the certified list and the member whose name was omitted produces at the precinct election meeting a dated membership card signed by a Secretary of a County Committee, County Chairperson, Secretary of the State Central Committee, or State Chairperson showing membership [of at least forty-five (45) days prior to the date of the precinct elections] or the form provided in Article 1, Section 4B., and proof of voter registration in that precinct, that name shall be added to the list noting the date of membership. The respective secretaries of District Council, the County Committee and State Central Committee will be informed of the addition made to the certified list.

3D. Within ten (10) days after issuance of this certified list, any member may challenge any name appearing on the precinct list by submitting in writing reasons therefore to the Secretary of the District Council. These challenges shall be heard promptly by the Executive Committee of the District Council upon due notice to the parties of the time and place of the hearing and shall be disposed of prior to the election of precinct officers and delegates. The decision of the Executive Committee of the District Council shall be final and conclusive.
3E. Where no meeting is held because a quorum of four (4) person(s) is not
attained at the March biennial election meeting, it shall be the duty of the officers and
members of that precinct club to attempt immediately a successful meeting. Where no
officers have been elected in the current biennium, any four (4) member(s) of the
precinct may, by written petition to the respective District Council, request the initiation
of precinct reorganization.

1) The Secretary of the District Council shall be notified of the time, place,
and purpose of the prospective special meeting and notice will be given
pursuant to Article II, Section 6.

2) Where no successful meeting is held by the fourth Tuesday in March, the
Chairperson of the District Council shall consider the precinct inactive and
initiate reorganization as set forth in Section 3E of this ARTICLE.
Should a Precinct Club be reorganized at least 15 days prior to a County or
State Convention, the Precinct Club shall have all the privileges of a
Precinct Club organized on the first Tuesday of March.

3) Where no successful meeting is held 21 days prior to a State Convention,
the Chairperson of the District Council shall appoint delegates and
alternate delegates to the State Convention, with priority for delegates
going first to persons who were present at the original Precinct Club
meetings, then to those elected as alternate delegates from other precincts
in the district. These appointments shall be made at least 21 days prior to
the State Convention and the delegates and alternates so appointed shall
have the same rights and privileges at a State Convention as if they were
elected on the first Tuesday of March.

RATIONALE: Many precincts are not formed for various reasons. This will enable
other party members to participate and increase attendance at the State Convention. It is
a chance for alternates, most of whom attended the precinct meeting, to become

3F. In the event that a precinct holds a successful biennial election except that all
positions are not filled, a Precinct Club may hold additional meetings after the biennial
election in order to fill any vacancy subject to the notice requirements of ARTICLE II, Section 6.
Officers, delegates and alternates so elected shall have the same rights and privileges at a
County or State Convention as if they were elected on the first Tuesday of March, so long
as they are elected at least 15 days prior to such convention. In the event that there are
delegate and alternate vacancies 21 days prior to the State Convention but at least one
delegate has been elected, the Chairperson of the District Council and the precinct
delegate shall appoint delegates and alternate delegates to the State Convention, with
priority for delegates going first to persons residing in the precinct and then to persons
elected as alternate delegates from other precincts in the district. If no delegates have
been elected previously, the Chairperson of the District Council shall appoint delegates
and alternate delegates to the State Convention, with priority for delegates going first to
persons elected as alternate delegates from other precincts in the district. These
appointments shall be made at least 15 days prior to the State Convention and the
delegates and alternates so appointed shall have the same rights and privileges at a State
Convention as if they were elected on the first Tuesday of March.

RATIONALE: Many precincts are not formed for various reasons. This will enable
other
party members to participate and increase attendance at the State Convention. It is a
chance for alternates, most of whom attended the precinct meeting, to become delegates.
Discussed on May 22, 2002.

3G. The results of the Precinct Club election shall be signed and certified by the
President and the Secretary of the Precinct Club and shall be delivered or postmarked
within forty-eight (48) hours of the election to the State Central Committee, the County
Committee and the District Council. Official forms for such certification shall be
provided by the County Committee and shall include the following:

1) Time, place, and date of the meeting.
2) Names and addresses of eligible club members present and voting.
3) Names and addresses of the officers elected.
4) Names and addresses of the elected delegates and alternates elected.

3H. The certified Precinct Club election report forms shall be maintained on file at the
District, County, and State offices and shall be open to inspection by any registered
member of the Party.

3I. Challenges concerning the election of Precinct Club officers shall be made to the
District Council at its first meeting on the first Tuesday in April. The meeting place,
time, and purpose shall be given by the Secretary of the District Council pursuant to
Article III, Section 4 and shall be announced at the precinct election. The District
Council shall, not later than the second Tuesday in April, rule on every challenge
concerning a precinct officer or concerning the validity of a vote on or the eligibility of a
person voting on any question other than the election of State Convention delegates. An
appeal from the decision of the District Council must be made to the County Committee
not later than April 30th, and can be made only after compliance with the procedures and
requirements of this paragraph. Further appeal may be taken to the County Convention.

3J. Challenges concerning delegates to the State Convention shall be submitted to the
District Council at its meeting on the first Tuesday in April for transmittal to the Pre-
Convention Credentials Committee. In its transmittal to the Pre-Convention Credentials
Committee, the District Council shall make recommendations after investigating the
challenge and furnish all relevant information. The Pre-Convention Credentials
Committee shall be appointed by the State Chair and shall include four sub-committees,
one for each County, to dispose of challenges within their respective Counties. The sub-
committee for each County shall be composed of at least five (5) members from that
County. The Pre-Convention Credentials Committee shall rule on each challenge at least
two (2) weeks before the State Convention. Further appeal may be taken to the State
Convention.

3K. Challenges concerning the election of Precinct Club officers and delegates to the
State Convention for precincts which held elections subsequent to the March
Precinct meetings shall be made no later than fifteen (15) days after the elections
following the procedures in 3l. and 3j. above.

Section 4. Officers of Precinct Club.

4A. The elected officers of the Precinct Club shall be a President, a
First Vice-President, a Secretary, a Treasurer and the Precinct’s District Councilperson.
The Precinct Club may elect such other officers and alternates, including an Alternate
District Councilperson for offices as it may deem necessary and may combine any two
(2) offices except those of President, First Vice-President and the Precinct’s District
Councilperson. Precinct Club officers shall not be required to relinquish their positions if
elected or appointed to the State Central Committee.

4B. No person shall be eligible to hold any office in a Precinct Club
who has not been a member of the Party for at least forty-five (45) days prior to the date
of the election. This rule shall not apply to a newly organized club or a club being
reorganized.

4C. Each officer shall take office immediately upon election and shall
hold office from the time of election until a successor is duly elected, or until said officer
moves out of the precinct.
Any officer who has resigned or becomes unable to serve shall be replaced by the Precinct President. If the Precinct Club does not replace the officer, the Chairperson of the District Council will replace that officer.

The officers of the Precinct Clubs shall have those duties which usually pertain to the offices concerned. In addition, each has the following special duties:

1) The President shall make arrangements for the biennial precinct election meeting by the 15th day of December preceding the election year in accordance with Article II, Section 3.A.1). The President shall call and preside at all meetings of the club. The President shall issue notice of proposed meetings to the entire membership and make arrangements for obtaining a meeting place. The President shall call a meeting here requested to do so by any five (5) members of the Club, or by the Chairperson of the District Council. The President shall notify the Secretary of the County of any corrections to the membership list for the precinct which are made known to the President. The President shall be a representative from the precinct to the District Council. The President shall follow a set of guidelines/procedures as set forth by the State Central Committee relating to the running and conduct of a precinct meeting.

2) The First Vice-President shall perform the duties and functions of the President in the absence or sickness of the President or in the event the President fails or neglects to perform such duties.

3) The Secretary shall attend each meeting and keep a minute book wherein shall be recorded the happenings, resolutions, motions and rules of each meeting. The Secretary shall also keep custody of such records and membership lists and upon the expiration of the term of office shall surrender these records and lists to either of the succeeding Secretary or to the Chairperson of the District Council.

4) The Treasurer shall be responsible for the safekeeping of all money and revenues of the club and shall submit a report in writing to the club at each regular meeting. Upon the expiration of his term of office, the Treasurer shall turn over to the succeeding Treasurer or Chairperson of the District Council all moneys, accounts, or bankbooks. The Treasurer shall have the specific duty to see that all bills incurred by the club are promptly paid and that all assessments levied by the Party are promptly forwarded.

5) It shall be the specific duty of the District Councilperson to attend all meetings of the District Council and the County Convention either in person or by proxy as authorized by Article III, Section 6 and to report to the club matters discussed and decided therein.
6) In the absence of any regularly elected officers at any duly called meeting of the Precinct Club where a quorum of four (4) is present, a temporary officer may be chosen by those in attendance to preside over the meeting, as well as a temporary secretary designated to record the minutes of the meeting.

4/FJE. Automatic Succession.

1) President. In the event that the Precinct President vacates the position or is elected District Chairperson or officer of a County Committee or other position requiring he/she to automatically vacate his/her precinct office, the precinct First-Vice-President shall automatically become precinct President.

2) District Councilperson. In the event the precinct District Councilperson is elected District Chairperson or officer of a County Committee or other position requiring he/she to automatically vacate his/her precinct office, the alternate District Councilperson shall automatically become precinct District Councilperson.

Section 5. Delegates and Alternates to the State Convention.

5A. Each precinct shall elect delegates to the State Convention as contained in the official Call of the Party, subject to the composition requirements set forth in Article VI, Section 2.E. To provide every Precinct Club representation at the State Convention, a Precinct Club will elect alternate delegates equal to the number of delegates allocated to the club, provided that the official Precinct Club membership roster, at the time of the biennial election certified adequate membership for the precinct to elect an equal number of alternates. Election of alternates should be subject to the composition requirements set forth in Article VI, Section 2.E. In the event the certified roster indicates insufficient membership for an equal number of alternates, the precinct shall decide the number of alternates to be elected. No person shall participate in more than one (1) meeting of a Precinct Club held for the purpose of electing delegates to the State Convention. “Participation” as used above shall include voting.

1) Any member of the Precinct Club may be elected to represent that club as a delegate or alternate at the State Convention. Alternates shall be elected in an order of succession to delegate status beginning with the number one (1). If a delegate is unable to attend the State Convention, the delegate may choose any alternate of that delegate’s same sex elected in the Precinct Club to serve in that delegate’s stead. If no elected alternate of the same sex is available, the delegate may designate an elected alternate of the opposite sex in the delegate’s stead. However, no alternate shall act for more than one (1) delegate. In the event a delegate fails to choose an elected alternate the succession of alternates to a delegate status shall be in the order of succession as designated by the Precinct Club at its biennial
election. An alternate, in order of succession, may be seated as a delegate
if a delegate has not registered by 10:00 a.m. on the second day of the
Convention. The provision for reseating a delegate to the Convention
shall be by the attendance and in the following order of priority:

a) Elected Delegate.

b) Elected Alternate of the same sex of the absent Delegate chosen by
   the absent Delegate.

c) Elected Alternate of the same sex in the order of succession.

d) Elected Alternate of the opposite sex of the absent Delegate chosen
   by the Absent Delegate.

e) Elected Alternate of the opposite sex in the order of succession.

2) The delegates and alternates seated as delegates from a precinct shall cast
all votes allotted to the precinct. In the event no delegates and/or alternates
seated as delegates from a Precinct Club are present, the votes to which
the Precinct Club is entitled and which are to be cast for actions on
Resolutions, Platform and Rules shall be apportioned among the delegates
and alternates seated as delegates for the Representative District.

3) Delegates and alternates seated as delegates in attendance at the biennial
convention shall cast their individual votes allotted to the precinct in
voting for Party Officers.

5B. Precinct Presidential Poll During Presidential Election Years. In
every year in which a presidential election occurs, a presidential poll shall be taken on all
precinct members present to determine their presidential preferences or uncommitted
status. Precincts shall conduct a formal registration (sign in and verification) process
under the guidance of the district chairperson, or designee, to insure the identity,
residence, and status of each person as a member of the Democratic Party. The voting,
counting, and submission of ballots shall be the responsibility of the District Chairperson,
or designee, subject to the following:

1) The presidential poll shall be taken by secret ballot.

2) Balloting for the presidential poll shall be open for at least thirty (30)
minutes or for the duration of the precinct meeting, whichever is greater.
When more than one (1) precinct votes at a common location, the
registration and presidential voting process shall be held in common for
the voting period of the preference poll immediately prior to the beginning
of the precinct meetings.
3) Registrar/tellers shall be appointed:
   
a) to receive and accept proof of identity from each Precinct Club
   member, and
   
b) to count and record ballots for the precinct.
   
4) One (1) registrar/teller shall be selected from each of the opposing
   candidates represented in the Precinct Club.
   
5) Ballots shall be sealed in an envelope and submitted with the precinct
   election results to the Democratic Party Headquarters.
   
6) The results of the presidential polls shall be submitted by mail or other
   appropriate means to the State Central Committee within forty-eight (48)
   hours. The State Central Committee shall tabulate the results on a
   Congressional District basis and announce such results within twenty (20)
   days after the poll. The official registration sheet shall be available to the
   representatives of the various presidential candidates at least seven (7)
   days prior to the State Central Committee announcement of the results.

Section 6. Notice of Meeting.

6A. No Precinct Club meeting shall be duly called unless notice is
given to the entire membership by telephone, electronic mail or personal/fax or written
notice mailed to the last known address at least five (5) days prior to the date of the
meeting, or by publication at least once in a newspaper of general circulation in that
County at least five (5) days prior to the meeting. However, the notification requirements
of this section shall be waived when a second attempt is made to hold a precinct meeting
for the purpose of electing Precinct officers and delegates to the State Convention,
provided that each member who attended the earlier attempted meeting be notified at
least five (5) days in advance of any subsequent meeting.

RATIONALE: Notification of meetings via electronic mail is cost- and time-effective.
There is also a proposed punctuation correction. Discussed at the May 13, 2002 meeting.

Section 7. Quorum. A quorum shall be four (4) members of the Club, except as
provided for in Section 2 C.2.

Section 8. Proxies. No proxies shall be voted at any Precinct Club meeting, nor shall
proxies be counted in constituting a quorum.

Section 9. Use of the Name of the Democratic Party of Hawaii. No Precinct Club
or combination of Precinct Clubs, or members of clubs, or committees shall be permitted
to use the name of the Democratic Party of Hawaii without first obtaining express and
specific consent and authority of the appropriate County Committee or State Central
Committee.

Section 10 of Club Rules. Each Precinct Club may adopt rules for the proper conduct
of its business not inconsistent or in conflict with the General Laws of the Democratic
Party of Hawaii.

RATIONALE: Many precincts are unable to organize and have representation at the
Convention due to the inability to obtain the currently required quorum of 4 individuals.
Decreasing the quorum requirement from 4 to 1 would permit participation by such
precincts. Amendments striking the 45-day membership requirements are also included
for consistency with the amendments proposed for Article I for the reasons stated above.
Discussed at the May 13, 2002 meeting.

ARTICLE III - DISTRICT COUNCIL

Section 1. Organization. There shall be a District Council in each Representative
District, which shall consist of all the Precinct Presidents and District Council persons of
each precinct and the duly elected Chairperson. Counties may include the Precinct First
Vice-President.

Section 2. Officers.

2A. Officers of a District Council shall be a Chairperson, not more than
three (3) Vice-Chairpersons, not more than two (2) Secretaries, and a Treasurer. When
more than one (1) Vice-Chairperson is elected, they shall be designated as First, Second
Vice-Chairperson, etc. The offices of the Secretary and Treasurer may be held by one (1)
person. A Chairperson of the District Council upon election shall automatically vacate
the office of Precinct President, Precinct Vice-President or District Council person. The
officers of the District Council shall constitute the Executive Committee.

2B. Except for the Chairperson, who may be any member of the Party
residing in the District, only members of the District Council may be elected officers of
the Council.

2C. The duties of the officers of the District Council shall be those
usually pertaining to the office concerned and specifically include any duties imposed by

The Chairperson of the District Council shall have the power and duty to
appoint chairpersons and members of all special and standing committees with the
advice and consent of the majority of the members of the District Council.
The Chairperson shall be responsible for the calling of all regular and
special meetings of the District Council and the giving of proper notice
and the arranging for meeting places for both special and regular meetings.
The Chairperson of the District Council shall seek volunteers to serve on standing committees of the State Convention, and, insofar as practicable, shall recommend one (1) person of each sex for each committee.

2) The various Vice-Chairpersons of the District Council in the order of their respective designation shall have the power to perform the duties and functions of the Chairperson for the absence or sickness of the Chairperson or in the event the Chairperson fails or neglects to perform such duties.

**RATIONALE:** The proposed change is a grammatical correction. Discussed at the May 13, 2002 meeting.

3) The Secretary shall be charged with keeping accurate minutes of all meetings of the District Council. These minutes shall be properly typewritten and entered along with all written reports of officers and committees in a book or file maintained for that purpose and turned over intact to the succeeding Secretary. The Secretary shall keep all records relating to the District and maintain and keep the membership list of the members of the Party for the District on a current basis with addresses and precinct designations.

4) The Treasurer shall be primarily responsible for all fund raising activities within the District Council, shall have custody of any moneys and records of funds of the District which may be deposited in a commercial bank in the name of the District Council or deposited in the account of the County Committee to the credit of the District Council. The Treasurer shall be responsible for seeing that all money collected in the name of the District Council is collected by duly authorized and identified persons, that receipts are given to contributors, and that a strict accounting is kept of all funds so collected. The Treasurer shall turn over all moneys and records of funds of the District Council to the successor in office. The Treasurer shall submit a biennial financial report to the County Committee Treasurer by the second Tuesday in April in every even-numbered year.

**Section 3. Term of Office.** The District Council, excepting the District Chairperson, shall take office no later than [omitted] the first Tuesday of April in every even-numbered year and hold office for the next two (2) years. The District Council shall hold elections for all officers no later than the first Tuesday in April in every even-numbered year, at a time and place to be designated by the District Chairperson. The District Chairperson shall take office immediately upon election and shall hold office from the time of election until a successor is duly elected.

**RATIONALE:** Some districts elect officers the night of the precinct meeting; others elect officers on the first Tuesday in April. This clarifies and gives flexibility to when such elections and assuming office may occur. Discussed at the May 22, 2002 meeting.
Section 4. Meeting, Notices, Attendance at Meetings. Regular meetings of the District Council shall be held at least three (3) times a year at such time and place as the Chairperson designates. District Council meetings may be held at any time by call of the Chairperson or upon a written request submitted to the Secretary or Chairperson by not less than twenty five (25) percent of the total membership of the District Council. Notice of District Council meetings shall be given in person, by telephone, by electronic mail or by mailing such notice to the last known address of each member not less than five (5) calendar days prior to the meeting.

RATIONALE: The proposed change allows for a more time- and cost-effective way to notify members of District Council meetings. Discussed at the May 13, 2002 meeting.

Section 5. Quorum. Each District Council shall determine their own quorum rules except that it shall not be less than forty (40) percent of the members of the District Council.

Section 6. Proxies. A Precinct President or District Councilperson and Precinct First Vice-President, if applicable, may give their proxies to any officer of their precinct but to no one else.

Section 7. Committees. The membership of the committees shall be restricted to members within the District. The Chairperson of the committees shall be appointed from the members of the District Council.

Section 8. Duties and Responsibilities of the District Council.

8A. The District Council, at its first meeting on the first Tuesday in April, shall hear all challenges concerning the results of the biennial precinct elections that may be brought before it by any Party member residing in the District. The District Council shall, not later than the second Tuesday in April, rule on every challenge concerning a precinct officer, or concerning the validity of a vote on, or the eligibility of a person voting on any question other than the election of State Convention Delegates.

8B. The District Council shall consider challenges concerning delegates to the State Convention pursuant to Article II, Sec. 3(J).

8C. It shall be the duty of the District Council to establish and maintain an active and effective Party organization within its district to inform Democrats within the District of Party policy and activities, and to insure as large a vote as possible for Party candidates in the election.

8D. To effect these ends, the District Council may adopt district platforms, consistent with the Party Platform adopted by the State Convention, and take
such steps as are necessary to encourage officials of the District elected or appointed in
the name of the Party to observe the platform and principles of the Party.

Section 9. District Council Rules. Each District may adopt rules for the proper conduct
of its business not inconsistent or in conflict with the General Laws of the Democratic
Party of Hawaii.

ARTICLE IV - COUNTY COMMITTEE

Section 1. Organization. There shall be a County Committee in each County which
will consist of the following:

1A. Oahu County Committee. The Chairperson of each District Council and the
     officers of the County Committee.

1B. Hawaii County Committee. The officers of each District Council and the officers
     of the County Committee.

1C. Maui County Committee. The President of each precinct within the county, the
     officers of the County Committee, and the Chairperson of each District Council.

1D. Kauai County Committee. The Chairperson of each District Council and the
     officers of the County Committee.

1E. Each County Committee shall make available to its respective delegates and
     alternates the final reports, including any and all recommendations and
     amendments proposed for adoption by the State Convention, submitted by all
     County appointed standing committees including those committees on Platform,
     Resolutions, Rules, Affirmative Action, at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to
     the convening of the County Convention.

Section 2. Officers, Eligibility and Nominations. Any member of the Party residing in
the County and who has been a member of the Party for at least one (1) year prior to the
County Committee Officers election may be elected an officer of the County Committee
with the exception of County Chairperson. Elected officials, individuals appointed to fill
an elected office, or candidates for elected office are not eligible to become County
Chairperson. If a member has resigned from the Party in the two years prior to re-
enrollment, the re-enrolled member must be a member in good standing for at least two
years prior to the County Committee Officers election prior to being elected an officer of
the County Committee. If a District Chairperson, Precinct President, Precinct First Vice-
President or a Precinct District Councilperson is elected as a county officer, that person
shall automatically vacate the lesser office. Any person who wishes to be a candidate for
Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary or Treasurer, shall file nomination papers at
least ten (10) days prior to the County Convention. The nomination papers will be signed
by not less than ten (10) members of the Democratic Party of Hawaii residing in the
county or districts being represented.

2A. Officers of a County Committee shall be a Chairperson, one (1) or more Vice-
Chairpersons, a Secretary and Treasurer and such other officers as may be
provided in the rules of the County Committee.

2B. The duties of officers of a County Committee shall be those usually pertaining to
the office concerned and specifically include any duties imposed by the General

2C. The Chairperson of the County Committee shall have the power and duty to
appoint the Chairperson and members of all special and standing committees
unless otherwise specified, with the advice and consent of the County Committee.
The Chairperson shall be responsible for the calling of all special meetings of the
County Committee, and the giving of proper notice and the arranging for meeting
places for both special and regular meetings. The Chairpersons shall also be
responsible for attending meetings of the State Central Committee, or of its select
committees, and reporting the proceedings at such meetings to the next regular
meeting of the County Committee. The Chairperson shall automatically vacate
his/her office upon appointment to fill the vacancy of an elected office or upon
filing as a candidate for elected office.

2D. The various Vice-Chairpersons shall be responsible in the order of their
designation for carrying on the functions of the Chairperson in the absence of the
Chairperson.

2E. The Secretary will be charged with keeping accurate minutes of all meetings of
the County Committee and its Executive Committee. These minutes shall be
properly typewritten and entered along with all written reports of officers and
special and standing committees, in a book maintained for that purpose and turned
over intact to the succeeding Secretary.

2F. The Treasurer shall be primarily responsible for all fundraising activities within
the County, shall have custody of the County Treasury which shall be deposited at
a commercial bank in the name of the County Committee and shall submit a
report in writing at each regular meeting of the County Committee. The Treasurer
shall be responsible for seeing that all money is collected by duly authorized and
identified persons, that receipts are given to all contributors, and that a strict
accounting is kept of all funds so collected. The Treasurer shall be bonded in a
reasonable amount determined by the County Committee and the premium will be
paid from County funds. The Treasurer shall submit a biennial financial report of
County Committee finances to the State Central Committee Treasurer and District
Council finances to the State Central Committee Treasurer one (1) week prior to
the County Convention in every even-numbered year.
Section 3. Term of Office. The County Committee shall organize and take office immediately after the adjournment of the County Convention which shall have elected the County Committee officers who shall hold office for the next two (2) years.

Section 4. Vacancy of County Chairperson. In the event of a vacancy in the office, an interim County Chairperson shall be elected by the County Committee in accordance with the following procedures:

4A. The County Secretary shall notify all members of the County Committee within ten (10) days of notification of the occurrence of the vacancy. Any member of the County Committee who wishes to nominate a person to fill the vacancy may select a nominee from any member of the Party, and may nominate such person to fill the vacancy by forwarding a statement to that effect, signed by the nominee, to the County Secretary within the deadline established by the County Secretary in the notice of vacancy or within ten (10) days after notification, whichever is greater.

4B. The County Secretary shall then prepare a notice of election meetings, designating the time, place, and purpose of the meeting, which shall include the names of all nominees for the office of County Chairperson. Such notice shall be mailed ten (10) days prior to the meetings, and will be mailed to all members of the County Committee.

4C. All members present at the election meeting may vote from among the nominees, and that nominee receiving the highest number of votes shall immediately assume office. Proxy voting shall be prohibited and voting by secret ballot may only be waived by a consensus of those present and eligible to vote.

4D. Only members of the respective County Committee will be eligible to vote to fill the vacancy in the office of the County Chairperson.

4E. Should the newly elected Chairperson be an existing County Committee officer, a replacement officer shall be elected at the election meeting.

Section 5. Quorum. Each County Committee shall determine its own quorum rules.

Section 6. Proxies.

6A. A District Officer may give his or her proxy to another officer of his or her District Council in accordance with Article III - District Council of the General Laws of the Democratic Party of Hawaii.

6B. All proxies must be in writing and shall be filed with the Secretary of the County Committee unless the designee is a Vice-Chairperson of the District Council.
Section 7. Standing and Special Committees. There shall be standing committees on
finance, organization, patronage and legislation.

7A. The County Committee Treasurer shall act as Chairperson of the
Finance Committee and this Finance Committee shall be responsible for the raising of
and accounting for funds within the County.

7B. The Patronage Committee shall be responsible for receiving,
processing and forwarding to the proper persons all endorsements made in accordance
with the General Laws of the Democratic Party of Hawaii and for obtaining and
compiling information on job openings and forwarding such information to the precincts.

7C. The Organization Committee shall help organize or reorganize new
or inactive District Councils and Precinct Clubs, encourage the registration of voters and
compile necessary and pertinent information on voting within the County.

7D. The Legislation Committee shall be charged with compiling
information on worthwhile legislative projects in keeping with the Party Platform,
drafting or having drafted appropriate measures and cooperating with the proper officials
and members of the City Council in having such legislation introduced and passed. The
Chairperson of the legislative Committee shall report to the County Committee at its
regular meetings on the activities of the Legislative Committee and on the cooperation
received from the various officials and board members.

Section 8. Duties and Responsibilities of the County Committee. It shall be the duty
of the County Committee to establish and maintain an active and effective Party
organization within its County, to inform Democrats within the County or Party policy
and activities and to insure as large a vote as possible for Party candidates in the
elections.

8A. To effect these ends, the County Committee may adopt county
platforms, consistent with the Party Platform adopted by the State Convention, and take
such steps as are necessary to encourage officials of the County elected and appointed in
the name of the Democratic Party to observe the platforms and principles of the Party.

8B. It shall be the duty of the County Committee to cooperate in the
carrying out of the policies and programs of the State Central Committee.

Section 9. County Convention: Time, Place and Notice.

9A. The meeting to elect the officers of the County Committee shall be
held on the first weekend in May of even-numbered years or at such other times as may
be determined by the State Central Committee, and the time and place of the meeting for
such purpose shall be fixed by the County Committee. Special conventions may be
called in accordance with rules and procedures established by the respective County
Convention.
Rationale: Permits scheduling County Conventions at such other
times as may become

9B. The time and place of the convention will be designated by the
Chairperson and notice of the place and time thereof shall be sent to all delegates and
alternates by mail at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of the Convention.

9C. The President, First Vice-President, if more than one, and District Councilperson
of each precinct, and the District Chairperson of each district, shall be the
delegates to the County Convention. Officers of the County Committee upon
election shall become members of the County Convention.

9D. All persons who are members of the County Convention are
entitled to a vote at the County Convention. If a Precinct President, First Vice-President
or District Councilperson is unable to attend the County Convention, said delegate may
choose any officer elected in the Precinct Club to serve in that delegate’s stead, provided
that no alternate shall act for more than one (1) delegate. The officers of the County
Committee shall be elected at the County Convention.

9E. The names of the members of the County Committee on Rules,
Affirmative Action, Platform, Credentials and Resolutions shall be available no later than
the third Monday in April, or at least seven (7) days before the first meeting of said
Committees.

Section 10. County Convention Rules. Each County Convention may adopt rules for
the proper conduct of its business not inconsistent or in conflict with the General Laws of
the Democratic Party of Hawaii.

Section 11. Rules for the Adoption of Respective County Committee Rules.

11A. It is the purpose and intent of this rule to authorize and require the
respective County Committees to adopt their own rules to meet the desires and needs of
the individual counties.

11B. Each County Committee shall submit proposed rules to the State Central
Committee within ninety (90) days of adoption. The State Central Committee
shall, within 120 days of receipt of the rules changes, notify the County and rule
on their acceptability. Upon the determination by the State Central Committee
that the proposed rules or rule changes are consistent with the General Laws of
the Democratic Party of Hawaii such County Committee rules or rule changes
shall become effective. Once new rules for a County Committee are approved by
the State Central Committee, Sections 1 through 10 of Article IV of the General
Laws shall no longer apply to that County Committee; provided, there shall be a
County Committee in each County and provided that the rules and rule changes of
a County Committee shall have first been ratified by the State Central Committee. If the State Central Committee fails to certify the rules and rule changes proposed by a County Committee, that County Committee may at the next State Convention appeal for ratification of such rule changes by the convention.

11C. In the event that a County Committee fails to submit proposed rules for ratification, or if such rules are not ratified as foreseen, then the foregoing the General Rules of the Democratic Party of Hawaii of this Article shall remain applicable to such County Committee.

Section 12. Meetings, Notices, Attendance at Meetings.

12A. Regular meetings of the County Committee shall be held at least once every three months at such time and place as the members may decide in accordance with their own rules.

12B. Special meetings may be held at any time by call of the Chairperson or upon written request submitted to the Secretary or Chairperson by not less than twenty-five percent (25%) of the total membership. Notice of special meetings shall be given in person, by telephone, by electronic mail or by mailing such notice to the last known address of each member not less than five (5) calendar days prior to the meetings.

RATIONALE: This proposed rule change would allow for more cost- and time-efficient distribution of notices. Article IV pertains to communications from the various County Committees. Discussed at the May 13, 2002 meeting.

ARTICLE V - STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE

Section 1. Membership.

1A. There shall be a State Central Committee consisting of elected and ex-officio members apportioned as follows:

1) Elected members-at-large:

a) State Chairperson

b) National Committeeman

c) National Committeewoman

d) Eight Youth Representatives, one (1) male and one (1) female from each County, between the ages of 18 and 35, inclusive.
RATIONAL: It is time to start nurturing Neighbor Island youth leaders. Currently Neighbor Island youth are not a part of the Youth leadership, which is exclusively O'ahu-centric. Discussed at the May 13, 2002 meeting.

2) Elected members, one (1) male and one (1) female, from each Senatorial District, with the exception of the Senatorial District(s) which cover more than one county, but only in compliance with Section 1. A.5;

3) Elected County Representatives from each County, one (1) male and one (1) female;

4) Ex-officio members:
   a) Immediate Past State Chairperson
   b) County Chairpersons; [and]
   c) Parliamentarian to be appointed by the State Chairperson of the State Central Committee, with the consent of the State Central Committee, at the first meeting of the State Central Committee immediately following elections for a term coterminal with that of the State Chairperson. The Parliamentarian shall serve at all meetings of the State Central Committee; and
   d) Representative of each approved caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawaii, proposed by each caucus with the consent of the State Central Committee. An approved caucus is one that has been recognized by a State Convention or by the State Central Committee.

RATIONAL: Although we have the ability to recognize caucuses, their support or lack thereof is currently limited to the interests of the county and state Party chair. This minimal rule change promotes increased Party participation and recruitment of new Party members through the codifying of minimal support and recognition of input from caucuses as one avenue of Party participation and involvement in terms of decision making. Discussed on May 22, 2002.
5) One male and one female elected from each county of a senatorial district which covers more than one county.

1B. Each elected and ex-officio member, except the Parliamentarian, of the State Central Committee or that member’s successor shall be entitled to one (1) vote.

Section 2. Apportionment. The State Central Committee shall state the number of Committee persons for each Senatorial District in its proclamation calling for the State Convention, subject to Article VI, Section 1.

Section 3. Nomination and Filing. Any citizen resident in the State of Hawaii, who is or will be a member of the Democratic Party of Hawaii for one (1) year before the next election, and who wishes to become a candidate for election to State Party Chairperson or for election to the State Central Committee shall file a nomination paper with the Secretary of said County or the State Central Committee at least twenty (20) days prior to the State Convention, except that papers for the County Representative seats shall be filed at least ten (10) days prior to the County Convention. In the event that no papers have been filed by the filing deadline, the filing deadline shall be extended until 10 days prior to the State Convention. However, no additional nomination papers shall be allowed for those positions for which papers had been filed by the filing deadline. If a member has resigned from the Party in the two (2) years prior to re-enrollment in the Democratic Party of Hawaii, the re-enrolled member must be a member in good standing for at least two (2) years before the next election prior to being elected State Party Chairperson or for election to the State Central Committee.

3A. The nomination paper of a candidate for State Party Chairperson, National Committeeman and National Committeewoman shall be signed by not less than ten (10) certified members of the Democratic Party of Hawaii.

3B. The nomination paper of a candidate Youth Representative shall be signed by not less than ten (10) certified members of the Democratic Party of Hawaii, at least five (5) of whom are members of the Party who are 35 years of age or younger

(Young Democrats of Hawaii)

RATIONALE: Eliminates the requirement of obtaining the signature of someone who is an actual member of the Young Democrats of Hawaii. Discussed on May 22, 2002.

3C. The nomination paper of a candidate for a State Central Committee member shall be signed by not less than five (5) certified members of the Party from the nominee’s Senatorial District.
3D. The nomination paper for a State Central Committee member filing as a County Representative shall be signed by five (5) certified members of the Party from the nominees County.

Section 4. Elections. The members of the State Central Committee, except County Representatives on the State Central Committee shall be elected at the Democratic State Convention by the delegates as designated in Article VI - State Convention - Section 3. The County Representatives on the State Central Committee shall be elected by the convention delegates from their respective County at the County Convention.

Section 5. Officers.

5A. In addition to the Party Chairperson, who shall also be the Chairperson of the State Central Committee, the elected officers of the State Central Committee shall be a Vice-Chairperson, a Secretary, an Assistant Secretary, a Treasurer and an Assistant Treasurer. The foregoing officers, excepting the Chairperson, shall be elected by the members of the State Central Committee from its membership. They shall serve until their successors have been elected, provided, however, that any officer may be removed for cause by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all the members of the State Central Committee, at a meeting called for that purpose.

5B. The Chairperson of the State Central Committee may appoint other Vice-Chairpersons as the Chairperson may deem necessary or proper with the consent of the State Central Committee.

5C. The duties of the Officers of the State Central Committee shall be those usually pertaining to the office concerned and specifically include any duties imposed by the General Laws of the Democratic Party of Hawaii.

1) The State Chairperson shall appoint chairpersons and members of all special and standing committees. The Chairperson shall call all regular and special meetings of the Executive and State Central Committee. The Chairperson shall submit an operating budget for the biennium following the initial organization meeting of the State Central Committee.

2) The elected Vice-Chairperson shall perform the duties and functions of the Chairperson in the absence of the Chairperson. The Vice-Chairperson shall also perform other duties and functions as assigned by the Chairperson. The elected Vice-Chairperson shall also be charged with the responsibility of monitoring the activities of the standing committees.

3) The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all Executive and State Central Committee meetings in a permanent Minutes book. The Secretary shall also have primary responsibility for care and maintenance of the membership lists. The Secretary shall be responsible for seeing that such
lists are available for inspection by interested Democrats at all reasonable
times. The membership lists, certified as correct to the best of the
Secretary’s knowledge and belief, shall be turned over intact to the new
Secretary at the end of the old Secretary’s term of office. The Secretary
shall also be responsible for issuing membership cards, in such form as
may be prescribed by the State Central Committee, to all duly certified
members of the Party with the County.

4) The Assistant Secretary shall assist the Secretary in carrying out the
various duties assigned to the Secretary and shall perform the duties, in the
absence of the Secretary.

5) The Treasurer shall account for all moneys received by the Party and shall
follow standard accounting procedures in recording receipt of moneys and
the disbursement of funds. All disbursements shall be by check
countersigned by either the Chairperson or the elected Vice-Chairperson.
All disbursements should be supported by a document or an invoice
approved through a prescribed procedure. Other duties and
responsibilities include:

a) Provide a financial statement on its operations at each meeting of
the Executive and State Central Committee.

b) To comply with all tax laws as it applies to the Party as an
employer.

c) To determine and analyze the biennial budget at regular intervals
and report its findings to the finance committee.

d) To serve as an ex-officio member of all special projects where a
subsidiary sets of records are kept with an appointed Treasurer.
These projects upon completion should be incorporated into the
general books of the Party and filed as a part of the Treasurer’s
general record.

6) The Assistant Treasurer shall assist the Treasurer in carrying on the
various duties assigned to the Treasurer and shall perform the duties, in
absence of the Treasurer.

Section 6. Filling of Vacancies. When the State Chairperson files to run for or is
appointed to elective public office, with the exception of the State Constitutional
Convention delegate, the Party office shall automatically be deemed vacant. Vacancies
in the membership of the State Central Committee due to death, resignation, or a member
seeking State or County elective office shall be filled as follows:
6A. Vacancy in the office of the State Chairperson shall be filled by the State Central Committee by election of an interim State Chairperson. Where the remaining term of a State Chairperson is less than a year, the elected Vice-Chairperson shall assume the office of the Chairperson.

6B. Vacancy in the office of the National Committeeman or National Committeewoman shall be filled by the State Chairperson with the concurrence of the majority of the State Central Committee members present at the State Central Committee meeting where the position is filled, until the following Democratic State Convention.

6C. Vacancy in the office of Youth Representative shall be filled by the [State] respective County Chairperson with the concurrence of the majority of the [State Central] respective County Committee members present at the [State Central] County Committee meeting where the position is filled [and the executive board of the Young Democrats of Hawaii].

**Rationale:** The proposed rule change is dependant upon another rule change that would allow each county to select two youth representatives to the State Central Committee. This proposed rule change would allow for the County Chairperson and County Committee to be involved with the selection of their own youth representative. Discussed at the May 13, 2002 meeting.

6D. Any vacancy during the term of the Committeeperson from a Senatorial District or the County Representative shall be filled by the County Committee within which the past incumbent resided. The person filling the vacancy shall meet the requirements of the candidate for Committeeperson.

6E. All vacancies shall be filled within forty-five (45) days from the date of the resignation or relocation of the Committeeperson.

Section 7. Tenure-Interim. The tenure of the interim State Chairperson shall be until a successor is elected at the next succeeding State Convention.

Section 8. Power and Duties. The State Central Committee shall:

8A. Have general supervision over the affairs of the Party.

8B. Give official notice, as set forth in Article 1, Section 2.D., of the last day on which Democratic Party enrollment will fulfill the length of membership requirement for full participation in the biennial Precinct Club election.
8C. Call all State Conventions and make the necessary arrangements therefor.

8D. Allocate and extend such monies as are properly under the control of the Committee. Such funds shall be deposited at a commercial bank in the name of the Party by the Treasurer. The Committee shall require the Treasurer to be bonded in such amounts to the Committee may appear proper (premium therefor to be paid by the Party), to submit a written report to the State Convention, and to submit such other reports written or otherwise, as the Committee will require.

8E. Adopt written policies and procedures based upon generally accepted accounting and fiscal practices and principles.

8F. Insure that all fund raising projects undertaken in the name of the Democratic Party be conducted according to the accounting policies and practices adopted by the State Central Committee.

8G. Prepare legislation and take such other action as may be necessary to cause the principles set forth in the Party Platform to be enacted into law.

8H. Take all necessary steps to insure a full slate of Democratic Party candidates for all elective offices within the State of Hawaii.

8I. Have authority to charter statewide subsidiary organizations within the Democratic Party of Hawaii to further the goals of the Party. Each chartered organization shall submit proposed rules and amendments to the State Central Committee within ninety (90) days of adoption and may from time to time be required to submit a progress report listing its accomplishments for the preceding year. Upon determination that the proposed rules or rule changes are consistent with the General Laws of the Democratic Party of Hawaii, such rules or rule changes shall become effective. The Committee shall reserve the authority to withdraw the charter of any group which shall in the opinion of the Committee, fail to abide by the principles of the Democratic Party of Hawaii (See Article 1, Section 8).

8J. Allocate and remit funds from the Party treasury to the Democratic National Committee.

8K. Have power to make rules and regulations not inconsistent with the General Laws of the Democratic Party of Hawaii for the governance of itself, its committees and the Democratic Party of Hawaii.

8L. Implement the Party’s Affirmative Action Plan.
8M. Have such other powers and perform such other duties as may be reasonably implied from the General Laws of the Democratic Party of Hawaii or incidental to the carrying out of its functions.

8N. Exercise power from convention to convention to make interim changes to the General Laws of the Democratic Party of Hawaii, and the rules and regulations of the County Committees, when mandated by the Democratic National Committee for compliance to Rules, Party Structure, Delegate Selection and Party Charter.

8O. Remove a member of the State Central Committee who has accrued three consecutive unexcused absences from regular State Central Committee meetings.

Section 9. Meetings.

9A. Immediately after the adjournment of the State Convention, which shall have elected Central Committee persons, the members of the new Committee (including its ex-officio members) shall meet for the purpose of organizing and electing its officers.

9B. The State Central Committee shall meet at least once every three (3) months. To the extent possible, the place of the meeting of the State Central Committee or of the Executive Committee shall be rotated among the counties; and, whenever possible, all or a portion of the cost of transportation of members from counties other than the county in which the meeting is held shall be defrayed from the Party treasury.

9C. Minutes of each meeting shall be kept and permanently filed by the Secretary in a book kept for such purposes, which book shall be turned over to the next succeeding Secretary of the Committee. Copies of the minutes shall be made available to Party members upon request.

9D. The State Central Committee shall determine its own quorum rules except that it shall not be less than forty (40) percent of its members.

9E. Notice of regular meetings shall be given not less than ten (10) calendar days before the meeting, and may be delivered by mail, fax or electronic mail.

RATIONALE: This proposed rule change would allow for more cost- and time-efficient distribution of notices. Discussed at the May 13, 2002 meeting.

9F. Meetings of the State Central Committee shall normally be open to all Party members. Under exceptional circumstances, the State Central Committee may decide to go into executive session to deal with a matter. Any decision to go into
executive session shall require a two-thirds vote of State Central Committee members in attendance.

Section 10. Proxies.

10A. Central committee members unable to attend a Central Committee meeting held in another County may give his or her proxy to another member from his or her County. In no event shall a Central Committee member carry more than two proxies.

RATIONALE: It is dangerously undemocratic to allow for an unlimited number of proxies to be carried by a single Central Committee member. Discussed at the May 13, 2002 meeting.

10B. All proxies must be in writing in the form approved by the State Central Committee and shall be filed with the Secretary of the State Central Committee.

Section 11. Committees. The State Central Committee shall appoint standing committees on Finance, Platform, Legislation, Rules, Affirmative Action, Membership, Fundraising, Communications, Community Relations, Campaign, and Compliance. Review and may appoint such other standing or special committees as may be necessary.

11A. Every special committee shall make a report in writing to the Central Committee or the Executive Committee if such committee was appointed by the Executive Committee upon the conclusion of its work and at such other times as may be required.

11B. Every such report shall be filed by the Secretary of the State Central Committee in the minute book of the Committee.

11C. The Finance Committee shall be chaired by the Treasurer and shall prepare the biennial budget in consultation with the State Chairperson. Its membership shall include at least one (1) member from each county. This budget shall be presented to the members of the State Central Committee at the meeting following the initial organizational meeting of the State Central Committee. In addition, the Finance Committee shall:

1) Review and analyze the approved budget at regular intervals and if necessary submit the Committee’s recommendation in regards to changes to the budget.

2) Submit written policies and procedures relative to the various accounting functions required to maintain proper financial records of the Party to the State Central Committee for its approval.
3) Oversee special fund raising projects undertaken in the name of the
Democratic Party to ensure that proper accounting procedures are
followed in conforming with the policies and procedures established in
Article 5, Section 8.E.

4) Review staff appointments made by the Chairperson and the amount of
remuneration to be paid the staff member in conformance with the adopted
budget. Review also the appointment of individual contractors and the
requirement of a formal contract to be signed by the Chairperson and the
independent contractor. Review all contracts with independent contractors
and contractor's remuneration levels for services to be rendered.

Section 12. Executive Committee. The elected and appointed officers as designated in
Section 5 of this Article and the National Committeeman and the National
Committeewoman and each County Chairperson shall constitute the Executive
Committee of the State Central Committee.

12A. The Executive Committee shall meet once each quarter at the call
of its Chairperson or upon written request of not less than five (5) members of the
Executive Committee filed with the Secretary of the Executive Committee. Notice of
each meeting shall be given by the Secretary at least three (3) days before the date of the
meeting.

12B. A majority of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum
for any meeting of the Executive Committee. No proxies may be used by any member of
this Executive Committee.

12C. The Executive Committee shall have full charge of matters within
the authority of the State Central Committee between meetings of the State Central
Committee.

Section 13. Financial Reports.

13A. All officers, and members of the Central Committee, who in the
name of the Democratic Party of Hawaii, engage in fund raising activities or have the
responsibility of making disbursement and receiving assessments, contributions or gifts,
shall be responsible for a strict accounting of all funds received or disbursed. A full and
complete report in writing shall be submitted to the Executive Committee within a
reasonable time after the completion of a project or term or at the request of the
Chairperson or the Treasurer or the Executive Committee. This section shall apply to any
other person appointed by this body. In addition, the treasury books and accounts of the
State Central Committee shall be audited between March 1st and May 1st of the year in
which the Central Committee is elected. The auditor's report shall be available at the
State Convention, and at the Democratic Party Headquarters for inspection by any
member of the Party.
13B. Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary, the County Committee shall keep their own financial records and shall be exempted from the audit described in Article V, Section 13.

ARTICLE VI - STATE CONVENTION

Section 1. Time, Place, Notice. Convention will be called biennially in May of each even numbered year, and at such other times as may be determined by the State Central Committee. The date and place of the meeting shall be fixed by the State Central Committee and notice thereof shall be given by publication in a newspaper of general circulation throughout the State of Hawaii not less than ten (10) days prior to the date of the biennial precinct election.

Rationale: Allows for flexibility in scheduling the Convention at other times than during even numbered years. Discussed on May 22, 2002.

Section 2. Composition.

2A. Incumbent State Chairperson, National Committeeman and National Committeewoman, State Central Committee Members, District Chairpersons, Incumbent and immediate Past County Chairpersons, including ex-officio members of the State Central Committee, former Democratic Governors, former Democratic Lieutenant Governors, and former Democratic State Chairpersons.

2B. 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 or alternates from the precinct, shall have all the rights and privileges of a delegate subject to the following requirement:

1) Be a member in good standing.

2) Have attained their present office in a partisan election as a Democrat, have been appointed to fill a vacant position of an elected official or have attained their present office in a nonpartisan County election provided they are Democratic Party members in good standing.

3) The rights and privileges granted in this paragraph are non-transferable.
2C. The delegates in Section 2.A. and 2.B. above shall have all the rights and
privileges of a delegate but shall not be allowed to vote in the National Convention
Delegate selection process unless elected as a State Convention Delegate in their
respective precinct meeting.

2D. The number of State Convention delegates allotted to each precinct shall be
determined by the total number of votes cast for the Democratic candidate in the most
recent gubernatorial or presidential election.

1) The total number of elected delegates to the State Convention shall be
1000. 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 or presidential candidate, and the result multiplied by the
total number of elected delegates to the State Convention.

2) Absentee ballots are prorated as a percentage of the total number of
precincts affected by the absentee ballots.

3) If the result for any precinct is less than or equal to two delegates, that
precinct shall elect two delegates.

4) If the result for any precinct is greater than two delegates and more than
50% of each additional delegate, that precinct shall be entitled to one
additional delegate.

2E. Precincts shall elect delegates and alternates composed of equal numbers of men
and women except as provided below:

1) If the number of delegates allotted to a precinct is an odd number, then the
composition of that delegation may deviate by one (1), or

2) If the precinct lacks sufficient candidates of either sex to make equal
composition possible, then the precinct shall not be required to have equal
numbers of men and women, but shall make reasonable attempts to
comply with this subsection.

Section 3. Purposes. The State Convention shall convene for the following purposes:
3A. To elect a National Committeeman and a National Committeewoman in every Presidential election year by the delegates voting at-large and to fill any vacancy in these positions in the non-Presidential election year. In the event there is a vacancy in the office of National Committeeman or National Committeewoman due to death or to resignation, such vacancy shall be filled by the State Central Committee until the following Democratic State Convention.

3B. To elect delegates and alternates to the Democratic National Convention in every Presidential election year. The number of delegates and alternates allotted to each State is determined by the Democratic National Convention (Based on the Hawaii National Delegate Selection Plan and Affirmative Action Plan).

1) The rules regarding the selection of delegates and alternates shall be approved by the State Central Committee and issued thirty (30) days prior to the State Convention. Such rules shall be available at no cost. The rules need not be incorporated herein, but may be issued in a separate pamphlet form.

2) Certification. The National Convention Delegates and Alternates shall be certified by the State Chairperson and filed with the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee within ten (10) days after selection.

3) Slate-Making. Any individual or group of Democrats may sponsor or endorse a slate of candidates for National Convention Delegates. But no slate may receive preferential treatment for a preferential place on a delegate selection ballot or be publicly identified on the ballot as the “official” slate. All slates must meet the same qualifying requirements set forth in this Article.

4) Only members elected as delegates to the State Convention in their precinct caucus shall be eligible to vote for National Convention Delegates and Alternates.

3C. To elect Presidential Electors and Alternates, as prescribed by law, in every Presidential election year, by the delegates voting at-large. Candidates for presidential electors and alternates shall be members of the Party in good standing for at least one year.

3D. To elect the Democratic State Chairperson and members of the State Central Committee, except County Representatives elected at the county convention.
1) The Chairperson of the Democratic Party of Hawaii, who shall also serve as Chairperson of the State Central Committee, and the youth representatives, shall be elected by the convention delegates voting at-large.

RATIONALE: This rule change is dependant upon another rule change that would allow the four County Chairpersons to nominate two youth representatives (one male and one female) from each of the counties, with the approval of the respective County Committee. Discussed at the May 13, 2002 meeting.

2) The State Central Committee members, representing Senatorial Districts, shall be elected by the state convention delegates from the respective Senatorial Districts; provided that one male and one female shall be elected from each County or a Senatorial District which covers more than one county. State Central Committee members, representing their counties, shall be elected by their county convention.

3) The elected or appointed Democratic officials or candidates running for elective public office, with the exception of those running for or elected as a delegate to the State Constitutional Convention, are not eligible to be Chairperson of the Democratic Party of Hawaii.

4) Election of the Party Chairperson shall include weighted votes.

a) Weighted votes is defined as those delegates not registered at the State Convention. Weighted votes shall be permitted for members in counties who need to travel to another county to participate in the State Convention. The total votes, including weighted votes, for any county shall not exceed their allocated total.

(i) Weighted votes shall be applied automatically by the Elections Committee for a county, by county, in direct proportion to the votes cast for the various candidates by the registered delegates of that county.

(ii) For mathematical computation, fractions shall be carried to two decimal places. Fractional votes of one-half or more shall increase to the next whole number, whereas, less than one-half shall have the fraction dropped. Where mathematical computations cause the total county vote to exceed or decrease its total allocated count, a coin toss by the Credentials Chairperson, who shall be present in the Elections counting room, shall be implemented to offset the discrepancy.
5) All elections shall be determined by plurality.

Vacancies in the youth representative seat(s) shall be filled by the Chairperson of the State Central Committee and shall be filled by a person meeting the qualification of the position in which such vacancy shall have occurred. It shall be the duty of the Secretary of the State Central Committee to notify the proper County Committees on any such vacancies.

RATIONALE: This rule change is dependant upon another rule change that would allow the four County Chairpersons to nominate two youth representatives (one male and one female) from each of the counties, with the approval of the respective County Committee. Discussed at the May 13, 2002 meeting.

3E. To adopt the Platform of the Democratic Party of Hawaii.

3F. To adopt the revisions, amendments or alterations to the General Laws of the Democratic Party of Hawaii.

3G. To adopt Resolutions.

3H. To consider such other business as may come before it.

Section 4. Candidate’s Filing Fee. Any member of the Party wishing to be a candidate for the above offices shall file a nomination paper with the Secretary of the State Central Committee, signed by not less than ten (10) members of the Party for candidates for statewide office and by not less than five (5) members of the Party for all other offices, at least twenty (20) days prior to the State Convention and pay to the Democratic Party of Hawaii a fee of U.S. ten (10) dollars, except that papers for the County Representative seats shall be filed at least 10 days prior to the County Convention. In the event that no papers have been filed by the filing deadline, the filing deadline shall be extended until 10 days prior to the State Convention. However, no additional nomination papers shall be allowed for those positions for which papers had been filed by the filing deadline.

Section 5. Delegate Registration Fee. All delegates and alternates in attendance, registered at the State Convention shall be assessed a registration fee that is determined by the State Central Committee to defray the cost of the Convention. Any excess shall be realization to the Democratic Party of Hawaii.

5A. Where a State Convention delegate is unable to pay the designated registration fee, a written request for waiver should be submitted to the State Convention Credentials Committee.

1) The written request for waiver must be submitted within sixty (60) days following the March Precinct Caucus and explain the reason for the
request.

2) No request for waiver will be accepted after the sixty (60) day deadline.

5B. In compliance with the Democratic National Committee Rules, no person shall be excluded from any stage of the national delegate selection process for failure to pay the registration fee.

Section 6. Organization of the Convention. The State Central Committee shall be charged with the responsibility of planning for the State Convention. The State Chairperson shall appoint all pre-convention committee Chairpersons and members not less than thirty (30) days prior to the opening of the State Convention. If committee vacancies exist, additional members shall be appointed up to seven (7) days prior to the State Convention. Among the pre-convention committees appointed, there shall be:

Rationale: At times, committees are not full. This will enable newly elected delegates as well as those who had not submitted their committee request forms to be able to participate on committees and allows for greater participation of convention delegates. Discussed on May 22, 2002.

6A. Pre-convention Platform Committee.

6B. Pre-convention Rules Committee.

6C. Pre-convention Resolutions Committee.

6D. Pre-convention Affirmative Action Committee.

6E. Pre-convention Credentials Committee which shall be charged with the investigation and certification of a temporary call of delegates. The temporary roll as prepared by the Secretary of the State Central Committee will be accepted as prima facie correct pending action by the duly appointed State Convention Credentials Committee.

1) The Pre-convention Credentials Committee shall hold hearings to decide a contest with due notice to the parties.

2) The Pre-convention Credentials Committee shall have the authority to fix the deadline for registration of delegates and alternates to the State Convention.

3) The Credentials Committee shall, throughout the delegate registration period, assign a member or members to the Registration Committee to
verify and certify a delegate’s or an alternate’s status for seating as a
delegate.

6F. Pre-convention Organization Committee which shall be charged with the
responsibility of organizing or coordinating the various activities necessary in
conducting the State Convention.

6G. The State Chairperson shall assure that all pre-convention committees shall
include members from each county in proportion to the ratio of delegates allocated to
each county to the total number of delegates to the Convention. The State Chairperson,
with the concurrence of the State Central Committee, shall establish a process to ensure
that appointments to the pre-convention committees shall be fair, and that such
committees shall in so far as practicable reflect the varied constituencies and diverse
views of the convention delegates.

6H. The Chairperson(s) of each pre-convention committee shall notify committee
members at least five (5) days in advance of any pre-convention meetings.

1) On the opening day of the Convention, all Pre-convention Committee
members who are Convention delegates shall constitute the membership
of the Convention Committee.

2) Only registered Convention delegates shall actively participate and vote
on the issues before the committee.

3) Authors of proposals before a committee may speak for the proposal in
accord with committee procedure.

Section 7. Officers. The Convention shall be convened by the State Chairperson, on in
the absence of the Chairperson, the Vice-Chairperson of the State Central Committee,
until a permanent Convention Chairperson is elected. The Secretary of the State Central
Committee, or in the absence of the Secretary, such other person as may be appointed
shall keep the minute book of the Convention until the permanent Convention Secretary
is appointed.

Section 8. Prohibition Against Unit Rule. Unit Rule shall not be permitted in any vote
at the State Convention. “Unit Rule,” as used in this section, means any agreement
entered into by any delegation that a majority of the votes from the delegation on any
issue or election will bind the total delegation vote on such issue or election, unless the
agreement is entered into by unanimous vote.
Section 9. Report to the Convention. The State Party Chairperson shall be called upon
to present a full report of the State Central Committee’s activities. The Treasurer of the
State Central Committee, shall report and submit a financial statement on the financial
status of the Party. Both reports shall be included in the convention packet for all
delegates.

Section 10. Pre-Convention Reports to the Delegates. The Secretary of the State
Central Committee shall have available to all delegates to the State Convention at least
forty eight (48) hours prior to the date of the Convention the proposed Party platform,
proposed changes in the General Laws of the Democratic Party of Hawaii, affirmative
action plan, proposed resolutions, a list of all candidates and the positions they seek to be
elected to at the State Convention, and the list of all proposed permanent convention
committee members. The above information shall be included in the convention packet
for all delegates.

Section 11. Minority Reports. Upon the vote of ten (10) percent or more of the
members of any committee, a minority report shall be prepared by said minority and
received by the convention as a matter of record. Minority reports shall be brought to the
floor upon request of any member who has signed the minority report, and whereupon the
decision to take up that minority report will be put to a convention vote without debate
and will require a majority agreeing to take up the matter for discussion by the
convention.

ARTICLE VII - REVENUES

Section 1. Fund Raising, General Provision. Subject to the provisions of this Article,
Party funds may be raised by the Precinct Clubs, by the District Councils, by the County
Committees and by the State Central Committee; in addition to specially endorsed
projects of the State Central Committee. All money so raised shall be collected and
handled in a proper business-like manner and in accordance with accounting procedures
adopted pursuant to Article V, Section 8E. and relevant Federal and State statutes, laws,
rules and regulations. Receipts shall be given for all cash contributions and regular
accounting shall be made.

Section 2. Precinct Club and District Council Fund Raising. Each Precinct Club and
District Council shall be entitled to raise such funds as it deems necessary for the conduct
of its business and social affairs, and to meet assessments made by the County
Committee. Such funds shall be raised by assessments, dues or contributions, or by some
specific business or social projects. Where the fund are to be raised by some method
other than assessment, dues, or contributions, such method shall be coordinated by the
County Committee. It shall be the function of the County Committee to prevent conflicts
between various fund raising projects and similar projects on the County and State level.

Section 3. County Committee and State Central Committee Responsibility. It shall
be the duty of the County Committee in each county and the State Central Committee to
raise and maintain as large a fund as possible to help elect all Party candidates in the
general election and to promote understanding and acceptance of the Party program in
both the primary and general election.

Section 4. Conflicts. Where a fund raising activity is staged by the State Central
Committee, it shall be the duty of all other branches of the Party to [defer to and]
cooperate in such activity.

Rationale: The amendment clarifies the intent that cooperation in State Central
Committee fund raising activities is required. Discussed at the May 13, 2002 meeting.

ARTICLE VIII - DEMOCRATIC PARTY HEADQUARTERS

Section 1. Establishment, Maintenance and Operation. The Democratic Party
Headquarters shall be established, maintained and operated by the State Central
Committee.

Section 2. Executive Director and Staff.

A. An Executive Director and staff for the Democratic Party of Hawaii may be
appointed by the Chairperson of the State Central Committee with the approval of the
State Central Committee. The Executive Director shall report to the State Chairperson
and assist in implementing the policies and plans of the State Central Committee. The
compensation of the Executive Director and the budget for the staff shall be determined
by the State Central Committee. Paid staff members shall not be voting members of the
State Central Committee.

Rationale: The State Central Committee sets policy. Paid staff should not be
voting on
the policy they have to follow. Discussed on May 22, 2002.

Section 3. Duty to Support All Democratic Party Organizations. The Democratic
Party Headquarters shall serve all Democratic Party organizations in the active and
effective performance of their respective duties and responsibilities.

Section 4. Services to be made available to all Democrats. The use of the facilities of
the Party Headquarters and its services shall be made available to all Democrats under
such rules as may be prescribed by the State Central Committee.

ARTICLE IX - GENERAL PROVISIONS
Section 1. Representation of Women and Young People. The Precinct Club, District Councils, County Committees and the State Central Committee shall take affirmative action to ensure representation of women and young people in all elected and appointed offices and on all delegations and on all committees of the Democratic Party of Hawaii in reasonable relationship to their presence in the population of the State.

Section 2. Appeals. An appeal from an interpretation of the General Laws of the Democratic Party of Hawaii may be taken from a Precinct Club to the District Council, from the District Council to the County Committee, and from the County Committee to the State Central Committee. Appeals shall be taken within five (5) days from the date of action by the Precinct Club, District Council, or County Committee as the case may be. Notice of the time and place of hearing an appeal shall be given to all parties concerned at least three (3) days prior to the hearing, but such notice may be waived by any of the parties.

Section 3. Support of Platform; Candidates. Every Democratic Party candidate for election to office, whether federal, state or county, and every member of the Democratic Party of Hawaii shall support the Party Platform and all candidates of the Party at the general or special election. The State Central Committee and each County Committee shall provide each Democratic candidate for elective office with a copy of the most recently approved State and County Party Platforms, Resolutions, and General Laws of the Democratic Party of Hawaii and the respective County Rules within seven (7) days after the legally established filing deadline. Said candidates shall submit statements indicating their agreement, disagreement, and/or reservations with the platform and resolutions of the State and County Party organizations within twenty (20) days after the filing date to the respective Chairpersons of the State and County Party organizations. No candidate who fails to abide by these requirements shall be eligible for endorsement or the expenditure of any Party funds on their behalf by the respective County Committees or the State Central Committee.


Section 5. Interpretation of General Laws. The State Central Committee shall be empowered to make final decisions on the interpretation of these General Laws.

Section 6. Amendments. [The State Convention may by majority of its members who are entitled to vote amend these General Laws.] The effective date of such amendments shall be immediately upon adjournment of the State Convention at which the amendments were adopted. Any such changes in these General Laws affecting the County Committee shall be reflected in the County Rules at the next county convention. These General Laws may be amended by a majority vote of the delegates at the State Convention. Interim amendments to the General Laws may also be made upon a vote of ¾ of all members of the State Central Committee, provided that 30 days written notice of
any proposed amendment has been given to all members of the State Central Committee
and County Committees prior to the vote on the amendment. The interim amendment
shall become permanent only if ratified by a majority vote of the delegates at the next
State Convention.

6A. Amended versions of these GENERAL LAWS shall be published with the date of
most recent amendment.

6B. Copies of these General Laws of the Democratic Party of Hawaii shall be made
available to any member at the approximate actual cost.

RATIONALE: The amendments track the DNC Bylaws in that amendments to either
the General Laws or the DNC Bylaws may be made at times other than during
conventions. The safeguard that any State Central Committee amendments be ratified at
the next State Convention is also included. Discussed at the May 13, 2002 meeting.


7A. In order that the Democratic Party of Hawaii at all levels be an open Party which
includes rather than excludes people from participation, a program of effective
affirmative action is hereby adopted.

7B. Discrimination on the basis of race, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, age,
color, national origin, religion, ethnic identity, disability, or economic status in the
conduct of the business of the Democratic Party of Hawaii is prohibited.

RATIONALE: Discrimination for any reason should be prohibited by the Democratic
Party.

Discussed at the May 13, 2002 meeting.

Section 8. Availability of the General Laws. It shall be the responsibility of the newly
elected Central Committee to certify as official a complete copy of the newly amended
General Laws of the Democratic Party of Hawaii. Each member of the State Central
Committee and the respective County Committees shall be provided with an updated
copy of these General Laws within sixty (60) days of the conclusion of the State
Convention, or in the case of an interim amendment within 60 days of the date such
amendment was approved by the State Central Committee. Any member may also
receive a copy of these General Laws, upon requesting the same from the secretary of the
respective County Committee upon payment of a reasonable fee to cover the cost of
copies and postage.

RATIONALE: The amendment takes into account changes to the General Laws made
at times other than during the State Convention. Discussed at the May 13, 2002 meeting.

Section 9. Responsibility for filling vacancies in election process.

9A. Any vacancy in the election process as defined by Section 11-118, Hawaii
Revised Statutes, because of death, withdrawal, disqualification, or any other cause shall
be filled as follows, except that no vacancy shall be filled if following the vacancy one or
more Democrats remained on the ballot.

1) By the respective District Council if the vacancy is at the District level.
2) By the respective County Committee if the vacancy is for an office
covering a geographic area larger than a district, including all county
government offices.
3) By the State Central Committee if the vacancy is for an office covering a
geographic area larger than a county.

9B. The selection body shall meet after proper notice to all members not later than
12:00 p.m. on the third day after the vacancy occurs, but not later than 12:00 p.m.
on the fiftieth day prior to the primary or special primary election or the fortieth
day prior to a general, special or special general election.

9C. If for any reason, the body most immediately related to the vacancy is unable for
whatever reason to fill the vacancy in a timely manner, the State Chairperson may
fill the vacancy.

9D. Any meeting notice requirements may be superseded for purposes of this section.

Section 10. Ethics and potential conflict of interest disclosures. Any member of the
State Central Committee or a County Committee who engages in activity defined as
“lobbying” under Hawaii Revised Statutes shall file a written disclosure with the
Respective Committee Secretary stating for whom they are lobbying and on what
matters. Such disclosures shall be available for inspection by Party members.

Section 11. Smoking. Smoking shall be prohibited at all Democratic Party events
except in designated areas.
Section 12. Prior Consent. Any person who will be absent from their election meeting and is willing to serve an elected position shall submit their written consent for presentation at the meeting.

Section 13. Elections.

13A. If unstated, whenever a winner cannot be determined in an election due to a tie, there shall be an action taken to break the tie with a coin toss or odd man out procedure.

13B. Whenever secret ballots are used in an election, after the actual ballot count and election results have been publicly posted, said ballots shall be destroyed after thirty (30) days of that [election] posting. If a challenge arises, the appropriate governing body of that election may determine a later date for the destroying of ballots.

Rationale: In our democracy, membership is entitled to know who won and election and what the ballot count was. Discussed on May 22, 2002.
Mana Makaʻainana

We the People

Hawaiʻi Democratic Party
State Convention 2002

Economy
RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A COORDINATED AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS, a major land, natural and human resource transition is now underway in Hawaii as a result of the ending of the plantation agricultural era; and

WHEREAS, the steady expansion of new and diversified agricultural commodities, products and value-added services has displaced mono-crop plantation agriculture as the principal money maker in the agricultural sector of Hawaii's economy; and

WHEREAS, the desirable rural transition will require the development of new entrepreneurial farming skills and the financing of new production, processing, marketing, storage and transportation facilities and operations, many of which skills and enterprise financing must be obtained from private sources; and

WHEREAS, more and better targeted marketing assistance is needed to match existing commodities, products, markets and services, and to develop and serve new markets in import substitution, value-added products and services and export, and

WHEREAS, (a) federal, state and local government assistance for this rural transition is currently limited and must be better coordinated with private-sector initiatives, and (b) much of the state regulatory apparatus currently in place relates to health, worker safety, environmental protection, land use and taxation and will require careful adjustment to create a positive environment for this desirable transition; and

WHEREAS, government and business must collectively resolve to work cooperatively towards enabling new entrepreneurial successes by simplifying constraints, creating enterprise zones, allowances for ancillary agricultural activities such as farm and garden tours, and updated appropriate non-urban infrastructure, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic Party of Hawaii support an orderly rural transition policy that promotes new and diversified agriculture and the resulting rural employment and development, and that emphasizes and facilitates private initiatives with public support, including the creation of enterprise zones, a supportive regulatory framework, construction of needed non-urban infrastructure, and improved marketing assistance programs; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the Legislature, the State Department of Agriculture, and the Mayors and Councils of the respective Counties.
RESOLUTION SUPPORTING EXPEDITED DEVELOPMENT OF WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEMS AND INFRASTRUCTURE MAINTENANCE FOR FORMER PLANTATION WATER SYSTEMS

WHEREAS, Hawaii's plantation water infrastructure system represents an outstanding infrastructure resource; and

WHEREAS, there is a strong requirement for availability of agricultural water resources to support diversified agricultural requirements; and

WHEREAS, there is need for coordinated federal, state and county finance and regulation to properly expedite the development of adequate infrastructure as discussed above; and,

WHEREAS, it is of paramount importance to identify and maintain the existing water resources and fair water rates in order for Hawaii's new agricultural industry to progress; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic Party of Hawaii support expedited development of water distribution systems for new diversified agricultural and agronomic needs and that maintenance of existing plantation water infrastructure is of paramount importance; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Democratic Party of Hawaii urge the Councils and Boards of Water Supply of the respective Counties to scrutinize agricultural water rates, and to propose Charter Amendments if necessary to assist specific districts which do not have adequate water distribution systems; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to the Governor of the State of Hawaii, Mayors of respective counties, the State Department of Agriculture and Hawaii's Congressional Delegation.
RESOLUTION SUPPORTING DEVELOPMENT OF POTABLE AND NON-POTABLE
WATER SOURCES IN DROUGHT-PRONE RURAL AREAS

WHEREAS during the recent drought experienced in the State, many families experienced
extreme economic hardship as a result of inadequate water resources, and

WHEREAS the diverse agricultural industry in the State of Hawaii is dependent on consistent
water resources for farming, ranching and personal use, and

WHEREAS the development of adequate wells, distribution systems and water reservoirs and
resources for agriculture, domestic use and fire protection are essential for the well being of the
State of Hawaii; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic Party of Hawaii urge federal, state, county and local
water resource personnel to place a high priority on the development of adequate water
resources; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all efforts be expended to use “gray” waste water for
irrigation systems where prudent and appropriate; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Democratic Party of Hawaii urge federal, state and
county officials to work together with local residents in the field to establish adequate wells,
distribution systems, minimum standards for catchment systems in new construction, and take
the necessary steps to implement the above by appropriate and timely coordination.
RESOLUTION SUPPORTING LOCAL ATHLETES, ATHLETIC AND COMPETITIVE EVENTS TO PROMOTE HAWAII'S ECONOMY

WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii benefits economically from sports tourism and athletic events such as major golf tournaments, the Volcano Marathon, the Ironman Triathlon, the Hawaii International Billfish Tournament, the Mauna Kea 200, the Mountain Bike 200, the Professional Rodeo Cowboy's Association sanctioned Rodeos, Football, Exhibition Rugby and Soccer events, Hawaii State Canoe Association, and other such events; and

WHEREAS, Hawaii has produced legendary sons and daughters who have served as world models for athletic prowess; and

WHEREAS, such events generate income and employment for residents of Hawaii without significant environmental or infrastructure burdens; and

WHEREAS, sports tourism would benefit from a coordinated and unified marketing effort by the appropriate State of Hawaii agency; and

WHEREAS, the excellent family and sporting entertainment provided by the Hawaii Winter Baseball League has been a sterling example of cooperation which did not receive much needed public promotional support; and

WHEREAS, such events promote the tourism industry of the State of Hawaii and generate shared cooperative advertising and promotion favorable to the State of Hawaii; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic Party of Hawaii urge the Governor, the State Legislature, the Mayors and Councils of the respective Counties and other offices and agencies to support as a matter of policy and through appropriate legislation existing and additional sporting events, including but not limited to such events involving golf, running and endurance, volleyball, baseball, football, rugby and soccer, surfing, basketball, track, fishing, boating, yachting, sailing, cycling, equestrian and other competitions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the aforementioned parties encourage and support inclusion, opportunity and training for Hawaii's own athletes in all disciplines.
RESOLUTION SUPPORTING HAWAII'S TRAVEL AND VISITOR INDUSTRY

WHEREAS, the travel and visitor industry directly generates approximately one quarter of the State's gross product and approximately one third of the State's jobs and indirectly generates many more jobs; and

WHEREAS, although diversification of the economy is highly desirable, the travel and tourism industry will continue to be Hawaii's largest and most important industry for the foreseeable future; and

WHEREAS, there is increasing national and international competition from other destinations seeking to attract visitors, and in many cases, these efforts receive government support far beyond the level provided by Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, cultural and educational tourism and locally-grown crops and products are an important component of the visitor industry market for Hawaii, and these sights include, but should not be limited to, Waipio Valley Lookout, Pololu Valley Lookout, Akaka Falls, Rainbow Falls, Boiling Pots, and other sites deemed significant by the DLNR and the Division of Historic Preservation; and

WHEREAS, we must encourage the Hawaii Tourism Authority (HTA) to expand its Product Development funding for major cultural, educational, and agricultural scenic attractions for the purposes of improving infrastructure needs, establish visitor-educational centers to insure preservation and public safety for both local residents and visitors alike; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic Party of Hawaii strongly support the State's travel and visitor industry and urge our State elected officials to increase dedicated funding support to HTA to support the neighbor island destinations and to include educational and agricultural components in its visitor marketing programs and policies, and to designate a significant portion of that support from the Hawaii Tourism Authority go directly to the Island chapters of the Hawaii Visitors and Convention Bureau (HVCB) for county destination marketing and activities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the State Legislature, the Hawaii Tourism Authority and the President of the Hawaii Visitors and Convention Bureau for follow-up action and support.
RESOLUTION SUPPORTING CREATION OF A TELECOMMUNICATIONS HUB OF THE PACIFIC

WHEREAS, the future of telecommunications lies with those that take the role of advocacy and education for expansion of this dynamic industry; and

WHEREAS, national and international policymakers have initiated dramatic support for telecommunications industry attraction and development; and

WHEREAS, Hawaii being the hub of the Pacific would be the most advantageous site for telecommunications links between the Pacific nations; and

WHEREAS, the Pacific Telecommunications Conference held in Honolulu each January has invited and sponsored participation of neighbor islands to encourage expansion and development of telecommunications and technological operations supported by the US Department of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, as the nexus of national and international scientific activity and data-based research in astronomy, volcanology, seismology, oceanography, remote sensing and many other scientific and technological activities requiring advanced telecommunications infrastructure and

WHEREAS, advanced computer technology has been instituted through the astronomy community, notably via Subaru (Japan National Telescope) Super Computer; and

WHEREAS, additional telecommunications infrastructure has been completed to create island and state-wide linkage, including wireless and radio telecommunications; and

WHEREAS, incorporating computers and computer education in the K-12 schools, Community Colleges and University of Hawaii campuses for both students and teachers as a required part of general education would address important deficiencies in the education of our young people and prepare them for success in the technological revolution upon us; and

WHEREAS, with the development of community media, also known as Public Education and Government Access our communities are increasingly linked both through cable television and Internet connections; and

WHEREAS, this connectivity and technological linkage is critical for all citizens of Hawaii whether in remote or urban locations so that they may be given full choice of participation in this
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evolving and revolutionary technology that promises to inform and build consensus in a truly participatory democracy; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic Party of Hawaii support the designation of Hawaii Island as a telecommunications hub for potential Call Center operations, development of a Techno Tourism Center, and facilitate other developments to advance the scope and efficiency of communications technology; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Democratic Party of Hawaii encourage electronic service providers to upgrade and install fast digital links to the citizens in all parts of rural and urban Hawaii so that these technologies can be effectively accessed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the State Legislature, Mayors and Councils of the respective Counties, the Directors of the State Departments of Business, Economic Development and Tourism, Commerce and Consumer Affairs and Education, and the Public Utilities Commission for their support.
RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE EXPEDITED IMPLEMENTATION OF SADDLE ROAD REALIGNMENT

WHEREAS, Hawaii Island is comprised of a 4000 square mile land-mass, with isolated urban and rural areas around the island connected by perimeter two-lane highways built in the early part of the 20th century and modified since that time; and

WHEREAS, Hawaii Island's two urban centers on either coast are disadvantaged in communication and trade by significant distance factors, and

WHEREAS, a federally-funded roadway known as the Saddle Road was built in the 1940's to provide linkage between Hilo and Kawaihae; and

WHEREAS, expansion and modification to this roadway has been under discussion since the early 1970's; and

WHEREAS, Congressional support has been received to significantly enhance and expand this roadway, to realign certain portions and to provide more definitive cross-island linkage between urban centers; and

WHEREAS, a comprehensive Environmental Impact Study has been completed with overwhelming support from the community at large and significant mitigation measures, including socio-cultural, Native Hawaiian, environmental and technical concerns along various recommended alignments; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic Party of Hawaii urge the Governor of the State of Hawaii, the Federal, State and County Departments of Transportation, and Hawaii's Congressional delegation to support expedited implementation of the Saddle Road realignment; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the aforementioned officials.
RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A CONCERTED STATEWIDE EFFORT TO PROMOTE THE EXPORT OF HAWAII'S PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

WHEREAS, professional service accounts for at least 7 percent of Hawaii's gross state product and provides over 57,000 jobs in the State; and

WHEREAS, Hawaii has a comparative advantage in several professional service areas, most notably resort development, planning and design, environmental and infrastructure engineering, tourism consulting, land use planning, agricultural consulting, telecommunications, graphic and industrial arts and design, education targeted to Asians including English as a second language, corporate, cross cultural and professional development training, medical, health and wellness, captive insurance among others; and

WHEREAS more Hawaii professional service providers are competing for projects overseas, mostly in Asia, and sending work back to Hawaii to be completed, increasing the State's tax revenue base and providing quality employment; and

WHEREAS technological advancement in communications allows thriving international practices to be developed within home offices in Hawaii, thereby making the need to locate near project sites less of a necessity, except where cost is an issue; and

WHEREAS, Hawaii professional firms must remain competitive overseas against other sites and countries with lower costs of doing business; and

WHEREAS, Hawaii professional services must be brought to the attention of overseas markets with the assistance and collaboration of State, County and private sector economic development resources; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic Party of Hawaii support Hawaii's professional services; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the State Legislature, the Directors of the State Departments of Business, Economic Development and Tourism, Commerce and Consumer Affairs, the Mayors and Councils of the respective Counties to, seek expanded support for their efforts.
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#12 [RESOLUTION ADOPTED]

RESOLUTION URGING FUNDING FOR ROAD IMPROVEMENTS AND CONSTRUCTION OF BY-PASS ROADS

WHEREAS, the number of passenger cars and trucks on Hawaii roads is rapidly reaching the maximum density as our resident population continues to grow; and

WHEREAS, traffic delays and accidents have become an almost daily occurrence on many of our State's critical transportation arteries; and

WHEREAS, there are limited public transportation options for many island residents and visitors especially on Maui; and

WHEREAS, traffic congestion negatively impacts our quality of life and visitor satisfaction threatening the health of our number one industry; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Democratic Party of Hawaii urge the State Department of Transportation to work cooperatively with the County of Maui to fund and build on a priority basis, new by-pass roads and other road improvement projects to ensure the public's health, safety and economic well being.
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#13 [RESOLUTION ADOPTED]

RESOLUTION URGING SUPPORT FOR KALÆLOA (BARBER’S POINT) REDEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS, the Kalaeloa (Barber’s Point) military facility has been turned over to the State of Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii and the City and County of Honolulu have created a master plan for the redevelopment of Kalaeloa (Barber’s Point); and

WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii has a master plan designating Kapolei as the new City and growth areas for new opportunities in business and employment on Oahu; and

WHEREAS, the City and County of Honolulu also has designated and created a master plan for the Kapolei area as the new city on Oahu for business and employment development for the Island; and

WHEREAS, there have been delays in the conversion of Kalaeloa (Barber’s Point) from a military installation to public domain and use; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Democratic Party of Hawaii support the clean up of the military base by the federal government, and request the State of Hawaii appropriate the funds necessary for the infrastructure so the land and facilities may accommodate the public use; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Democratic Party of Hawaii support local communities’ continued involvement in the present and future decisions made in the redevelopment of Kalaeloa (Barber’s Point); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Governor and the Democratic members of the Legislature.
RESOLUTION REAFFIRMING PREVAILING WAGE LAWS

WHEREAS, Federal prevailing wage laws and State’s prevailing wage laws have been in effect for over sixty years and have been effective in protecting a decent standard of living for workers in local areas where the laws have been implemented; and

WHEREAS, prevailing wage laws were enacted to prevent the erosion of living wages by out-of-state employers who ship from one state to another low wage, under-trained, unskilled workers, to work on a locality’s government construction projects to the detriment of construction quality and of that locality’s workers’ employment opportunities; and

WHEREAS, Hawaii’s construction workers’ living wages have made the construction industry a cornerstone of Hawaii’s economy by elevating the construction trade class of workers into the stable economic middle class; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Democratic Party of Hawaii reaffirm its commitment to the guiding principles first articulated by the Democratic Party in 1955 that bids for construction of public works should be based on the relative skill and efficiency of the contractors concerned and not on a difference in wages paid, and that government money, coming from the taxes of all of us, should not be used to subsidize contractors who are depressing the wages of some of us; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Democratic Party of Hawaii reaffirm and encourage the strengthening of the Federal and Hawaii’s prevailing wage laws as a means of ensuring public construction of high quality, reasonable costs, and furthering the economic well-being of workers in Hawaii; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution will be transmitted to the Governor and the Democratic members of the Legislature.
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#15 [RESOLUTION ADOPTED]

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING LIVING WAGE LAWS

WHEREAS, the Hawaii State Democratic Platform in 2000 affirmed the Dignity of Labor and expressed the Democratic Party's commitment to the achievement of a living wage for all Hawaii's workers; and

WHEREAS, the Hawaii State Democratic Platform in 2000 further expressed the belief that our government, even while seeking operational efficiency, must never exploit its labor force, erode prevailing wages, or compromise the principle that government money, derived from the taxes of all of us, shall not be used to depress the wages or standard of living of any of us; and

WHEREAS over 50 Living Wage ordinances have been passed in the United States since 1991, improving living standards for low-wage workers without overburdening public funds or harming the local economies; and

WHEREAS, paying no more than the current state and federal minimum wages leaves most workers in Hawaii far under the poverty level for a family of four; and

WHEREAS, privatization of government services without the protections of a living wage statute similar to the federal Service Contracts Act favors contractors whose low bids are based on payment of minimum wages and benefits; and

WHEREAS, people who are paid enough to support their families, not only are less dependent on government aid, but also pay more taxes and buy more goods and services, stimulating local economic growth; and

WHEREAS, in 1933 that greatest of all Democrats, President Franklin D. Roosevelt, boldly expressed his administration's policy that "No business which depends for existence on paying less than living wages to its workers has any right to continue in this country. By living wages I mean more than a bare subsistence level. I mean the wages of a decent living"; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Democratic Party of Hawaii reaffirm its commitment to passage of a statewide living wage law and service contract act that will let government in Hawaii show by example that payment of living wages and benefits is the best way to uplift our economy and the standard of living for all Hawaii's working families; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Governor and the Democratic members of the Legislature.
RESOLUTION OPPOSING SO-CALLED "RIGHT TO WORK" AND "PAYCHECK PROTECTION" LAWS

WHEREAS, strong and free labor unions are necessary to preserve and defend the legitimate rights of working people to participate with dignity in the political and economic life of their communities and states; and

WHEREAS, the success of organized labor raises the standard of living generally, expanding and fostering the growth of the State's middle class; and

WHEREAS, so-called "Right-to-work" and "Paycheck Protection" laws have over the years been proposed to allow workers to gain the benefits of collective bargaining without joining the union or paying union dues or service fees; and

WHEREAS, famed business advisor Peter Drucker has said, "Union Security is also in the social interest. Without it, no union can be expected to accept the responsibility for labor relations and for contract observance which our society must demand of a successful union movement"; and

WHEREAS, that great Democratic President, Harry S Truman has likewise commented, "You will find some people saying that they are for the so-called "Right-to-Work" law, but they also believe in unions. This is absurd - it's like saying you are for motherhood but against children"; and

WHEREAS, the Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr. most eloquently warned us all that, "in our glorious fight for civil rights, we must guard against being fooled by false slogans, such as 'right-to-work'. It provides no 'rights' and no 'works.' Its purpose is to destroy labor unions and the freedom of collective bargaining. We demand this fraud be stopped"; and

WHEREAS, the Oahu County Convention of the State Democratic Party of Hawaii reaffirmed its commitment to collective bargaining;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Oahu County Convention of the State Democratic Party of Hawaii opposes the introduction, consideration or enactment of any so-called "Right-to-Work" or "Paycheck Protection" bills which would seek to limit, restrict, or control a duly constituted and democratically run labor organization from collecting and using dues or representation fees for such lawful purposes as our national labor laws allow; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution will be delivered to the Governor, Democratic members of the Legislature and the Hawaii State Democratic Convention.
RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES NAVY TO INCREASE THE WORKLOAD AND EMPLOYMENT IN PEARL HARBOR NAVAL SHIPYARD AND TO UTILIZE THE FULL CAPACITY OF THE HAWAIIAN SHIP REPAIR AND SUPPLY INDUSTRY

WHEREAS, Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard is strategically located in the Pacific Ocean and a strong, healthy Naval base is in the best interest of National Security; and

WHEREAS, Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard is the largest industrial employer in the State of Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard spends in excess of 450 million dollars in material purchases, contracts to local businesses and payroll costs; and

WHEREAS, Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard provides for trade and skills training for the youth of Hawaii through the apprentice program in partnership with the University of Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard has the capacity to accomplish more Navy ship repair work with an increased skilled workforce; and

WHEREAS, Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard employed 6900 employees in 1989, experienced a 58% reduction in workforce and currently employs 3200 employees; and

WHEREAS, Pearl Harbor was the Homeport for 41 Navy Ships and Submarines in 1989, and currently is the Homeport for 31 Navy Ships and Submarines; and

WHEREAS, Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard provided Navy contract work for 65 to 75% of the private ship repair industry in Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard needs to be "right sized" for its current and future workload to allow Pearl Harbor and the Navy to maintain and overhaul ships in Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard would require the hiring of 700 to 800 permanent civilian employees over the next two years to obtain the necessary skilled personnel to execute Navy work and has a application list of 1,000 qualified local applicants seeking employment at Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Democratic Party of Hawaii urge the United States Navy to increase the workload and employment in Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard and to utilize the full capacity of the Hawaiian ship repair and supply industry; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Democratic Party of Hawaii urge the United State Navy to brief the State Legislature and the community business leaders on the future workload plans for Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Democratic Party of Hawaii support the community leadership in their efforts to secure an increase in workload and workforce in Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Governor and Democratic members of the Legislature.
RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF HOLISTIC HEALING CENTERS USING NATURAL RESOURCES

WHEREAS, Hawaii’s naturopathic medical traditions in herbal medicines, relaxation therapy and holistic healing are valuable skills and resources; and

WHEREAS, Hawaii’s natural resources include steam vents and natural hot springs in the Puna and Ka’u Districts and other resources throughout the Islands; and

WHEREAS, traditions in the health and wellness industries (particularly in Japan) include enthusiastic support for holistic healing, naturopathic medicines and facilities; and

WHEREAS, Hawaii’s health and wellness benefits are increasingly well-known in traditional and alternative medicinal treatment centers, known as La’au lapa’a’au as practiced at Lapakahi; and

WHEREAS, Five Mountain Center and the North Hawaii Community Hospital have established an international reputation for holistic healing; and

WHEREAS, agricultural products, naturopathic medicines, nutraceuticals and phytopharmaceuticals represent economic opportunities in the Islands within the context of community priorities can be created by recognition of the important cultural and natural resources available for the health and wellness industries; and

WHEREAS, sustainable scale development should be considered for health and wellness centers, to include traditional healing methods and practices, Onsen (hot spring) spa operations, and cultural instruction; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic Party of Hawaii support the development of holistic healing centers in the Islands; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the State Legislature and the Mayors and Councils of the respective Counties to urge their support for this promising industry.
RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE PROMOTION OF HEALTH AND WELLNESS IN HAWAII

WHEREAS, health, wellness and associated beneficiaries represent a growing industry involving traditional, non-traditional and multi-ethnic practices; and

WHEREAS, the health, wellness and related industries generate employment and educational opportunities desirable for the people and State of Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, the health, wellness and related industries does not generate significantly adverse environmental or cultural impacts, nor require major governmental infrastructure needs; and

WHEREAS, retirees from around the world are frequent visitors to Hawaii, and those who participate in extended visit programs such as Elderhostel are especially strong contributors to economic revitalization; and

WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii's geographical location and environment is beneficial for health, wellness and related activities and the combination of western and non-western traditions, practices and development; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic Party of Hawaii urge the Governor and the State Legislature and other agencies and departments to support as a matter of policy and through appropriate legislation the development of health and wellness and related industries in Hawaii; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Congressional Delegation, the Governor, the State Legislature, the Mayors and the Councils of the respective Counties for support.
RESOLUTION SUPPORTING CULTURAL EVENTS TO PROMOTE HAWAII’S EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH AND ECONOMY

WHEREAS, Hawaii’s multicultural traditions are recognized worldwide; and

WHEREAS, cultural and commemorative sites and events are an important part of resident and visitor experiences; and

WHEREAS, these sites and events generate enormous economic contributions and enhanced recognition for Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, non-profit museums, performing arts and cultural centers and commercial galleries provide outstanding educational opportunities for visitors and residents; and

WHEREAS, International goodwill and cultural exchanges particularly to Japan provide significant recognition and training opportunities for thousands of Japanese hula students under the training of Hawaii’s renowned kumu hula; and

WHEREAS, the State has funded initial planning and design for a Multipurpose Cultural Complex at the University of Hawaii at Hilo; and

WHEREAS, cultural and artistic events such as the Merrie Monarch Festival, International Festival, Old Hawaii on Horseback, Paniolo events, Aloha Festival, Holo Mai Pele, Papaya Festival, Macadamia Nut Festival, Kona Coffee Cultural Festival, Kona Historical Society and other historic and cultural sites such as the Kamehameha Statue, the Naha Stones, the Hilo/Hamakua Heritage Corridor, Kona Heritage Corridor, Volcano Art Center, Lyman Museum and other traditional cultural and commemorative demonstrations deserve statewide, national and international recognition; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic Party of Hawaii urge support for cultural, artistic and commemorative events and activities, to include consideration of a Hula Museum, a major Exposition and Cultural Center and the early completion of the Multipurpose Cultural Complex at the University of Hawaii at Hilo; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the State Legislature, the President and Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii and the Mayors and Councils of the respective Counties.
RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A MAUNA KEA SCIENCE AND EDUCATION CENTER

WHEREAS, the University of Hawaii at Hilo location and facilities provide the State of Hawaii and the United States of America with a singular opportunity to provide an educational resource facility relating to astronomy, space science, and navigation which will be unique in North America; and

WHEREAS, this center will provide a forum for the education of our children, students, educators and visitors in exploring this cutting edge of science; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic Party of Hawaii support the construction of the Mauna Kea Science and Education Center and encourage our Congressional delegation, our State elected officials and the international scientific community to continue their support of this endeavor for the good of the people of Hawaii and in the interests of international science; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be transmitted to Hawaii’s Congressional delegation, the Governor, the State Legislature, the Mayors and Councils of the respective Counties.
RESOLUTION SUPPORTING CONTINUED EFFORTS TO DEVELOP BAYFRONT AREAS
IN HILO AND KAILUA.

WHEREAS, the Bayfront Highway in Hilo and Alii Drive in Kailua-Kona represent significant
potential cultural and natural resources; and

WHEREAS, appropriate shoreline setbacks, improved highway alignment and landscaping will
provide an important cultural statement about Hawaii Island's County Seat and major population
centers and its history; and

WHEREAS, with the completion of the outstanding redevelopment of Liliuokalani Park and
Gardens, and planning for a comprehensive village walkway in Kailua, and with additional work
underway along the bayfront areas in both locations; and

WHEREAS, existing and additional recreational and cultural areas should be considered such as
a botanical garden display area, more emphasis on canoe paddling and other ocean recreational
activities such as small-boat access, shore-side walks or bicycling paths, and a broader vision for
a cultural center and theme in keeping with community traditions and the cultural heritage of
Waiolama, the 'Ahuena Heiau complex and Huihee Palace; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic Party of Hawaii support collaborative efforts between
the State, County and private landowners to create bayfront parks and cultural centers in Hilo
and Kona; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be transmitted to Hawaii's Congressional
Delegation, the Governor, the State Legislature and the Mayors and Councils of the respective
Counties for support.
RESOLUTION请求州长任命一位投票委员会成员代表本地当地人

WHEREAS，夏威夷旅游部门（HTA）是由1998年法令156号建立的，编为HRS 201b；和

WHEREAS，HTA的目标是“管理夏威夷的旅游产业的增长，使其与经济目标、文化价值、和社区利益一致"；

WHEREAS，旅游业的成功来自于自然资源和文化资源，当地社区的美丽，夏威夷的自然资产和文化多样性，以及世界闻名的aloha精神吸引游客。

WHEREAS，HTA的Ke Kumu战略计划中提到我们要保持我们的文化，并且aloha精神被世界认可。并且"为了夏威夷的繁荣，我们必须平衡需求和维持夏威夷的特色，保护我们的文化和产品"；

WHEREAS，许多活动和项目目前由HTA资助，用于促进和维持夏威夷音乐、舞蹈、传统艺术等。

WHEREAS，一个HTA成员需要有知识、经验、和对本地人事务的理解来识别、评估、和认可本地人；

WHEREAS，一个HTA成员需要有知识、经验、和对本地人事务的理解来识别、评估、和认可本地人。

NOW THEREFORE，BE IT RESOLVED，支持民主党的夏威夷支持一项修正案到HRS 201b，规定州长应任命一名投票委员会成员，该人对本地人的知识、经验、和对本地人事务的理解有深入的理解。并要求将这一决议的副本给州长及立法成员。
RESOLUTION URGING THE HAWAII STATE LEGISLATURE TO PROTECT CULTURAL HERITAGE RESOURCE AREAS BY CREATING DISTRICT COMMISSIONS/COUNCILS TO REGULATE AND MONITOR THE VARIOUS TYPES OF ECOTOURISM OPERATORS LICENSED TO OPERATE IN THEIR RESPECTIVE DISTRICTS

WHEREAS, cultural heritage resource areas are significant historic sites which include places, structures, and objects; and

WHEREAS, these resources may be of value for educational, scientific, interpretive, traditional, religious and spiritual reasons and help us to be aware of our origins, our history, and our traditions and may be found on both private as well as public lands; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism (DBEDT) acknowledged in 1994 that “the state has a unique natural environment and culture and these resources have begun to suffer from overuse and lack of adequate revenues to sustain them”; and

WHEREAS, presently there is no legal entity to monitor and regulate ecotourism operators; and

WHEREAS, at the first “Hawaii State Conference on Ecotourism in October 1994”, recommendations were made to review the regulatory process and reconsider the requirements for studies, permits, licenses and fees necessary for ecotourism operators; and increase community awareness and involvement in the planning and decision-making processes in ecotourism development; and

WHEREAS, numerous cultural heritage resource areas such as historic site, trails, and archeological treasures are being violated, destroyed or put at risk; and

WHEREAS, local residents have a greater knowledge of the locations of these sites, trails and archeological treasures and are in a geographically beneficial position to observe these ecotourism groups on a regular basis; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Democratic Party of Hawaii urge the State Legislature to protect cultural heritage resource areas by creating district commissions/councils to regulate and monitor the various types of ecotourism operators licensed to operate in their respective districts; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the district commissions/councils work with OHA, DLNR, DBEDT and other such designated State and County agencies to ensure that further unnecessary destruction of the environment and desecration of cultural heritage resource areas is stopped; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Democratic members of the State Legislature, the Mayors and Councils of the respective Counties.
RESOLUTION URGING THE HAWAII STATE LEGISLATURE TO RE-ENACT THE
PROVISIONS OF “ACT 304, SLH 1990” AND TO IDENTIFY APPROPRIATE SOURCES
OF FUNDING, OTHER THAN AIRPORT TRUST FUND REVENUES, TO ASSURE TRUST
PAYMENTS TO THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

WHEREAS, controversies surrounding the calculation and payment of the twenty percent share
of incomes generated from the use of 5(b) and other ceded lands to the Office of Hawaiian
Affairs (OHA) led to protracted court challenges, contested rulings, and a general ill-feeling
between the State and Hawaiian beneficiaries; and

WHEREAS, successful negotiations between OHA and the Office of the then-Governor John D.
Waihee III to resolve these controversies led to the legislative passage of “Act 304, SLH 1990”
to clarify which lands and what activities generating incomes, were subject to the OHA pro rata
computation; and

WHEREAS, continuing disputes regarding trust payments to OHA were entered into court,
upheld by a summary judgment issued by First Circuit Judge Hoely and then appealed to the
Hawaii State Supreme Court; and

WHEREAS, on September 12, 2001, the Hawaii State Supreme ruled “Act 304” invalid because
funds from the Airport Trust Fund, in violation of federal law, were used for payments to OHA
and, consistent with section 16 of the Act, then repealed the entirety of this law; and

WHEREAS, in its conclusion, the Hawaii State Supreme Court noted: “...now, more than twenty
years later, as we continue to struggle with giving effect to that enactment, we trust that the
legislature will re-examine the State’s constitutional obligation to native Hawaiians and the
purpose of HRS § 10-13.5 and enact legislation that most effectively and responsibly meets those
obligation...”; and

WHEREAS, it is the constitutional, legal and moral obligation of the State of Hawaii to honor its
trust obligations to the Hawaiian peoples; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Democratic Party of Hawaii urge the Hawaii State Legislature to re-
enate the Provisions of “Act 304, SLH 1990” and identify appropriate sources of funding, other
than Airport Trust Fund revenues, to assure trust payments to the Office of Hawaiian Affairs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution will be transmitted to the Governor
and the Democratic members of the Legislature.
RESOLUTION URGING ACTION AGAINST PRICE GOUGING BY OIL COMPANIES IN HAWAII

WHEREAS, a cartel of oil companies, dominated by Chevron, sets and controls the price of gasoline and diesel fuel in Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, consumers, businesses, and the state and local governments in Hawaii consistently pay the highest prices in the nation for gasoline and diesel fuel; and

WHEREAS, these exorbitant prices contribute to the overall high cost of living in Hawaii and have a depressing effect on the State’s economy; and

WHEREAS, Chevron has admitted in court that its price for gasoline sold in Hawaii is more than forty cents a gallon higher than what it charges in California while the real differential in production and distribution cost is closer to four cents; and

WHEREAS, based on oil company court filings, gasoline and diesel fuel charges in Hawaii during the calendar year 2001 amounted to more than $228 million in excess profits for the oil cartel; and

WHEREAS, the oil cartel has fought any attempt to moderate gasoline and diesel fuel prices in Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, this continuing price gouging by the oil cartel will further depress Hawaii’s already fragile economy; and

WHEREAS, Hawaii’s people will continue to be held as economic hostages to the individual and collective greed of the oil companies; and

WHEREAS, the Hawaii State Legislature acted upon measures designed to alleviate the captive position of Hawaii’s consumers and reduce the islands’ cost of living resulting from the predatory practices of the oil cartel; and

WHEREAS, it has been proposed that a Hawaii Fueling Authority be formed with power under the law to buy gasoline and diesel fuel on the world’s spot market, transport it to Hawaii, store that fuel, and sell it to independent gasoline and diesel fuel retail dealers, or erect its own retail facilities; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Hawaii Fuel Authority’s activities would result in a more competitive free enterprise system in the gas and diesel fuel industry in Hawaii, reduce the wholesale cost of such fuel to retail dealers, result in savings to the consumer annually of approximately a quarter of a billion dollars, and appreciably reduce Hawaii’s high cost of living; and
WHEREAS, the Hawaii State Legislature was not formally presented with a proposal to establish a Hawaii Fueling Authority; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic Party of Hawaii condemn the predatory pricing practices of the oil companies; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Democratic Party of Hawaii, all Democratic Party candidates for positions in the Hawaii State Legislature and for Governor of Hawaii promote broad understanding and support for legislation empowering the establishment of a State Fuel Authority to import and distribute gasoline and diesel fuel to independent dealers in competition with the oil cartel by engaging in and promoting widespread discussion among candidates and within the community of this issue; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution will be delivered to the Governor and the Democratic members of the Legislature,
Mana Makaʻainana

We the People
Hawaii Democratic Party
State Convention 2002

Government Operations
And Human Resources
Resolution: Supporting and Promoting Equality and Justice regarding Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity

Whereas, the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i believes and supports the concept that "government's equal application and enforcement of the laws are fundamental to a just society"; and

Whereas, the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i’s Preamble states that "we opened the doors that lead to economic, political, and social opportunity for all of our people. And we remain dedicated to the principle that equal opportunity and individual freedom are fundamental to our democracy"; and

Whereas, the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i’s vision "is guided by traditional commitments to equality, opportunity, compassion, inclusiveness, and the celebration of our diversity"; and

Whereas, the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i believes and supports fairness. And "fairness is not a slogan; it requires constant attention to detail, dedication, and hard work. It requires aloha"; and

Whereas, the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i has a profound respect for the individual. "We recognize that responsible, individual freedom, compatible with the rights of others, is fundamental to our democracy"; and

Whereas, the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i supports families. "We believe that individuals are best nurtured within families of caring people. We therefore support those policies, services, and institutions that strengthen families";

Whereas, the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i recognizes that a quality public education and is fundamental to our democracy and to our state's economic, political, and social welfare; and

Whereas, the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i has a long-standing recognition and support for directed issue caucus and groups and their active involvement in the Democratic Party and in promotion of government policy-making; and

Whereas, the Central Committee of the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i unanimously recognized the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgendered Caucus as an official caucus of the Party at its January 12, 2002 meeting;

Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Maui County Committee Democratic Party of Hawaii supports and promotes justice and equality regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity for such issues and concerns as:
Government Operations, Government Rule-Making and Practices, Government Funding and Appropriations, and Welfare and Social Service Benefits; Hate Crimes; Relationship Rights and Responsibilities; Parenting, Adoption and Definitions of Family; Employment; Housing; Public accommodations; Health; Education; Tourism; Economic development; and Serving our country in military service.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution is hereby adopted by the Hawaii State Democratic Convention.

SUBMITTED BY: Maui County Democratic Party
RESOLUTION SUPPORTING EQUALITY AND JUSTICE REGARDLESS OF SEXUAL ORIENTATION AND GENDER IDENTITY

WHEREAS, the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i believes and supports the concept that "government’s equal application and enforcement of the laws are fundamental to a just society"; and

WHEREAS, the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i’s Preamble states that "we opened the doors that lead to economic, political, and social opportunity for all of our people. And we remain dedicated to the principle that equal opportunity and individual freedom are fundamental to our democracy"; and

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WHEREAS, the Central Committee of the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i unanimously recognized the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgendered Caucus as an official caucus of the Party at its January 12, 2002 meeting; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Oahu County Convention of the Democratic Party of
Hawaii supports and promotes justice and equality regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity for such issues and concerns as:

- Government Operations, Government Rule-Making and Practices, Government Funding and Appropriations, and Welfare and Social Service Benefits; Hate Crimes; Relationship Rights and Responsibilities; Parenting, Adoption and Definitions of Family; Employment; Housing; Public accommodations; Health; Education; Tourism; Economic development; and Serving our country in military service.

; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution will be delivered to the Governor, Democratic members of the Legislature and the Hawaii State Democratic Convention.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution is hereby adopted by the Hawaii State Democratic Convention.

SUBMITTED BY: Oahu County Democratic Party
RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE STATE TO PROVIDE FOR A PRIMARY ELECTION FOR THE ELECTION OF OHA TRUSTEES

WHEREAS, voters have difficulty deciding among a large field of candidates for a political office; and

WHEREAS, a Primary Election is held biannually for State and County offices to narrow the field of candidates before final selection; and

WHEREAS, it is unfair to target the State Office of Hawaiian Affairs by denying a Primary Election to candidates and constituencies; and

WHEREAS, good government depends on the wise and careful selection of officials;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Oahu County Convention of the Democratic Party of Hawaii that the Hawaii State Government is requested to provide a Primary Election for Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs similar to the process currently used in the election of members of the State Board of Education; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution will be delivered to the Governor, Democratic members of the Legislature and the Hawaii State Democratic Convention.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution is hereby adopted by the Hawaii State Democratic Convention.

SUBMITTED BY: Oahu County Democratic Party
RESOLUTION Urging the STATE OF HAWAII AND COUNTIES OF HAWAII TO PRESERVE AND USE HAWAIIAN PLACE NAMES

WHEREAS, place names are an important part of Hawaii's history, documenting historical events and genealogies; and

WHEREAS, Article XV, section 4, provides that "English and Hawaiian shall be the official languages of Hawaii"; and

WHEREAS, lands were confiscated with the illegal overthrow of the Hawaiian kingdom and under the jurisdiction of a foreign entity many Native place names were changed and/or renamed; and

WHEREAS, due to development and natural causes, many of Hawaii's natural landmarks have been destroyed leaving names, stories, and history forgotten; and

WHEREAS, the stories and histories of place names that were traditionally passed down orally from generation to generation; and

WHEREAS, the suppression of the Hawaiian language and culture disrupted this tradition and helped erode place names; and

WHEREAS, not all the stories and history of places are documented in writing; and

WHEREAS, all history and stories related to Hawaiian place names need to be preserved for future generations; and

WHEREAS, the only way to preserve history and stories, are to preserve the original Native Hawaiian place names; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Oahu County Convention of the Democratic Party of Hawaii urges the State of Hawaii and Counties of the State to use and preserve original Native Hawaiian place names; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution will be delivered to the Governor, Democratic members of the Legislature, Mayors and Council members of the Counties of the State, and the Hawaii State Democratic Convention.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution is hereby adopted by the Hawaii State Democratic Convention.
RESOLUTION RELATING TO PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

WHEREAS, Health care spending increases for the year 2002 averaged 13 to 16 percent, with prescription drug costs as the primary factor. The escalating cost of providing prescription drug coverage to Medicaid beneficiaries and state employees has prompted many states to look for strategies to control costs by paying lower prices for pharmaceuticals through multi-state purchasing agreements and other pooling arrangements, generic substitution, and disease management programs. Bulk purchasing provides a means to obtain deep discounts on pharmaceuticals by combining the pool of consumers and increasing the purchaser’s bargaining power with manufacturers; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services recently announced the creation of a new waiver program that pools Medicaid and Medicare dollars to provide low-income seniors with prescription drug coverage. The waiver offers states a generous matching rate and only Illinois has been awarded one; and

WHEREAS, the state of Maine enacted legislation establishing the Maine Rx program, designed to lower the cost of prescription drugs by negotiating prescription drug prices for the uninsured or the insured who don’t have drug coverage, Medicaid, and prescription drug programs for seniors; and

WHEREAS, runaway prescription drug costs are creating a major crisis for this country’s and Hawaii’s healthcare system. Spending on drugs grew faster than spending in any other personal health category during the last three years; and

WHEREAS, the United States has the highest drug prices in the world and is the only industrialized country not to have imposed some form of price controls on prescription drugs and American-made drugs typically sell for 15 percent to 30 percent less in Canada than in the United States; and

WHEREAS, pharmaceutical inflation in 2000 accounted for 25 percent of overall increases in the cost of health care and these increases have helped to make the pharmaceutical industry the most profitable industry in the world and the large drug manufacturers are experiencing median net profits of over 20 percent—4.5 times the median profits for the average
WHEREAS, employers are increasingly passing off portions of the cost increases to employees in the form of higher prescription cost-sharing provisions. Many employers have also placed restrictions on the type of pharmaceuticals covered by health plans, and in some jurisdictions, employers are capping prescription drug coverage at a specific dollar amount.

Now therefore be it resolved by the Oahu County Convention of the Democratic Party of Hawaii:

1) Call on the State Legislature and Governor to pursue a variety of avenues to control the cost of prescription drugs, including entering into multi-state purchasing pools and seeking administrative relief from the federal government under its new Pharmacy Plus Program; and

2) 1) Advocate for federal or state legislation similar to the Fair Market Drug Pricing Act model legislation that attempts to control escalating costs by negotiating discounts and rebates; and

2) 2) Educate party members and the larger community on issues that affect access to affordable prescription drugs;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution will be delivered to the Governor, Democratic members of the Legislature and the Hawaii State Democratic Convention.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution is hereby adopted by the Hawaii State Democratic Convention.

SUBMITTED BY: Oahu County Democratic Party
RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A LONG TERM CARE
FINANCING PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the segment of the population over age eighty-five, the segment most likely
to require long-term care, will grow over three times its current size by 2040 in Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, impossible financial and social hardships will be placed on Hawaii’s
families as their members become disabled; and

WHEREAS, current methods of financing long-term care largely involve Medicaid and
personal assets; and

WHEREAS, the majority of Hawaii’s older adults have incomes above the poverty level,
yet are too low to cover costly long-term care; and

WHEREAS, because increasing numbers of Hawaii’s residents will need long-term care,
there is a compelling need to create an affordable and sustainable method of financing those
services; and

WHEREAS, any program that is created in response to these needs should promot
individual choice and discretion in selecting and paying for long-term care services;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Oahu County Convention of the
Democratic Party of Hawaii encourages state government to develop and implement a financing
plan for a dedicated source of revenue to support the long-term care needs of all citizens in the
State regardless of income; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that to the extent possible, the long-term care financing
program should be administered by the private sector, with the government involvement limited
to in an oversight and quality monitoring role; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution will be delivered to the
Governor, Democratic members of the Legislature and the Hawaii State Democratic Convention.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution is hereby adopted by the Hawaii State
Democratic Convention.

SUBMITTED BY: Oahu County Democratic Party
Long Term Care Resources in Maui County

WHEREAS, Maui County’s Older American population, that is, those 60 years or older, has been growing exponentially since the 1980 census, with the 2000 census confirming that there are now over 20,000 citizens in Maui County who are 60 years or older; and

WHEREAS, many of our citizens, our kupuna, are living longer, due to our increased awareness of and participation in healthier lifestyles; and

WHEREAS, many of our kupuna are not only living longer, but living with physical and other disabilities that compromise their independence and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, many of our kupuna are in need of a support system and supportive services in order for them to live with dignity and a quality of life worthy of the respect due to them, given their longevity and the cultural values we nurture; and

WHEREAS, in the year 2011, when the “early baby boomers” turn 65 years of age, the need for a support system and supportive services for kupuna will become acute, with many of those kupuna becoming increasingly frail and vulnerable; and,

WHEREAS, our kupuna are both a reflection of ourselves and an opportunity for us to demonstrate care and compassion for one another; and

WHEREAS, the Maui Long Term Care Partnership, a public and private partnership of Long Term Care providers and consumers, has embarked on a planning and development process that will allow the communities and families of Maui County to care for kupuna comprehensively, responsibly, efficiently, effectively and with social, economic and cultural appropriateness; and

WHEREAS, as we know that the Older Americans in our county, our kupuna, will continue to be among us, in even greater numbers and that they will continue to be part of who we are, because we, ourselves, will become kupuna; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Maui County Hawaii State Democratic Party endorse efforts in Maui County to plan for Long Term Care Services that are comprehensive and reflective of who we are, as a multi-cultural, multi-generational people, especially the efforts of the Maui Long Term Care Partnership; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Maui County Hawaii State Democratic Party urge our County and State Legislators to support appropriate legislation to implement this resolution.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution is hereby adopted by the Hawaii State Democratic Convention.

SUBMITTED BY: Maui County Democratic Party
RESOLVING THE CRITICAL SHORTFALL OF LONG-TERM CARE BEDS

WHEREAS, long term care beds are primarily utilized by those persons aged sixty and over; and

WHEREAS, the shortage of long-term adult care beds on Maui leaves elderly patients in hospital beds while they wait for space in nursing homes; and

WHEREAS, while elderly patients occupy the limited beds available at Maui Memorial Hospital, acute patients are required to wait until a bed becomes available to them; and

WHEREAS, adding additional long-term care beds at other Maui facilities will help alleviate this overflow problem at Maui Memorial; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED by the 2002 Maui County Hawaii State Democratic Convention that the State of Hawaii and Maui County work collaboratively with the private sector in resolving the critical shortfall of long term care beds for Maui County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution is hereby adopted by the Hawaii State Democratic Convention.

SUBMITTED BY: Maui County Democratic Party
Resolution Urging Hawaii Democrats to protect the reproduction rights of all people in the State of Hawaii

WHEREAS, our remarkable progress in securing reproductive rights over the past 40 years is at risk at the federal and state levels as we currently face a federal government that is an adversary to basic family planning and sexuality education, as well as to the woman’s right to choose an abortion; and

WHEREAS, at the Federal level, the 1973 Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision that protects a women’s right to privacy and to personal reproductive self-determination, without government intrusion, in choosing an abortion, is now under intense assault and has been eviscerated by subsequent government and court decisions, such as waiting periods and parental consent regulations and holds a razor-thin one-vote majority on the Supreme Court; and

WHEREAS, since the 1980’s anti-choice administrations have consistently “packed the bench” with anti-choice federal judges and senior administrators and as many as 170 federal judges could be appointed during the current presidential term; and

WHEREAS, 80,000 women die from unsafe abortion and maternal and child health suffers greatly in areas lacking reproductive health care services while the United States government forces foreign organizations receiving United States funding for family planning services to choose between meeting the family planning needs of their patients and being able to counsel patients on the option of abortion; and

WHEREAS, the federally endorsed policy of abstinence-only education has been shown to be an ineffective method of reducing teen pregnancy, however nationwide eighty-six percent of school districts with a sexuality education policy require promotion of abstinence, and 35 percent require abstinence to be taught as the only option for unmarried people, while either prohibiting the discussion of contraception altogether or limiting discussion to contraceptive failure rates and in Hawaii, there can be no discussion of contraception in the DOE sex education programs; and

WHEREAS, in the last legislative session alone, Hawaii legislators introduced 45 bills that sought to limit access to abortion, restrict choice, or remove reproductive freedom entirely; and

WHEREAS, the Hawaii Healthcare Systems Corporation sought acted to limit access to abortion to teens by policy; and

WHEREAS, on that action that was later rescinded because of public pressure; and
WHEREAS, such actions have effectively eliminated access to abortion to teens on the neighbor islands; and

WHEREAS, the Democratic Party has always been the party of “choice” and has always supported the reproductive freedom of women; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the O’ahu County Committee of the Democratic Party of Hawaii urges Hawaii Democrats to protect the reproduction rights of all people in the State of Hawaii; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we shall include in our Party Platform an affirmative statement for a woman’s right to choose whether or not to have children; support access to affordable domestic and international family planning services, support the provision of medically accurate sexuality education programs in the schools, support laws that require insurance companies and HMOs to cover contraceptives as they do other prescription drugs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution will be delivered to the Governor, Democratic members of the Legislature and the Hawaii State Democratic Convention.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution is hereby adopted by the Hawaii State Democratic Convention.

SUBMITTED BY: Oahu County Democratic Party
RESOLUTION ON DEATH WITH DIGNITY

WHEREAS, medical science and technology are greatly prolonging life - creating many new and complex philosophical perspectives; and

WHEREAS, since the implementation of the Death With Dignity initiative in Oregon, the quality of end of life care, pain management, and the use of hospice have all greatly increased; and

WHEREAS, Hawaii was the first state to recognize a woman’s right to make personal choices about their body; and

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court of the United States ruled that issues surrounding physician assisted suicide are reserved for the states to decide; and

WHEREAS, since 1997 the state of Oregon has recognized this personal choice of her citizens; and

WHEREAS, on April 17th, 2002, the 9th Circuit Court for the second time indemnified this state’s right in Oregon; and

WHEREAS, out of the 180,000 deaths occurring during the five years since the citizens of Oregon Death With Dignity initiative was implemented, only 91 people have exercised this freedom of choice; and

WHEREAS, recent polls indicate an overwhelming percentage of Hawaii’s voters support the concept of Death With Dignity; and

WHEREAS, the 2002 Hawaii State House of Representatives passed Death With Dignity legislation based upon the Oregon law; and

WHEREAS, the 2002 Hawaii State Senate failed to pass this Death With Dignity legislation by only three votes; and

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the United States created a defined separation of church and state; and

WHEREAS, Hawaii is home to the most diverse number of religions than any other state in the union; and

WHEREAS, superimposing the beliefs of any one religion on such a diverse religious
populations is inherently wrong.

THEREFORE BE IT NOW RESOLVED, that the Oahu County Committee of the Democratic Party of Hawaii urges the continuing support in the state of Hawaii for education regarding end of life issues including the discussions of the Death With Dignity philosophy;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be delivered and presented to the 2002 Democratic Party State Convention.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution is hereby adopted by the Hawaii State Democratic Convention.

SUBMITTED BY: Oahu County Democratic Party
RESOLUTION SUPPORTING FEDERAL LEGISLATION WHICH CLARIFIES THE
UNITED STATES' RELATIONSHIP WITH NATIVE HAWAIANS

WHEREAS, the U.S. Supreme Court, in Morton v. Mancari, 417 U.S. 535 (1974), noting
that Indian tribes have a "unique status . . . under federal law" and that Congress has a
"plenary power" to "regulate commerce . . . with the Indian tribes; which "is drawn
both explicitly and implicitly from the Constitution itself" (Article I, section 8, clause 3)
and that the Constitution "gives the President the power, by and with the advice and
consent of the Senate, to make treaties . . . with Indian tribes" (Article II, section 2,
clause 2), held that an employment preference program for Indians was not suspect as
racial discrimination, stating: "[t]he preference is not directed towards a 'racial' group
consisting of 'Indians'; instead, it applies only to members of 'federally recognized'
tribes" and "[t]his operates to exclude many individuals who are racially classified as
'Indians'" and "[i]n this sense, the preference is political rather than racial in nature." (417 U.S. 535, at 553, n. 24); and

WHEREAS, although the basic premise of Morton v. Mancari decision has come under
attack over the years following its pronouncement, it is still the law of the land; and

WHEREAS, in virtually the eleventh hour of the Bush administration (January 13, 1993),
the Office of the Solicitor General of the U.S. Department of the Interior issued an opinion
calling the Hawaiians Homes Program "unconstitutional", saying that, since the Program was not
protected by inclusion under the provisions of the U.S. Constitution which provide that native
American "tribal governments" or "Indian nations" can be treated differently than other
segments of the population and that their citizens or members have a "special status" and, because
of the beneficiaries of the Hawaiian Homes Program were merely members of an unprotected
"racial classification" and not members of a "tribal nation", the Program's basis in the law was
fatally flawed; and

WHEREAS, then Governor John D. Waihe'e III requested that President Clinton have the
opinion repudiated, whereupon, yielding to pressure from the White House, the Interior
Department caused the opinion to be withdrawn, but the aforementioned opinion has never been
repudiated; and

WHEREAS, on June 12, 1995, the U.S. Supreme Court, in Adarand Constructors, Inc., v.
Pena, 115 S.Ct. 2097 (1995), ruled that all government action based on race is subject to detailed
judicial inquiry to ensure that personal rights to equal protection under the law have not been
infringed and that all "racial classifications" imposed by government must be analyzed under
"strict scrutiny" (i.e. such classifications are constitutional only if they are "narrowly tailored
measures that further compelling government interest") [emphasis supplied]. Se also City of
Richmond v. J.A. Croson Co., 109 S.Ct. 706 [1989]; and
WHEREAS, a 1997 opinion issued by the General Counsel of the Federal Aviation Administration said that the payment of a share of the landing fees collected at Honolulu International Airport and other state airports which operate on so-called “ceded land” to the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (O.H.A.) under Section 5(t) of the Admissions Act (establishing the Public Land Trust and providing that a portion of the so-called “ceded land revenue” be used “for the betterment of conditions of native Hawaiians, as defined in the Hawaiian Homes Act”) was also illegal, for the reasons cited in the 1993 opinion of the Solicitor General of the U.S. Department of the Interior; and

WHEREAS, in 2000, the U.S. Supreme Court, in Rice v. Cayetano, held that the denial by the State of Hawai‘i of Plaintiff Rice’s right to vote in OHA elections violates the Fifteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution; and

WHEREAS, Native Hawaiians are also specifically designated as beneficiaries under the Native American Programs Act and numerous other pieces of federal legislation, including those which benefit Hawaiians through the entrepreneurship and employment training and other programs of Alu Like, Inc., the Native Hawaiian health programs of Pau Ola Lokahi and its sister island agencies and the Native Hawaiian Education Program, which programs have provided millions of federal dollars to address social problems suffered by Native Hawaiians; and

WHEREAS, the constitution and certain statutes of the State of Hawai‘i contain specific provisions concerning and preserving the rights of Native Hawaiians, including “all rights, customarily and traditionally exercised for subsistence, cultural and religious purposes and possessed by abanu’u’s tenants who are descendants of native Hawaiians who inhabited the Hawaiian Islands prior to 1778, subject to the right of the State to regulate such rights” (Article XII, Section 7, Constitution of the State of Hawai‘i), and the principle that “Hawaiian judicial precedent” and “Hawaiian usage” may override common law (Section 1-1, Hawai‘i Revised Statutes); and

WHEREAS, there is dire concern that the hard-earned rights of Native Hawaiians to certain entitlements, benefits, special programs, set-asides and monies both at the federal and state levels, which are considered merely racially based, appear to be in jeopardy as a result of the Rice v. Cayetano decision and expected future litigation based on the rulings in Adarand Constructors, Inc. v. Pena, Rice v. Cayetano and similar cases; and

WHEREAS, on July 20, 2000, the congressional delegation from the State of Hawai‘i caused to be introduced simultaneously in the U.S. Senate and the U.S. House of Representatives important legislation which would clarify the United States’ relationship with the Native Hawaiians and facilitate Native Hawaiian initiatives toward gaining federal recognition and a
native American quasi-sovereign government;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Oahu-County Hawaii State
Convention of the Democratic Party of Hawaii urges the support of Federal legislation which
clarifies the United States' relationship with Native Hawaiians; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution will be delivered to the
Governor, Democratic members of the Legislature and the Hawaii State Democratic Convention.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution is hereby adopted by the Hawaii State
Democratic Convention.

SUBMITTED BY: Oahu County Democratic Party
URGING SUPPORT FOR A RENEWAL OF VOLUNTEERISM AND HAWAI‘I'S GRASS ROOTS COMMUNITY VALUES -

WHEREAS, Hawaii’s multicultural and socio-economic history is linked to its dynamic status as a sovereign nation and years of plantation heritage starting with the Reciprocity Treaty of 1876 and

WHEREAS community involvement through volunteerism has been a strength, and it is essential to encourage and promote the continuity of Hawaii’s grass roots Democratic Party values,

WHEREAS, Hawaii’s political history after World War II has been a sterling example of grassroots-based political activism, grounded in multicultural values and commitment to hard work, self-reliance, civility, mutual obligation, integrity, family support, inclusivity and honest rewards, and

WHEREAS, with the passing of the plantation economy and lifestyle, there must be a renewal and reaffirmation to the values and traditions which built and sustained the Democratic Party in 1954 in the context of the next century, and

WHEREAS, in recent times the Democratic Party in Hawaii has strayed from the simplicity and focus of its beginnings, has accommodated special interests and politically correct positions to the detriment of Hawaii’s citizens and core values, has not encouraged independent and vigorous political kama‘aina candidates, and is in dire need of self-examination of its priorities; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE 2002 Hawaii County State Democratic Convention that the leadership of the Democratic Party of Hawaii, the elected and appointed officials of the Party throughout the State and its Counties, (Legislative, Administrative and Judicial), and the Hawaii Congressional Delegation be respectfully urged to join in a concerted effort to identify, protect and honor volunteerism, political candidacy and the grass-roots community values which are the foundation of the 50th State; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaii County State Democratic Party urge the State Central Committee by encouraging support for candidates, and encouragement and nurturing for qualified candidates to represent Democratic Party values, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the leadership of the Democratic Party of Hawaii, the elected and appointed officials of the Party throughout the State, officials of public and private sector unions, and members of Hawaii's
Congressional delegation:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution is hereby adopted by the Hawaii State Democratic Convention.

Offered by: George Yokoyama
Submitted to State Convention: Paula Helfrich, Chair

SUBMITTED BY: Hawaii County Democratic Party
A RESOLUTION FOR PUBLIC INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION PLAN FOR
PROJECTS AFFECTING THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE.

WHEREAS, many projects proposed by the public or private sector are critical to providing
safety, public benefit, and gainful employment for Hawaii's people and

WHEREAS, Hawaii's people have a right to fully understand the nature and consequences of all
initiatives requiring public review, and

WHEREAS, numerous initiatives have been delayed or halted because government and/or
private developers failed to provide objective, timely and adequate information to the public or
to give the community appropriate opportunity to participate in planning and shaping the
initiatives, and

WHEREAS, an informed and participating public might very well improve the initiatives or even
help government determine that the initiative needs to be reshaped or even terminated, and

WHEREAS, substantial electronic resources, digital imaging, teleconferencing and electronic
town meetings can facilitate communication, now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Governor and Mayors of the various counties immediately and
administratively appoint working committees comprised of a "fair fix of citizens", some of
whom will be versed in modern communications methods, to develop comprehensive
communications plans to inform and involve the public in significant issues affecting the public,
and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that public informational meetings be held to discuss and perfect
the various communications programs developed as a result of this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution is hereby adopted by the Hawaii State
Democratic Convention.

SUBMITTED BY: Hawaii County Democratic Party
RESOLUTION TO EMPOWER THE AGRIBUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

WHEREAS, the Legislature passed the Agribusiness Development Corporation (ADC) Act in 1994 establishing a stand-alone quasi-government entity to promote, support and empower agribusiness development similar to the structure employed for the establishment of the Hawaii Tourism Authority, and

WHEREAS, the Legislative and industry intent was to create a voice for agriculture through an organized plan for infrastructure, processing, appropriate land-use and water allocations, value-added product development, marketing and training for Hawaii’s farmers especially those located on former sugar plantation lands, and

WHEREAS, the ADC established a Board of Directors, a general plan, a Program of Work and a series of projects and working committees, federal funding opportunities and professional staff and

WHEREAS, internal rulemaking and regulations were imposed on ADC which essentially created another body of oversight and control through the Board of Agriculture, and did not permit independent operation, and

WHEREAS the state Department of Agriculture, in spite of eight years of petitioning and stakeholder requests for support and assistance, has been unable to empower the ADC under its administrative and operational control, NOW THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED that the Hawaii County State Democratic Party urges the state Democratic Party, Governor to petition the Governor, state Department of Agriculture, the Board of Agriculture, the College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources, the congressional delegation, the legislature and county councils to revisit the regulatory climate to ensure success for Hawaii’s agricultural industry, and to reestablish and empower the Agribusiness Development Corporation as originally envisioned.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution is hereby adopted by the Hawaii State Democratic Convention.

SUBMITTED BY: Hawaii County Democratic Party
Resolution Regarding Regionalizing the State Hospital System by County

WHEREAS, Maui Memorial Medical Center (MMMC) is the only tertiary care facility to serve the growing resident and visitor population on the island of Maui and;

WHEREAS, Maui Memorial Medical Center is operating over its bed capacity in part due to the lack of available long term care beds at Hale Makua and Kula San and;

WHEREAS, the overcrowding contributes to unreasonably long patient holds prior to and after treatment in the Emergency Room as well as contributing to an increasingly overtaxed staff and an accompanying increase in overtime expenses; and

WHEREAS, this vital acute care facility is in dire need of repair, maintenance and updated equipment in good working order; and

WHEREAS, Maui Memorial Hospital is the only hospital in the State’s Hawaii Health Systems Corporation (HHSC) that realizes a profit, that this year topped $5.6 Million; and

WHEREAS, these profits should be reinvested in MMC for staff, patient care, maintenance and facilities including parking rather than being diverted to other HHSC facilities; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Maui County Democratic Party supports Maui Memorial becoming a Regional Hospital that retains a proportion of revenues earned at MMC for reinvestment in the operations, improvement and maintenance of MMC to ensure a high quality health care facility; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Maui County Hawaii State Democratic Party urge our State Legislators to support appropriate legislation to implement this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution is hereby adopted by the Hawaii State Democratic Convention.

SUBMITTED BY: Maui County Democratic Party
URGING THE LEGISLATURE TO FULLY FUND TWENTY-FOUR-HOUR AMBULANCE SERVICE

WHEREAS, advanced life support ambulances are vital components to our community providing emergency medical care at the scene of traumatic or medical emergencies and during transport to a medical facility; and

WHEREAS, certain rural areas in the State of Hawaii do not have a twenty-four-hour, locally based advanced life support ambulance service available for its visitors and residents; and

WHEREAS, health care professionals, residents, and visitors feel that part-time ambulance services are inadequate to fulfill the health needs of those seeking emergency medical attention; and

WHEREAS, in emergency situations occurring after regular ambulance service hours in these areas result in longer response times from ambulances responding from other communities; and

WHEREAS, ambulances responding to emergencies outside of their normal service area deprive its area with quick response times; and

WHEREAS, in emergency situations, prolonged response time can mean the difference between life and death for individuals visiting or living in these rural communities; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED by the 2002 Maui County Hawaii State Democratic Convention that the Legislature should fully fund twenty-four-hour advanced life support ambulance service.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution is hereby adopted by the Hawaii State Democratic Convention.

SUBMITTED BY: Maui County Democratic Party
REQUESTING THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH AND THE HAWAII HEALTH SYSTEM CORPORATION TO FULLY SUPPORT LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATIONS EARMARKED FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND OPERATING COST NEEDS FOR MAUI MEMORIAL MEDICAL CENTER.

WHEREAS, Maui Memorial Medical Center will mark its 50th Anniversary this year with nearly half of its facility in dire need of renovations and expansion; and

WHEREAS, Maui Memorial Medical Center is the acute-care hub for the county and therefore its resources have been overburdened to meet the needs of the tri-island’s growing population; and

WHEREAS, for the past four years Maui Memorial Medical Center officials and its supporters have been vigorously seeking funds to renovate and expand the sole acute-care hospital facility in Maui County; and

WHEREAS, a $38 million revenue bond was approved by the State Legislature two years ago, but due to unexpected financial problems encountered by the hospital and the Hawaii Health System Corporation, its umbrella organization, the Department of Budget and Finance declined to release the money; and

WHEREAS, during the 2002 Legislative Session, lawmakers agreed to a $38 million bond authorization to fund the first phase of capital improvements for Maui Memorial Medical Center; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED by the 2002 Maui County Hawaii State Democratic Convention that the Executive Branch and the Hawaii Health System Corporation are urged to support the release of the $38 million general obligation bond for capital improvement projects at Maui Memorial; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature, the County of Maui, and Maui Memorial Medical Center officials and its supporters are requested to remain steadfast in their efforts to call upon the Executive Branch to fully finance all legislatively appropriated capital improvement and operating cost funds earmarked for Maui Memorial Medical Center.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution is hereby adopted by the Hawaii State Democratic Convention.

SUBMITTED BY: Maui County Democratic Party
RESOLUTION URGING THE STATE TO PLACE A HIGH PRIORITY ON 
ESTABLISHING AN ACUTE-CARE FACILITY 
OR EMERGENCY ROOM IN WEST MAUI.

WHEREAS, the increase in temporary closures of Honoapiilani Highway and the tremendous population growth in West Maui has rekindled the public's interest in calling upon the State to address the lack of acute medical care access for West Maui; and

WHEREAS, there are numerous proposals to address the traffic problems along Honoapiilani Highway as a means of preventing road closures and reducing vehicular accidents, but many are long-range recommendations that will not satisfy the immediate needs of a growing community that is at the mercy of a two-lane highway; and

WHEREAS, West Maui is the county's most powerful economic engine in respect to the hospitality industry, and that the population of West Maui averages about 46,000 on any given day when factoring in the influx of visitors and commuters with the number of residents per day; and

WHEREAS, there is no medical facility in West Maui that accepts ambulance patients, that can treat cardiopulmonary emergencies, or that can treat accident victims with life-threatening injuries; and

WHEREAS, the nearest acute-care facility available to the residents of West Maui and its visitors and commuters is a 45-minute drive, in favorable traffic, to Maui Memorial Medical Center in Central Maui; and

WHEREAS, developing a West Maui acute-care facility or emergency room would ease the county's dependency on and overburdening of its primary service provider which is Maui Memorial Medical Center; now, therefore,
BE IT RESOLVED by the 2002 Maui County Hawaii State Democratic Convention that the Governor of the State of Hawaii, the Hawaii State Legislature, and the Mayor and County Council Members of the County of Maui are urged to place the establishment of an acute-care or emergency room facility in West Maui as a high priority project in the next biennium.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution is hereby adopted by the Hawaii State Democratic Convention.

SUBMITTED BY: Maui County Democratic Party
RESOLUTION SUPPORTING DISCRIMINATION-FREE PUBLIC
ACCOMMODATIONS AND
SERVICES

WHEREAS, the need for public services and accommodations is universal; and

WHEREAS, the vast majority of the public enjoys the legal protection to acquire these services and
utilize these accommodations on the basis of their race, sex, color, religion, ancestry or disability; and

WHEREAS, there are other classifications where discrimination may occur; and

WHEREAS, the Hawai'i Democratic Party forbids discrimination in its Rules, Platform and
Affirmative Action Plan; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that Kaua'i Democratic Party support the inclusion of marital status, familial
status, age, health status, sexual orientation and gender identity in the list of anti-discrimination
practices possible at HRS 489-3; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon passage of this Resolution, that this Resolution be
expeditiously transmitted to the Hawai'i Democratic Party and to Democratic candidates who
have filed their papers for the offices of Governor, Lt. Governor, State Senator and State
Representative.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution is hereby adopted by the Hawaii State
Democratic Convention.

SUBMITTED BY: Kauai County Democratic Party
RESOLUTION SUPPORTING DISCRIMINATION-FREE HOUSING

WHEREAS, housing is a basic human requirement; and

WHEREAS, affordable housing is in short supply in Hawai‘i; and

WHEREAS, many groups of people, but not all people, are protected from housing discrimination on the basis of their race, sex, color, religion, marital status, familial status, ancestry, disability, age or HIV infection status; and

WHEREAS, without proper legal codification discrimination can exist for other reasons, but can and should be prevented; and

WHEREAS, a majority of the Hawai‘i State Senate supports such a move; and

WHEREAS, the Platform, Rules and Affirmative Action Plan of the [Kaua‘i] Democratic Party and the Hawai‘i Democratic Party forbid discrimination; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Kaua‘i Democratic Party supports the inclusion of sexual orientation (be it heterosexual, homosexual or bisexual) and gender identity in the anti-discrimination list of current housing laws residing at HRS 515-3, HRS 515-5, HRS 515-6 and HRS 515-7; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon passage of this Resolution, that this Resolution be expeditiously transmitted to the Hawai‘i Democratic Party and to candidates who file papers to run as Democrat for the offices of Governor, Lt. Governor, State Senator and State Representative.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution is hereby adopted by the Hawai‘i State Democratic Convention.

SUBMITTED BY: Kauai County Democratic Party
Resolution Urging Support of a State of Hawaii Council for the Chronically Homeless for an Intergency Task Force on Homelessness

Whereas Hawaii is one of only eight states selected by the federal government to participate in a homeless policy academy to be funded by a HUD and HHS block grant to investigate solutions to the problem of chronic homelessness through the formation of a council for state and local policymakers to improve access to mainstream services for chronically homeless persons; and

Whereas society has an obligation to help the homeless who normally have no voice, are vulnerable, and whom are sometimes subjected to threats and harassment by law enforcement; and

Whereas police sweeps simply result in displacing homeless individuals from one place to another and serve only to frighten already traumatized individuals; and

Whereas the Institute for Human Services (I.H.S.) affirms that 10% of the chronic homeless consume 50% of financial resources funded for homelessness, both within Hawaii and nationally; and

Whereas evidence based research indicates that the chronic homeless can live successfully in permanent housing with support services for less money than it currently costs to warehouse them in homeless shelters so as not to suffer harassment, threats, or bodily harm at our beaches and parks; and

Whereas we need to support the effort to find ways that mainstream social services can satisfactorily service the needs of all homeless people; and

Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Hawaii State Convention of the Democratic Party advocate and support the implementation and follow through of HUD and HHS sponsored block grants to deal with the problems of chronic homelessness; and

Be It Further Resolved that the Hawaii State Convention of the Democratic Party advocate and support the proposed to end homelessness in 10 years as recommended by the National Alliance to End Homelessness; and

Be It Further Resolved that copies of this resolution be delivered to the Governor, Democrat members of the legislature, and council members of city and county governments in Hawaii.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution is hereby adopted by the Hawaii State Democratic Convention.

Submitted By: Vanessa Walker and Lance Bateman
RESOLUTION SUPPORTING CIVIL UNIONS

WHEREAS a substantial number of households in Hawai‘i live in the context of a committed family situation without the benefit of an ironclad civil and contractual relationship which is above legal reproach, and

WHEREAS the Hawai‘i Supreme Court has mandated that the state must provide the vehicle for a civil and contractual relationship for everyone so that all of Hawai‘i's citizens can equally share in the benefits and protections that such arrangements provide, and

WHEREAS the Legislature has not provided those civil and contractual relationships to date,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Hawai‘i Democratic Party supports the institution of Civil Unions for two people who wish to enter into such a legal relationship, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon passage of this resolution, a copy be transmitted to Democratic candidates for Governor, Lt. Governor, State Senator and State Representative.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution is hereby adopted by the Hawaii State Democratic Convention.

Submitted by:
Martin Rice
Fred Rainville
LATE RESOLUTION! PRESENTED FOR THE FIRST TIME IN COMMITTEE.

URGING THE HAWAII STATE LEGISLATURE TO ENACT LEGISLATION FOR THE
PUBLIC FUNDING OF ELECTION CAMPAIGNS

WHEREAS, the cost of political campaigns are skyrocketing, with spending for Hawaii’s
campaign spending increasing by 240% between 1976 and 1996; and

WHEREAS, the majority of campaign contribution dollars in Hawaii come from corporations
and a small number of individuals;

WHEREAS, the current campaign funding process drives up the cost of election campaigns,
placing at a disadvantage candidates without access to large contributors or personal fortunes
thus diminishing their ability to mount competitive campaigns; and

WHEREAS, as qualified candidates are provided with adequate funds to communicate with
voters, our selections would better reflect our best judgments based on adequate information
about all of the candidates; and

WHEREAS, as more qualified people are given the opportunity to compete for office, voters are
given more choices,

WHEREAS, it is in the public’s interest that our representatives in government concentrate on
solving our state’s problems and not be distracted by the need to raise huge sums of money for
their campaigns, nor have to worry about antagonizing those who have been generous to them,

WHEREAS, the current campaign finance process fails to discourage elected officials from
accepting large campaign contributions from private interests that may be directly affected by
governmental actions and from enacting laws favoring those contributors’ interest to the
detriment of the interest of citizens who are not large contributors; and

WHEREAS, taxpayers pay for the campaign contributions of corporations and large industries in
the form of higher cost of goods and services, subsidies and tax exemption for corporations and
industries, and unfair tax laws, now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Democratic Party of Hawaii that the Hawaii State Legislature is urged
to enact legislation to provide for the public funding of partisan election campaigns, as well as
mayoral and county council races, as an alternative means of campaign financing available
to any candidate who promises to abide by the campaign spending limits, and other requirements
as described by law.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Democratic Party secretary is directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the Governor, the Speaker of the State House of Representatives and the President of the Senate.
Mana Makaʻainana

We the People

Hawaii Democratic Party
State Convention 2002

Affirmative Action
May 31, 2002

Report of the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i’s Affirmative Action Committee

Honorable Chair and members:

Your Committee on Affirmative Action held a meeting on May 31, 2002, and submits the following.

We have reviewed the 1998-2000 Affirmative Action Plan of the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i, and amended it by clarifying both the focus and mechanism for implementation of the plan, and by changing the dates as appropriate. The amended Affirmative Action Plan of the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i is submitted for your approval.

The Affirmative Action Plan reminds us of the core values of democratic ideals and inclusion, which are the foundation of the Democratic Party. Ours is a tradition of representing the interests of all Hawai‘i’s people, including workers, women, and racial and other minorities.

Past Affirmative Action Plans have been principled and ambitious, but it is clear that little of those plans have been implemented. It is our view that even the best-laid plans mean little if not executed. The proposed plan takes into account the demands on our resources at both the State Party and grassroots levels.

Our mission is too important to be discussed in the few weeks prior to our State Convention, only to be forgotten until the time comes to plan the next convention. We offer a plan to establish a Committee on Affirmative Action, which will define the parameters of the discussion of affirmative action, initiate internal education and discussion on affirmative action issues at the State and County levels, and make recommendations for action to be presented at the 2004 State Convention.

We are a Party of diversity and inclusion. We must continue this fine tradition, for the diversity of our membership is our lifeblood. The Democratic Party has been the party of the people, and the policies and programs we have supported have contributed greatly to our progress toward a more just and equitable society. Approval and implementation of the proposed Affirmative Action Plan will reflect our commitment to the principles of full participation, equal opportunity, representation and rights for the diverse peoples of Hawai‘i.

This report submitted for your approval.

Karen Piltz
William Hoshijo
Co-Chairs
AFFIRMATIVE ACTION PLAN
OF THE
DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF HAWAI’I
(as amended)
2002

PREAMBLE
The Democratic Party of Hawai’i embraces its historical commitment to the principles of full participation, equal opportunity, representation and rights for the diverse peoples of Hawai’i. The Democratic Party reaffirms its commitment to the goal of full representation and participation regardless of color, race, ethnic origin, sex, gender identity, marital status, sexual orientation, age, disability, ancestry, religion, arrest and court record, or economic status (including homelessness).

FULL PARTICIPATION
The Democratic Party of Hawai’i will work to eliminate barriers to full representation and active participation by all of the diverse peoples of Hawai’i in all facets of the programs and activities of our Party.

We are a Party built on principles of democratic process and inclusion, and fully recognize that our strength and effectiveness flow directly from commitment to the ideal of full and active participation, and inclusion rather than exclusion. Our future as a political party, a state and a society is built on these principles. The Democratic Party will reach out to all groups, targeting those who have been underrepresented in the Party and the political process.

The term “affirmative action” refers to the process of taking positive steps toward full representation for all groups by eliminating barriers that inhibit or preclude participation of members of underrepresented groups in the activities and programs of the Democratic Party of Hawai’i and the Democratic Party of the United States.

STATEMENT OF THE PROBLEM
The Democratic Party of Hawai’i recognizes problems caused by barriers to full representation and active participation by all of the diverse peoples of Hawai’i in all facets of the programs and activities of our Party. These barriers are similar in character to those that have historically prevented full participation and enjoyment of opportunity and benefits to workers, women, and racial and other minorities in Hawai’i, barriers which the Democratic Party of Hawai’i has long struggled to eliminate. In order to effectively address and eliminate these barriers, we must first acknowledge, identify and discuss the problem(s).

While this statement is not intended to present an exhaustive or exclusive discussion of the barriers that the Affirmative Action Plan 2002 addresses, we recognize these as significant barriers that must be addressed:

Institutional racism, social and cultural biases.
Social inequality and inequities, and socioeconomic status.
Geographic and physical accessibility.
Cultural differences and language barriers.
Closed social and political networks that can inhibit open and full participation.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION PLAN 2002

The State Party Chair shall implement the following concrete steps towards development and implementation of a comprehensive program to increase participation and eliminate barriers to participation by members of underrepresented groups:

1. Establishment of State Committee on Affirmative Action: This Committee will work in the interim between the 2002 State Convention and the 2004 State Convention. The charge of the Committee will be to define the parameters of the discussion of affirmative action, to initiate internal education and discussion on affirmative action issues at the State and County levels, and to make recommendations for action to be presented for consideration at the 2004 State Convention. The Committee should examine barriers to full participation in Party programs and activities, including but not limited to: gender, race, and other bias; language and cultural differences; disability access and accommodations; socioeconomic status and financial constraints. The Committee should also discuss the substantive issues of interest to underrepresented groups that should be addressed by the Party.

Action Steps:

1a. The State Chair shall establish the Committee on Affirmative Action by naming a minimum of five members. Invitations to participate shall also be extended to members in each County through the County Chairpersons, and all Party members who want to participate shall be members of the Committee. Under the direction of the State Central Committee, the Committee on Affirmative Action will be responsible for the implementation of the Affirmative Action Plan. The State Chair will retain overall responsibility for timely implementation of the Plan. Until the State Chair appoints the members of the Committee on Affirmative Action, the State Convention Committee on Affirmative Action shall serve as the Interim Committee on Affirmative Action.

   Timetable: December 31, 2002.
   Responsible person: State Chair.

1b. The State Chair shall designate a Committee Chair from among its members. The Special Committee shall meet to define the scope of the affirmative action issues to be addressed, develop plans for internal education and discussion of those issues at the State and County levels, and develop recommendations for action to be presented at the 2004 State Convention.

   Responsible persons: State Chair; Committee Chair and members.

1c. The Committee shall implement its plan for internal education and discussion of affirmative action issues at the State and County levels, conducting at least
one education session for the County Chairpersons, Vice Chairs, and District Chairs.
Additional sessions for Precinct officials may be offered as an optional activity.


Responsible persons: Committee Chair and members; State Chair.

1d. The Committee shall prepare and present a report on its work and
recommendations for action to the 2004 State Convention. This report shall be
incorporated into the report of the Committee on Affirmative Action for the 2004 State
Convention.


Responsible person: Committee Chair and members.

1e. Each County Chairperson shall establish a County Committee on
Affirmative Action. Its County Chairperson will determine the composition and number
of members of each County Committee. Each County Chair is responsible for ensuring
that participation in programs and activities is not denied on the basis of race, color,
national origin, ethnicity, sex, gender identity, age, religion, economic status (including
homelessness), sexual orientation, disability, marital status, arrest and court records, or
any other arbitrary factor. The County Chairs retain overall responsibility for
implementation of County Affirmative Action Plans.

Timetable: December 31, 2002.

Responsible person: County Chairpersons.

2. Data gathering and identification of underrepresented groups: Registration for the
2004 county conventions shall include an Affirmative action questionnaire for all
convention delegates, to elicit voluntary self-identification of the delegates’ race,
gender, ancestry/national origin, disability/need for accommodation, age, and
other relevant self-identification. Copies of the questionnaires returned will be
provided to the State Committee on Affirmative Action.

Action Steps:

2a. The State Committee, in consultation with and the Chairs of the County
Committees on Affirmative Action shall develop a uniform statewide an Affirmative
action questionnaire to be distributed to all delegates on registration for the 2004 County
Conventions.


Responsible persons: State Committee Chair and members; Chairs of the County
Committees on Affirmative Action.

2b. Copies of the returned questionnaires will be provided to the State
Committee on Affirmative Action.


Responsible person: Chairs of the County Committees on Affirmative Action;
County Chairpersons.
2c. The data gathered shall be considered and used by the State Committee on Affirmative Action in preparing its report and recommendations for action to the 2004 State Convention.


Responsible person: State Committee Chair and members.

3. Diversity, equal opportunity, and nondiscrimination in leadership, board and committee appointments, volunteer participation, and membership: The State Party will make good faith efforts to achieve diversity, equal opportunity, and nondiscrimination in participation at every level of party activity. This will assure inclusion and active participation in policy and decision making by all affected groups.

Action Steps:

3a. Members selected to serve on State, County, District, or Precinct boards or committees shall be selected in a nondiscriminatory manner, consistent with the Party’s equal opportunity, diversity and Affirmative Action policies. The membership at all levels of leadership should reflect balance of racial and ethnic groups and both sexes, reflecting the diversity of the State and Hawai‘i. The appointment of members and composition of any board or committee should be done with the goal of proportional representation on the bases of sex, age, socio-economic status, racial and ethnic constituency of the County served.

Timetable: Ongoing.

Responsible persons: State Chair; County Chairpersons; District and Precinct Chairs.

3b. At the State, County, District, and Precinct levels, concerted efforts should be made to expand volunteer participation to include a broad and diverse pool of volunteers. This should be accomplished by removing barriers to participation and valuing the contributions, experiences and wisdom of volunteers regardless of both sex, race, ethnic groups, socioeconomic backgrounds, and ages.

Timetable: Ongoing.

Responsible person: State Chair; County Chairpersons; District and Precinct Chairs.

3c. Membership recruitment efforts should focus on bringing new members into the Democratic Party, while respecting the contributions of long time members and retaining their active participation. This focus will provide for future growth and perpetuation of the Party, building on and valuing its roots.

Timetable: Ongoing.

Responsible person: State Chair; County Chairpersons; District and Precinct Chairs.
3d. This Affirmative Action Plan and diversity policy shall be considered and implemented in the appointment of pre-convention committees and in the nominations of delegates to the National Convention.

Timetable: Ongoing.

Responsible person: State Chair; County Chairpersons; District and Precinct Chairs.

3e. Concerted efforts should be made to increase participation of rural and Neighbor Island members in Party activities.

Timetable: Ongoing.

Responsible person: State Chair; County Chairpersons; District and Precinct Chairs.

4. The Party shall provide for full and equal opportunity for participation of persons with disabilities in all Party activities, through a program of awareness, outreach, accessibility, and reasonable accommodation. No otherwise qualified person with a disability should be denied participation in Party programs or activities on the basis of his or her disability.

For the purpose of this plan, a "person with disabilities" is any person who (a) has a physical or mental impairment which substantially limits one or more major life activities, (b) has a record of such impairment, or (c) is regarded as having such an impairment.

Action Steps:

4a. Reasonable accommodation shall be provided upon request of a person with a disability, unless the requested accommodation would impose an undue hardship on the Party. "Reasonable accommodation" is any change or alteration made to accommodate the known physical or mental limitations of an otherwise qualified person with a disability.

Timetable: Ongoing.

Responsible persons: State Chair; County Chairpersons; District and Precinct Chairs.

4b. Upon request, the Party shall provide sign language or oral interpreter services; in addition, the Party shall provide TTY/TTD access, accessible parking at Party programs and activities. The Party website shall be accessible and "Bobby Approved".

Timetable: Ongoing.

Responsible persons: State Chair; County Chairpersons; District and Precinct Chairs.


Action Steps:
5a. Participation in Party activities shall be encouraged by giving effective and timely notice of meetings and information regarding the delegate selection process, nomination and election activities to every member.

Timetable: Ongoing.

Responsible persons: State Chair; County Chairpersons; District and Precinct Chairs.

5b. The Party's commitment to full participation, equal opportunity, inclusion, and democratic process shall be publicized through all Party outreach and communications as appropriate. Outreach efforts should include the use of public access media and use of media targeting minority communities, women, and other groups that are or have been underrepresented in Party membership and activities.

Timetable: Ongoing.

Responsible persons: State Chair; County Chairpersons; District and Precinct Chairs.

5c. Complaints and challenges filed by members alleging that they have been denied equal opportunity to participate in Party activities or programs in violation of the Affirmative Action Plan shall be decided pursuant to the Party Rules. A copy of any complaint alleging a denial of equal opportunity to participate in violation of the Affirmative Action plan shall be provided to the Committee on Affirmative Action. If the Committee deems it appropriate, it can submit a recommendation within 14 days of receipt of the complaint.

Timetable: Ongoing.

Responsible persons: State Chair; County Chairpersons; District and Precinct Chairs.
Mana Makaʻainana

We the People

Hawaii Democratic Party
State Convention 2002

Environment
May 31st, 2002

Pre-Convention Report of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i's Environment Committee

Honorable Chair and members:

Your Committee on Environment held a pre-convention meeting on Friday, May 31st, 2002, and submits the following recommendations and revisions to certain resolutions. The changes are suggested to clarify intent and deal with issues on a State level. Where your pre-convention committee has made substantive changes to the attached resolutions, we have included the original resolution, as passed by the Counties, followed by the recommended language made in committee.

We also recommend holding the following resolutions:

Resolution Urging Enforcement of Beach Access Parking

Resolution Urging The Legislature To Amend Chapter 6E-15 And 6E-16 To Define The Requirements For Native Hawaiian Cultural Monuments In Any Project That May Impact Native Hawaiian Historic And Cultural Sites

The two resolutions were vaguely written and there may already be similar measures that already exist.

A resolution was discussed relating to a master plan to underground utility lines. The resolution was discussed but no vote could be taken because the issue of quorum was raised and there was no quorum at the time the resolution was to be voted upon. The co-chair waited 10 minutes and encouraged proponents to get additional committee members to vote. At 10:00 p.m., when no quorum was present, the co-chair adjourned the meeting. Members of the Committee have filed a minority report. Your co-chair believes that no vote could be taken and no action could be taken on the measure because of a lack of quorum.

This report submitted for your approval.

Environment Committee
Alan Yamamoto
Tanel Nishioka
Co-Chairs
RESOLUTION URGING THE LEGISLATURE TO AMEND CHAPTER 6E-15 AND 6E-16 TO DEFINE THE REQUIREMENTS FOR NATIVE HAWAIIAN CULTURAL MONITORS IN ANY PROJECT THAT MAY IMPACT NATIVE HAWAIIAN HISTORIC AND CULTURAL SITES

WHEREAS, the Natural Historic Preservation Act, Section 106 stresses that federal, state or county agencies must take into account the effects of their undertakings on historic properties when using federal monies; and

WHEREAS, the Hawaii State Constitution recognizes the value of conserving historic and cultural properties within the State regardless of funding source; and

WHEREAS, the Hawaii Legislature has declared that Hawaiian history and culture are important assets, yet social and economic demands of contemporary society threaten to destroy remaining vestiges of this unique native heritage; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature further declared that it shall be the public policy of this State to provide leadership in preserving, restoring, and maintaining historic and cultural property, to ensure the administration of such historic and cultural property in a spirit of stewardship and trusteeship for future generations, and to conduct activities, plans, and programs in a manner consistent with the preservation and enhancement of historic and cultural property; and

WHEREAS, to lessen adverse impacts and assure mitigation measures, project developers should hire Native Hawaiian cultural monitors to assure the implementation of these mitigations; and

WHEREAS, in recent development, without a cultural monitor, there have been irreplaceable losses of cultural assets, including burial sites and 'iwi;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Democratic Party of Hawaii urges the Legislature to amend HRS Chapter 6E-15 and 6E-16, relating to the regulations, special conditions or restrictions section of historic preservation, by including the adoption and use, by all government agencies and private sector developers, of Native Hawaiian cultural monitors and funding thereof.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Native Hawaiian cultural monitors, hired in consultation with the affected communities should demonstrate:

1. a cultural affiliation to the affected project area;
2. familiarity with the affected and anticipated cultural properties in the project area; and
3. known sensitivity and ability to represent and communicate on behalf of the Native Hawaiian community to developers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution will be delivered to the Governor, Democratic members of the Legislature.

Submitted by: Oahu County

PASSED BY VOICE VOTE
Resolution Urging Pump Stations in all Harbor Facilities

WHEREAS, there are an increasing number of vessels in the coastal waters of the County; and

WHEREAS, there are inadequate or no pump-out facilities for boats in many of the harbors located within the County; and

WHEREAS, raw sewage, toxic to both human and marine life, is too often dumped in ocean waters off our islands' coast line; now, therefore,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Democratic Party urges that all public and private harbors in the County be required to have pump-out stations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Democratic Party urges the State Boating and Ocean Recreation Division, Department of Land and Natural Resources and the State Harbors Division, Department of Transportation, to assist in the implementation of this resolution by working cooperatively to provide pump-out stations at all State small boat and harbor facilities and proper disposal of pump material as required by state and federal law.

Submitted by: Maui County

PASSED AS AMENDED BY VOICE VOTE
REQUESTING THE LEGISLATURE TO PROVIDE LONG-TERM EQUITABLE PROTECTION OF WATER RESOURCES IN THE STATE OF HAWAII

WHEREAS, clean fresh water is one of the most basic elements necessary for human survival and a healthy and prosperous society; and

WHEREAS, healthy and well-managed forested watersheds provide Hawaii with nearly all of its fresh water for domestic, agricultural and business uses; and

WHEREAS, the conservation of water resources are is important not only critical to the long-term viability of agriculture and state efforts to diversify and expand Hawaii's economic base; and

WHEREAS, conservation of water but is also vital to the quality of the visitor experience; and

WHEREAS, conservation of water resources most important is essential to the livelihood and well-being of all Hawaii residents; and

WHEREAS, there is an immediate need to address the state of all aquifers, forested watersheds and other water resources; and

WHEREAS, the valuable and irreplaceable water tables and aquifers are being lost, and in order to ensure the long-term utilization of the State's viable water resources, it is necessary to adopt and implement an effective master plan and infrastructure for aquifer preservation and utilization throughout the State; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that it is the intent of this body to declare that all water resources and their components are considered an essential element to the life support system of the State's citizens and important contributor to State's economy.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the 2002 State Democratic Convention that the Executive branch of the State of Hawaii, the Hawaii State Legislature, the Mayor's of each County and their respective County Councils fully provide for the creation of watershed and water resource protection to serve the long-term needs of the citizens of the State.

SUBMITTED BY Maui County
AS AMENDED IN PRE-CONVENTION COMMITTEE
PASSED AS AMENDED BY VOICE VOTE
RESOLUTION FOR WILDERNESS AREAS

WHEREAS, large open space and wild areas are important resources to preserve for Hawai‘i’s economic, cultural, and recreational well-being; and

WHEREAS, Governor Ben Cayetano has declared that a “string of pearls” consisting of wilderness coastal areas should be preserved throughout the Hawaiian Islands chain; and

WHEREAS, a University of Hawai‘i Travel Industry Management School Study done in 2001 found that the single most important recommendation by visitors to our state (64.4% of respondents) was the preservation of Hawai‘i’s coastline in its natural state; and

WHEREAS, Hawai‘i’s own residents rely upon gathering, hunting, recreational use, fishing, camping and religious use of open state lands; and

WHEREAS, Natural Area Reserves were established with the intent and mandate to protect Native ecosystems over and above all other uses; and

WHEREAS, Game Management Areas were established with the intent to define areas where hunting is the primary focus for management; and

WHEREAS, State Parks are often improved with Interpretive Programs, comfort stations, parking areas, trails, water services, trash receptacles, and other costly infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, DLNR land designations such as “Unencumbered,” “Forest Reserve,” and “Conservation” provide no guaranteed protection that land will remain in open space and/or in wilderness; and

WHEREAS, several of our most treasured last tracts of open space wilderness areas that do not qualify biologically for designation as a Natural Area Reserve; would lose their unique and unspoiled character if infrastructure were imposed upon them, and must be preserved for the long-term as important, recognized recreational and cultural areas; and

WHEREAS, numerous important open space areas around our state would benefit from a designation that allows for recreational use but does not require significant new improvements and budget requirements for the division of State Parks; and

WHEREAS, these areas potentially include: the Ka Iwi Coast on O‘ahu, areas surrounding the NARS at Ka‘ena Point on O‘ahu, state lands along the Nā Pali Coast that are not currently designated as State Park or NARS land on Kaua‘i, Lumaha‘i Beach on Kaua‘i, and Kekaha Kai on the Big Island; and

WHEREAS, the state would benefit from a new State Parks designation of “Wilderness Area” that allows land to be protected in perpetuity without undue infrastructure costs; now, therefore,
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Democratic Party stands for the creation and implementation of a new State Park designation known as "Wilderness Area" which shall preserve crucial open space areas of our state in perpetuity while allowing only non-commercial recreational and subsistence use without mandating infrastructure improvements that would conflict with the natural character of the land.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Governor, the Legislature, the State Department of Land and Natural Resources and the Mayors and Councils of the respective counties.

SUBMITTED BY: HAWAII COUNTY
AS AMENDED BY PRE-CONVENTION COMMITTEE
PASSED AS AMENDED BY VOICE VOTE
RESOLUTION TO PROTECT SHORELINE MARINE RESOURCES

WHEREAS the Hawaiian Islands are blessed with some of the more pristine coastal marine resources in the world with more than 400 species of reef fish; and

WHEREAS our citizens and visitor industry benefit from this natural resource; and

WHEREAS the state legislature has funded marine resource protection programs that have served the islands well; and

WHEREAS there is an urgent need to protect these resources,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Democratic Party to urge the State Legislature and Department of Land and Natural Resources to continue to maintain, monitor and expand the "no collection" zones of aquarium fish in our Hawaii waters with a view towards expanding such programs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Democratic Party support the ongoing efforts of the West Hawaii Fisheries Management Council and that this resolution be transmitted to the State Convention to urge the State Department of Land and Natural Resources to support these efforts and also encourage the Department to examine the benefits of establishing a system of marine protected areas statewide, and that this resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the Legislature, the Mayors, the County Councils, and the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Submitted by: Hawaii County

PASSED AS AMENDED BY VOICE VOTE
RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH PRIORITY INVASIVE SPECIES ERADICATION
PREVENTION AND CONTROL PROGRAMS

WHEREAS, invasive insects, disease organisms, snakes, weeds, and other pests are one of the
greatest threats to Hawaii’s economy, natural environment, and the health and lifestyle of its
people; and

WHEREAS the State of Hawaii has a large population of invasive alien species and its
people, economy and environment are at particular risk from introduction of new pests; and

WHEREAS the federal, state and county governments, together with community, and private
non-profit organizations have provided resources and support for prevention and control of
invasive species including micisia, coqui frog, faya tree, gorse, fountain grass, coqui frogs,
mosquitoes, and fire ants; and

WHEREAS, the State Legislative Reference Bureau’s January 2002 report, Filling the Gaps in
the Fight Against Invasive Species, confirmed that:

- invasive species are not just an environmental threat, but a serious and potentially
crippling threat to our tourist and agriculture economies as well as to human health and
safety,
- invasive species management is an on-going cost that needs dedicated funding
with an emphasis on prevention, inspection, and rapid response to achieve the greatest
return on investment, and
- clear leadership roles and coordination amongst the various federal, state, county
and private agencies that have responsibility for invasive pest prevention and control is
critically needed; and

WHEREAS the County of Hawaii has provided support for micisia eradication, coqui frog
eradication, faya tree, and gorse eradication; and

WHEREAS, County, community and non-profit organizations are dedicated to efforts to control
such invasive and dangerous pests as killer bees, Tiger mosquitoes (dengue fever vectors), feral
exotic birds, wallabies, etc.; and

WHEREAS, County, community and non-profit organizations have provided substantial
assistance in control and maintenance programs; and

WHEREAS, the state Emergency Workforce Development program has provided a substantial
workforce, training and education component; and

WHEREAS additional state and federal resources may be helpful combined with support
from the private sector through volunteer efforts and contributions; now, therefore

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Democratic Party of Hawaii that an “Invasive
Species Eradication Priority Plan” be developed by the Big Island Environmental Management
Commission, county Planning Department and interested non-profit organizations, and that this plan be forwarded to county, state and federal agencies for support.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive branch of the State of Hawaii, the Hawaii State Legislature, the Mayors of each of the four Hawaii Counties, and the respective County Councils fully provide the resources necessary to appropriately control invasive species presently in Hawaii and protect Hawaii to the best of our ability from future introductions of invasive species, and coordinate with the Island Invasive Species Committees to develop an Invasive Species Prevention and Control Plan.

Submitted By: Hawaii County

PASSED AS AMENDED BY VOICE VOTE
RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE APPROPRIATE DEVELOPMENT
OF MAUNA KEA SUMMIT

WHEREAS, Mauna Kea's a priceless resource for the people of the State of Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, Mauna Kea is an important historical, cultural and religious site for Native Hawaiians and the community at large; and

WHEREAS Mauna Kea's development and utilization to date has formed an important part of the educational infrastructure and economy for the island and state of Hawaii; and

WHEREAS as Hawaii approaches the next millennium it is of vital importance to the people that the planning for the future use of this resource into the next century is done with care, sensitivity and respect; and.

WHEREAS, it is imperative that this effort be a collaborative partnership between the various groups in the community that have a vital interest in Mauna Kea's planning and development; and

WHEREAS, a two-year planning process resulted in the MAUNA KEA STRATEGIC PLAN under the direction of the Mauna Kea Advisory Committee and the 'Aha Hui Ku Mauna, approved together with substantive resolutions by the UH Board of Regents and a state-prepared Environmental Impact Statement; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that any further development must be ecologically and culturally appropriate, respecting the inherent limits to growth; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Hawaii Democratic Party supports orderly development of Mauna Kea under the aegis of the Mauna Kea Advisory Committee and the University of Hawaii at Hilo with appropriate support from the University System and Institute for Astronomy.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this development should include an ongoing comprehensive study and investigation of the historical, cultural, recreational and religious aspects of the mountain that is necessary to the heritage of Hawaii's people. It must also include stakeholder participation, and consideration of cost impacts for keeping Hawaii at the cutting edge of astronomy and space research. It is vitally important that any development considers and makes allowances for the fragile ecological and environmental aspects of this resource so that they are protected if further development is contemplated, and appropriate resources are available to accomplish these tasks. Any development should consider optimum use of the mountain by visitors, residents and educators in order to properly preserve this resource in perpetuity.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Mayors, University of Hawaii, Department of Land and Natural Resources, NASA, the Mauna Kea Users Group, congressional, legislative and council bodies for support.

Submitted by: HAWAII COUNTY

PASSED BY VOICE VOTE
RESOLUTION URGING SUPPORT FOR THE ARMY TRANSFORMATION PROGRAM AT POHAKULOA

WHEREAS, the Pohakuloa Training Area has been established since World War II as a training area for the 25th Infantry Division (Light) headquartered at Schofield Barracks, Wahiawa, and incorporating tactical training exercises for National Guard, US Marine Corps and other Hawaii-based and allied troops; and

WHEREAS, the Army Environmental Center has kept strict accounting of all training exercises and impact to environmental consideration within PTA, and has provided continuing information and outreach to the community; and

WHEREAS, a program known as the “ARMY TRANSFORMATION PROGRAM” is in a preliminary planning stage to develop scoping detail for a complete Environmental Impact Statement; and

WHEREAS, the transformation program scoping for Pohakuloa includes (but is not limited to) Army purchase of currently leased private land from Parker Ranch (23,000 acres) which is used for tactical exercises, repair and maintenance of Bradshaw Army Airfield and addition of runway lights and runway surface improvements, and development of a tactical training squadron of 400 wheeled vehicles; and

WHEREAS, additional programmatic detail will be developed during the scoping phase of this project; and

WHEREAS, the Army Transformation Group commits to continued community input from, and sensitivity to, neighboring businesses and community groups; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Democratic Party that the transformation program for Pohakuloa is supported in concept for purposes of the EIS scoping.

BE IT RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Commander, Pohakuloa and the State Department of Land and Natural Resources, as well as congressional, state and county elected officials.

SUBMITTED BY: Hawaii County

PASSED AS AMENDED BY VOICE VOTE
RESOLUTION URGING SUPPORT FOR RECYCLING AND ALTERNATIVE ENERGY DEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS, the East Hawaii Landfill will be closed in May, 2004, Hawaii's landfills are approaching maximum capacity; and

WHEREAS, some of the County has created an Environmental Management Commission to study appropriate technologies for waste management and energy development; and

WHEREAS, a congressional appropriation to the Environmental Protection Agency has provided a pilot project grant to set up a recycling center, education and long range planning on the island of Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, substantial needs and resources exist throughout Hawaii County to establish further pilot programs in source separation, renewable resource management through reuse and value-added purchase or contracting preference, new waste to energy alternatives and other new technological advances in alternative energy applications such as innovative gases and fuel technologies including but not limited to hydrogen fuel cells, nanotechnology etc., which will improve the quality of life for all Hawaii citizens while protecting natural resources, now, therefore

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY: that the Democratic Party to support a planned, integrated and applied approach to recycling, renewable resource management and energy development.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the members of Hawaii's Congressional delegation, Governor, State legislators, Mayors, and Hawaii County Councils.

SUBMITTED BY: Hawaii County

PASSED AS AMENDED BY VOICE VOTE
RESOLUTION FOR PROTECTION OF HAWAII'S PURE WATER

WHEREAS, since ancient times, Hawaiians have treasured water, “wai,” as the spiritual source of all life and Hawaii’s water law encodes this cultural perspective that water is a precious resource that must be preserved for the benefit of all; and

WHEREAS, like the air we breath, drinking water is a vital necessity of life and must be kept as pure as possible with exception of those chemicals necessary to make it safe for human consumption; and

WHEREAS, adding chemicals to our drinking water should not be used as a solution to any health problem which is not contagious or life threatening and when alternative measures are available for prevention without exposure to the entire population; and

WHEREAS, using the drinking water system for delivery of chemicals for medication purpose is not cost effective since more than 99% of the chemicals will be discharged into the environment when washing cars, watering yards, flushing toilets, etc., thereby wasting tax dollars; and

WHEREAS, it is not the role of state or city government to override an individual’s freedom of choice, right to informed consent or affect the water such that it would compel selected groups (e.g. chemically sensitive, auto-immune disorder, etc.) to purchase bottled water; and

WHEREAS, this resolution re-emphasizes an individual’s environmental right to a clean and healthy environment, including control of pollution and protection and enhancement of natural resources, as provided for in Article XI, Section 9 of the Hawaii State Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the function of a public water supply is to provide pure, safe drinking water for everybody, not to serve as a vehicle for drugs for a selected minority group of individuals;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic Party of Hawaii supports a policy of pure and safe drinking water and will work toward legislation to prohibit the addition of any chemicals (except for water safety treatment), drugs or nutrients, to any water supply providing water to the general public. This resolution shall remain in effect until legislation is passed. In the interim, any chemical proposed to be added to the water, other than for treatment of the water to make it safe for drinking, shall require that the issues of testing, safety and effectiveness be resolved by the Food and Drug Administration with a joint agreement published by the EPA Headquarters Professionals’ Union (National Treasury Employees Union, Chapter 280) prior to addition to any drinking water supply providing drinking water to the general public.

Submitted By: Norma Niehoff and Marsha Hayner Delegates

PASSED AS AMENDED BY ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES 12, NAYS 4, ABSTAIN 1
Resolution Relating to a Master Plan to Underground Utility Lines

Whereas, Hawaii's economy, basic human needs and quality of life are directly related to utility linkages for energy and communication, which rely heavily on overhead technology developed in the 19th century; and

Whereas, Hawaii's scenic beauty is one of our most important assets, providing an important economic and environmental resource for residents and visitors alike; and

Whereas, Hawaii's current utility networks are all linked to overhead transmission systems leaving even the limited areas which are undergrounded at the mercy of wind, rain, smoke from fires, and hurricanes common to Hawaii, reducing current undergrounding reliability; and

Whereas, undergrounding of utilities reduces outages of commercial and business communications and energy, decreasing potential devastating financial losses; and

Whereas, undergrounding for residential homes and communities provides reliability, increased health and safety, and increased property values; and

Whereas, undergrounding utilities improves public health and safety by reducing automobile accidents; falling lines and poles caused by high winds, rains, hurricanes and termites; kites and other objects connecting with utility lines, and decreased electromagnetic fields (EMF); and

Whereas, Congress has proposed a national policy to prohibit the placement of new public schools and day care centers on property with an EMF average of 2 mg or greater; and

Whereas, residential properties with 10-foot front yard setbacks located immediately adjacent to aerial 46 kV or greater high voltage electric lines commonly have EMF of over 8 mg; and

Whereas, the thousands of 40 foot poles, hundreds of 67 to 100-foot tall steel pylons with multiple metal arms, and proposed poles of 120 foot height or more have a significant negative visual impact on the islands, and what the citizenry believes is our legacy and responsibility to the land;

Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Democratic Party of Hawaii supports development of a 25 year Master Plan for all urban districts in the State of Hawaii, as defined by state land use law, as well as the islands of Oahu and Maui, to have all overhead utilities placed underground. The plan shall include a universal requirement for undergrounding of all utilities in all new development and construction; provide for amortization over an extended period of costs to underground and maintain existing systems; and provide that major projects being planned facilitate pooling and piggy-backing of ongoing maintenance and replacement monies to effect the change; and

Be It Further Resolved that this resolution will be forwarded for further communication and action to each party involved with utilities planning and development, including but not limited to the Hawaii State Legislature, Governor, City Councils, Mayors, the Public Utilities Commission, related government departments, and all utility resource companies.

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Education
RESOLUTION #2

RESOLUTION URGING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SYSTEM OF HAWAIIAN EDUCATION.

WHEREAS, Native Hawaiians constitute the most undereducated major ethnic group in the State, experiencing the highest percentage of educational and societal failure; and

WHEREAS, the State has fallen short of promoting the study of Hawaiian culture, history and language and providing for a Hawaiian education program consisting of language, culture and history in the public schools, as mandated by Article X of the State Constitution of 1978; and

WHEREAS, according to Paragraph 14 of the International Covenant of the Right of Indigenous Nations, drafted in Geneva in 1994, all indigenous peoples, including the native people of Hawai'i, have a right to "all levels and forms of education, including access to education in their own languages, and the right to establish and control their educational systems and institutions according to their own customs and traditions; "and

WHEREAS, according to Article 1.7.1 of the Coolangetta Statement, ratified by thousands of indigenous educators at the 1999 World Indigenous Peoples Conference on Education in Hilo, "meaningful, empowering and culturally sustainable education for indigenous people will be possible only when indigenous people have the control (a fundamental right) and the resources (an inarguable responsibility of States/governments) to develop educational theories, curriculum and practices that are indigenous and determine the environment within which this education can best occur;" and

WHEREAS, the federally funded Native Hawaiian Education Council, comprised of stellar educators from throughout the archipelago, listed in their 1998 report as one of their three goals, the establishment of a culturally-driven, family-oriented and community-based system of Hawaiian education; and

WHEREAS, the federal government has officially supported Native American control of education since the 1960's; and

WHEREAS, Kanu o ka 'aina New Century Public Charter School, a native designed and controlled charter school located in Waimea on the Island of Hawai'i has proven that Hawaiian communities can create successful, quality models of K-12 education; and
WHEREAS, the Native Hawaiian Charter Schools provide evidence that Hawaiian communities throughout the archipelago are ready, willing and able to work together to change their present reality of high percentages of welfare recipients, adult prisoners and incarcerated juveniles, by creating quality culturally-driven models of education and by controlling their educational processes at the community level;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Democratic Party of Hawaii, that the Federal government be urged to support and fund the initiation of a native designed and controlled comprehensive system of Hawaiian education that is culturally-driven, family-oriented and community-based and provide educational opportunities for Native Hawaiians of all abilities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Legislature of the State of Hawai‘i be urged to work together with the federal government in supporting and funding the initiation of a native designed and controlled comprehensive system of Hawaiian education that spans from womb to tomb; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Legislature of the State of Hawai‘i be urged to amend Act 62 Session Laws 1999 relating to new century public charter schools by lifting the cap on allowable charter schools and approve the creation of an independent, non-contiguous school district made up of native designed and controlled charter schools as the initial increment of a Hawaiian system of education; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution will be delivered to the Governor and Democratic members of the Legislature.

SUBMITTED BY: Oahu County Democratic Party
Hawaii State Convention

RESOLUTION #4

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING [ELECTION-OFF] PARTICIPATION IN LOCAL SCHOOL [BOARDS] GOVERNANCE

WHEREAS, community involvement in the education of our children is important to improving our educational system; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education (BOE) sets policy and procedures for all the public schools in the State; and

WHEREAS, many parents desire an opportunity to bring local school concerns to the Board of Education (BOE); and

WHEREAS, it is difficult for two-way communication to occur with the State school board located on Oahu and for the BOE to be familiar with the needs and concerns of all local community schools; and

WHEREAS, each school complex has unique challenges and opportunities that could benefit from local support and decisions made in a timely fashion; now, therefore,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Democratic Party of Hawaii supports the election of local school boards on each island; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT [FURTHER] RESOLVED that the Legislature is urged to [propose a constitutional amendment providing for the election of local school boards to implement this resolution] develop a process whereby local populations throughout the state can participate in meaningful local school governance and development;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution will be delivered to the Governor and Democratic members of the Legislature.

SUBMITTED BY: Maui County Democratic Party
RESOLUTION #5

A RESOLUTION TO CONSIDER [EXPAND] EXPANDING UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AT HILO UNDERGRADUATE AND ADVANCED DEGREES IN SCIENCE INCLUDING PHARMACOLOGY AND ANIMAL SCIENCE

WHEREAS, the University of Hawaii at Hilo is part of a land grant institution operating under the charter of the University of Hawaii at Manoa and

WHEREAS, Hawaii Island's natural resources for volcanology, astronomy, tropical agriculture, forestry, marine, pharmacology and animal sciences are unique and nationally and internationally recognized, and

WHEREAS, socio-economic and higher educational opportunities would be facilitated by creation of appropriate degrees in these areas from the University of Hawaii at Hilo, now therefore,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic Party of Hawaii urges the Governor, Legislature and the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii to consider expanding the mission and resources of the University of Hawaii at Hilo to include undergraduate and advanced degrees in the above mentioned appropriate fields, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be forwarded to the Governor, Mayors, Congressional Delegation, legislative and council bodies for support.

SUBMITTED BY: Hawaii County Democratic Party