HLTH 08-01 SUPPORTING UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE

Whereas, the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i has a long, proud tradition of supporting broadened availability and access to health care for all; and

Whereas, the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i is committed to supporting steps that encourage health care for all as a human right and need; and

Whereas, Hawai‘i enjoys the unique advantage of insurance premiums for health coverage that are lower than other states even though the cost of services is usually higher, due to the broad base of insured and the relatively lower proportion of unpaid services that must be covered through increased insurance premiums; and

Whereas, current Hawai‘i State law does not extend any mandate for employer-provided coverage, even partly paid by the employee, when the employee works less than 20 hours per week; and

Whereas, many employers have reduced the working hours of employees to less than 20 hours per week to avoid paying for health care, thus shifting the burden of costs and responsibility to the government, the providers, and the community; now, therefore

Be It Resolved that the employment laws of Hawai‘i be revised to define part-time employees as non-excludable; and

Be It Further Resolved that the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i supports the expansion, planning and establishment of universal health care for all Hawai‘i residents; and

Be It Further Resolved that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the members of Hawai‘i’s Congressional Delegation, Democratic members of the Hawai‘i State Legislature, and candidates for these positions.
HLTH 08-02 Calling for Vigorous Support of Legislation Establishing a Single-Payer Health Care System in the United States and Hawai‘i

Whereas, in the United States, 46 million people (about 120,000 in Hawai‘i) are uninsured and have no health coverage, and an additional 75+ million people lack adequate health care coverage (i.e. are underinsured) (together comprising about 1/3 of the American people); and

Whereas, private enterprises are increasingly reducing or eliminating their medical coverage for employees, retirees, or members, and in Hawai‘i, it is common that only part-time positions without benefits are available, since this is a way to avoid giving coverage to employees; and

Whereas, the United States is the only country in the developed world not to have a national health care program universally covering every one of its residents; and

Whereas, at least since World War II the U.S. has had extraordinary professional and institutional capability in health care but has seriously deficient delivery systems, so that while the U.S.’s excellent health care capabilities are available and used by the wealthy from around the world who can pay great sums for excellent care, such coverage is not available to the majority of our country’s citizens; and,

Whereas, enormous profits have been made by the for-profit insurance, pharmaceutical, and hospital industries and enormous salaries are paid to upper management in such corporations, but at the same time medical professional and institutions are under-reimbursed and over stressed by the contortions of the presently wasteful and expensive U.S. health system; and,

Whereas, all Americans should be covered everywhere, all the time, for medical needs including but not limited to: primary care and prevention, inpatient care, outpatient care, emergency care, prescription drugs, durable medical equipment, long term care, mental health services, full dental service, substance abuse treatment, chiropractic and other licensed health services, and basic vision and hearing treatment; and

Whereas, under “single payer health care” everyone’s health care is paid for out of one publicly administered fund, providing all residents with comprehensive health care coverage, assuring freedom to choose doctors, nurse practitioners, and other health care professionals, facilities, and services, and eliminating the role of insurance companies; and

Whereas, cost savings would be realized only with a single-payer type of universal health system, since the other method of providing health care to everyone “universally” – for instance, in Hawai‘i by keeping our present system, but adding coverage for the 120,000 uninsured – would also keep all the waste, fraud/malpractice, medical mistakes, and other costly deficiencies of our present fragmented health system; now, therefore

Be It Resolved that the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i vigorously support legislation in Hawai‘i, and in the United States, to establish a single-payer National Right to Health Care Program, wherein all Americans are covered for all kinds of illness, everywhere, for all medically necessary services; and

Be It Further Resolved that such a system be publicly financed, but privately delivered; allow people to choose their own health care providers; provide preventative health care, dental care, mental health care, and affordable prescription drugs; and make health care available to everyone regardless of pre-existing conditions, status of employment, or income level; and

Be It Further Resolved that certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Hawai‘i members of Congress, and Democratic members of the Hawai‘i State Legislature.
HLTH 08-03 RESOLUTION FOR UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE

WHEREAS, the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i has a long, proud tradition of supporting broadened availability and access to health care for all;

WHEREAS, the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i is committed to supporting steps that encourage health for all as a human right and need;

WHEREAS, Hawai‘i enjoys the unique advantage of insurance premiums for health coverage that are lower than other states even though the cost of services us usually higher, due to the broad base of insured and the relatively lower proportion of unpaid services that must be covered through increased insurance premiums;

WHEREAS, current Hawai‘i state law does not extend any mandate for employer-provided coverage, even partly paid by the employee, when the employee works less than 20 hours per week

WHEREAS, many employers have reduced the working hours of employees to less than 20 hours per week, thus shifting the burden of costs and responsibility to the government, the providers, and the community;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i supports the expansion, planning and establishment of universal health care for all Hawai‘i residents;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the employment laws of Hawai‘i be revised to define part-time employees as non-excludable;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Hawai‘i members of Congress, and Democratic members of the Hawai‘i State Legislature and candidates for these positions.
HLTH 08-04 Insure Shelter, Food and Health Care to All Americans

WHEREAS our founding documents recognizes the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness; and

WHEREAS those rights needs to be re-examined by each succeeding generation; and

WHEREAS at a minimum, life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness consist of: having a safe protected home, having at least three nutritious meals a day, and having access to free or reasonably priced healthcare, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic Party will work at the local, state and federal level to insure that persons resident in the United States, whether a citizen or not, shall have the right to safe accommodations, at least three healthy meals a day, and access to free or affordable health care.

Adopted by the Maui County Democratic Party May 3rd, 2008
HLTH 08-05 Universal Single-Payer Health Care

WHEREAS each citizen's "life, liberty and pursuit of happiness" depends upon maintaining health; and

WHEREAS a healthy economy depends upon a healthy and productive citizenry; and

WHEREAS the high cost of our present health system has left 46 million Americans without health insurance, forced 30 million to use emergency rooms in place of a family physician, and deprived millions of access to regular health care services; and

WHEREAS many families with access to health care are driven into poverty by the high cost of premiums and high deductibles and out-of-pocket costs; and

WHEREAS health insurance costs for small businesses have increased steadily since 1998 and are predicted to double over the next four years, and often force small businesses to hire part-time staff with no benefits, or to offering health insurance completely; and

WHEREAS insurance companies, being businesses, must work to protect and increase profits even when doing so is to the detriment of the very health care they are meant to make possible; and

WHEREAS the removal of the profit motive from the health care system would refocus the system on health; and

WHEREAS the U.S. pays more than all other industrialized countries for health care, but provides less coverage to fewer people; and

WHEREAS the General Accounting Office concludes that if the U.S. shifted to a single payer system of universal coverage, "the savings in administrative costs would be more than enough to offset the cost" of providing health care to everyone, now,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic Party support the establishment of a universal single payer, national health care system in the U.S.; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that such a system be publicly financed, but privately delivered; allow people to choose their own health care providers; provide preventive health care, dental care, mental health care, and affordable prescription drugs; and make health care available to everyone regardless of pre-existing conditions, status of employment, or income level.

Adopted by the Maui County Democratic Party May 3rd, 2008
HLTH 08-6 REQUESTING A TASK FORCE ON REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE

Whereas, the Women’s Caucus of the Hawai‘i State Democratic Party believes that every woman, no matter where she lives in Hawai‘i, has a fundamental right to health care, a clean environment, education, and reproductive freedom; and

Whereas, the Women’s Caucus of the Hawai‘i State Democratic Party believes that a woman has the fundamental right to make the private personal choices about childbearing that are best for her family and to have the information and means to do so; and

Whereas, in the last 25 years, new reproductive technologies have emerged to expand the choices available to women and their reproductive future, not the least of which are invitro fertilization (IVF), new fertility drugs or intrauterine insemination (IUI), third party surrogates to assist women unable to carry a child, and a host of other assisted reproductive technologies (ART); and

Whereas, the public policies related to these new technologies have not kept pace with the increased methods and choices available to all couples; and

Whereas, the policy implications relate to economic status, socio-cultural, ethical and political issues that require an inclusive dialogue with the larger community; now, therefore

Be It Resolved that the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i request that a Task Force on Reproductive Justice be convened by the Women’s Caucus to make policy recommendations to the Hawai‘i State Legislature; and

Be It Further Resolved that members of the Task Force include representatives from the advocates of the poverty community, representatives of ethnic groups, representatives from various faith communities, the reproductive health community, and other interested parties to assure a full and rich discussion; and

Be It Further Resolved that copies of this resolution be transmitted to Democratic members of the Hawai‘i State Legislature.
HLTH 08-07 Support Women’s Health Decisions and Services

WHEREAS, their right to control one’s own body is fundamental to the welfare of human beings' and

WHEREAS, in recent decades women have had access to quality health care and health care
information; and

WHEREAS, prior to Roe v. Wade, when abortion was illegal, many women who needed to seek an
abortion were forced to undergo "backstreet" (e.g., medically unsafe, life-threatening) abortions, many
times performed by unlicensed and unskilled abortionists; and,

WHEREAS, GWB and the Republican Party continue seeking to re-criminalize abortions and to expose
many women to dangerous illegal procedures again; and

WHEREAS, The Bush administration, in seeking to outlaw abortion, has also sought to deprive women of
access to information about or access to contraceptive measures, and access to emergency
contraception (aka "the morning after pill") which prevents conception; and

WHEREAS, the Bush administration has also acted to withhold funding from agencies who provide
contraceptives, contraceptive counseling, and abortion information, now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Democratic Party supports open access to information about
contraception, reproduction, family planning and termination of pregnancy methods, and will work to
insure that all women have access to quality, low cost health care; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Democratic Party will work to repeal all legislation and
administrative regulations, federal and state, which seeks to in any way limit a women’s access to family
planning information and contraception, which includes emergency contraception, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Democratic Party will work to insure that abortion remains legal
and available to any woman choosing to have an abortion, and that no woman is forced to undergo a
medically unsafe and dangerous illegal abortion again.

Adopted by the Maui County Democratic Party May 3rd, 2008
HLTH 08-08 REAFFIRMING SECTION 504 OF THE REHABILITATION ACT AND THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT INCLUDES STUDENTS WITH TYPE 1 OR TYPE 2 DIABETES

Whereas, the "504 plan" refers to Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act, which specifies that no one with a disability can be excluded from participating in federally funded programs or activities, including elementary, secondary or postsecondary schooling; and

Whereas, "disability" in this context refers to a "physical or mental impairment which substantially limits one or more major life activities," which include physical impairments, illnesses or injuries; chronic conditions like asthma, allergies and diabetes; and learning problems; and

Whereas, a 504 plan spells out the modifications and accommodations that will be needed for these students to have an opportunity perform at the same level as their peers, and might include such things as wheelchair ramps, blood sugar monitoring, an extra set of textbooks, a peanut-free lunch environment, home instruction, or a tape recorder or keyboard for taking notes; and

Whereas, students diagnosed with Type 1 and Type 2 diabetes qualify for a 504 plan; and

Whereas, administration of the 504 plan by the Department of Education has focused on those students with "learning problems" and "physical impairments" and students with diabetes have on occasion been denied appropriate accommodation for not neatly falling into these two categories of the 504 plan; and

Whereas, the Department of Education cannot and should not ignore the needs of students with diabetes; now, therefore.

Be It Resolved that the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i reaffirms that students with Type 1 or Type 2 diabetes are qualified for and not denied a 504 plan; and

Be It Further Resolved that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the Democratic members of the Hawai‘i State Legislature, the Superintendent of Education, the County Mayors, the American Diabetes Association - Hawaii Market.
HLTH 08-09 SUPPORTING FUNDING FOR HIV/AIDS PREVENTION AND CARE

Whereas, HIV/AIDS is one of the most dangerous infectious diseases in human history; and

Whereas, the Bush administration has reduced and restricted national and international funding for HIV/AIDS research and treatment; and

Whereas, HIV/AIDS prevention and care programs to be effective needs to include increases in financial support of housing, dental, and food assistance for disabled HIV positive people; and

Whereas, clean needle exchange programs for injection drug users needs to remain in place and to have increases in funding for this effective prevention measure; and

Whereas, research for treatment and prevention needs to be supported here in Hawai‘i and nationally; and

Whereas, budget concerns often lead to unwise cuts in funding for HIV programs; now, therefore

Be It Resolved that the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i calls upon our Hawai‘i legislators to work to increase funding for all HIV related programs and by providing affordable AIDS drugs to everyone who needs them; and

Be It Further Resolved that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Democratic members of the Hawai‘i State Legislature.
HLTH 08-10 HIV/AIDS Prevention and Treatment

WHEREAS HIV/AIDS is one of the most dangerous diseases in human history; and

WHEREAS the Bush administration has reduced and restricted national and international funding for HIV/AIDS research and treatment;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Maui Democratic Party calls upon the Hawai‘i Democratic Party and our Hawai‘i legislators to work to fully fund HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment programs and especially to support clean needle programs for drug users and those directed to providing cheap AIDS drugs to everyone who needs them both nationally and internationally.

Adopted by the Maui County Democratic Party May 3rd, 2008
HLTH 08-11 URGING THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY TO SUPPORT A STUDY OF DISPARATE TREATMENT IN HAWAII'S CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM

Whereas, the Women's Caucus of the Hawai'i State Democratic Party believes that all citizens of Hawai'i are entitled to a fair and just judicial system; and

Whereas, the country's foremost researchers on race and the criminal justice system have analyzed the impact of race on policing, arrests, prosecution, and sentencing; the studies have uniformly found overwhelming disparities based on race; and

Whereas, Native Hawaiians make up only 9.1 per cent of the total population of the State, yet many correctional facility workers estimate the Native Hawaiian inmate population to be close to 60 per cent; Native Hawaiians average 23 per cent of all arrests in Hawai'i, and are twice as likely to be incarcerated as any other group in the State; and

Whereas, studies suggest that incarceration-related risks are more problematic in families where a mother has been incarcerated; adult children of incarcerated mothers are two and one-half times more likely to be incarcerated than adult children of incarcerated fathers; 95 per cent of the one hundred twenty female Hawai'i inmates incarcerated at a single mainland prison facility are mothers; and 71 per cent of the female participants in an Oahu furlough program are mothers of minor children; and

Whereas, Native Hawaiian families are greatly impacted, as almost 60 per cent of children who are placed in child protective services are of Native Hawaiian descent, and of those children, 8 to 33 per cent of their parents are incarcerated; and

Whereas, a study would be helpful in determining the extent, nature, and impact of disparate treatment of Native Hawaiians and other ethnic groups in Hawai'i's criminal justice system; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the Democratic Party of Hawai'i that it shall support a study of disparate treatment in Hawai'i's criminal justice system to be conducted by the Justice Policy Institute in partnership with Alu Like, Queen Liliuokalani Children's Center, American Civil Liberties Union, and the Office of Hawaiian Affairs; and

Be It Further Resolved that any study, include, but not be limited to, the following:

(1) The extent of disparate representation of Native Hawaiians and other ethnic groups in Hawai'i's criminal justice system, focusing on conviction rates and sentencing outcomes, to include data from the entry point (911 calls, assessment, and arrest) to the actual process (court appearances, prosecutorial review, plea bargain, sentencing) and exit (parole, probation, and recidivism rates) of the criminal system;

(2) The causes of any racial disparities, including but not limited to Hawai'i's sentencing policies and drug laws; and

(3) The barriers that disparate treatment poses to preventing recidivism and facilitating the offenders' successful re-entry into the community; and

Be It Further Resolved that legislation be introduced to reduce disparities in the criminal justice system; and

Be It Further Resolved that copies of this resolution be transmitted to members of Hawai'i's Congressional Delegation, and the Democratic members of the Hawai'i State Legislature.
HLTH 08-12 Make Drug and Alcohol Treatment Programs Available to All Offenders

WHEREAS the state of Hawai‘i spends in excess of $30,000 per year for each incarcerated person; and

WHEREAS eighty-per cent or more of Hawaii’s prison population suffers from drug and/or alcohol addiction; and

WHEREAS the cost of providing treatment to these addicted persons is far, far less than the cost of their incarceration;

WHEREAS the State Liquor Licensing Board receives considerable funds from the licensing of liquor establishments and funds are not deposited in the State’s general fund.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Maui Democratic Party calls on the Hawai‘i Democratic Party and our Hawai‘i legislators to:

- Screen all incarcerated persons for drug, nicotine and alcohol problems immediately after sentencing.
- Screen all incarcerated persons for psychiatric and violence-proneness problems immediately after sentencing.
- Place non-violent persons found to be in need of drug and alcohol treatment into appropriate drug/alcohol treatment programs in lieu of prison.
- Place non-violent persons in need of psychiatric treatment into psychiatric treatment programs having drug and alcohol abuse components in lieu of prison;
- Place persons who are found to be violent and a danger to other into prison setting where drug, alcohol and behavioral treatment programs are available to address their addictions while protecting the community from violence.
- The drug and alcohol programs provided for may be financed by amending the state’s liquor laws to provide that eighty-per cent of the net liquor licensing funds shall be used exclusively for the treatment of drug and alcohol abuse.

Adopted by the Maui County Democratic Party May 3rd, 2008
HLTH 08-13 Educate and Train Incarcerated Prisoners

WHEREAS government's role is to preserve a just public order, and the community's role is to build and maintain a just peace; and

WHEREAS given that the state spends more than $30,000 a year for each incarcerated person; and

WHEREAS those most directly involved and affected by crime should have the opportunity to participate fully in the response if they wish; and

WHEREAS justice requires that we work to restore those who have been injured; and

WHEREAS lack of education and job skills are correlated with high rates of recidivism among those released from prison; and

WHEREAS access to education and job skills training can provide ex-prisoners with access to stable employment, decreasing the likelihood of recidivism; now

THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED that the Democratic Party supports the establishment of a "Restorative Justice System" whereby parties with a stake in a specific offense resolve collectively in how to deal with the aftermath of the offense and its implications for the future, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the "Restorative Justice System" be used to create opportunities for victims, offenders, and community members to voluntarily meet to discuss the crime and to participate in its resolution, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the "Restorative Justice System" requires that offenders take steps to repair the harm they have caused, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the "Restorative Justice System" works to restore victims and offenders as whole, contributing members of society, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Democratic Party supports the provision of educational programs and job training programs to all persons detained in correctional facilities.

Adopted by the Maui County Democratic Party May 3rd, 2008
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HLTH 08-14 SUPPORTING DEATH WITH DIGNITY

Whereas, medical science and technology are capable of greatly prolonging life, which has created many new and complex ethical decisions concerning such prolongation; and

Whereas, since 1997, the state of Oregon has recognized the right of individuals to make a personal choice concerning the prolongation of life or death; and

Whereas only 15.6 individuals per 10,000 documented deaths occurring in Oregon during 2007 were attributable to those exercising their right to choose a Death With Dignity; and

Whereas, the U.S. Supreme Court in Vacco v. Quill and Washington v. Glucksberg held that issues surrounding physician-assisted suicide are reserved for the states to decide; and

Whereas, recent polls indicate that over 80% of Hawaii’s registered voters support the option of Death with Dignity; and

Whereas, the 2002 Hawaii State House of Representatives passed Death With Dignity legislation based upon the Oregon law and the 2002 Hawaii State Senate failed to pass this Death With Dignity legislation by only 3 votes; now, therefore

Be It Resolved that the Democratic Party of Hawaii strongly urges the elected Democratic Majority in both the House and Senate of the Hawaii State Legislature to introduce and support Death With Dignity legislation based upon the successful Oregon law and to pass said legislation during the 2009 legislative session.

Be It Further Resolved that certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Democratic members of the Hawaii State Legislature.
HLTH 08-15 Death with Dignity

WHEREAS medical science and technology are capable of greatly prolonging life, which has created many new and complex ethical decisions concerning such prolongation; and

WHEREAS since 1997, the state of Oregon has recognized the right of individuals to make a personal choice concerning the prolongation of life or the choice of death; and

WHEREAS the U.S. Supreme Court in Vacco v. Quill and [u]Washington v. Glucksberg[u] held that issues surrounding physician assisted suicide are reserved for the states to decide; and

WHEREAS out of 180,000 deaths occurring in the six years after Oregon passed its "Oregon Death with Dignity" statute, only 171 people actually exercised the freedom to choose to die;

WHEREAS recent polls of Hawai‘i voters indicate that 80 percent support the option of Death with Dignity; and

WHEREAS the 2002 Hawai‘i State House of Representatives passed Death with Dignity legislation based upon the Oregon law and the 2002 Hawai‘i State Senate failed to pass this Death with Dignity legislation by only three votes;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Maui Democratic Party urges the Hawai‘i Democratic Party and the Hawai‘i legislature to support the Death with Dignity legislation based on the Oregon law and to pass said legislation in the 2007 legislative session.

Adopted by the Maui County Democratic Party May 3rd, 2008
HLTH 08-16 RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A NEW HOSPITAL IN WEST HAWAI’I

WHEREAS, by several key measures, the healthcare infrastructure in West Hawai’i is fragile:

- the area is classified as “medically underserved” by Federal standards;
- the area has only recently (2005) received funding for a community health center, providing it the same federal support that has been enjoyed for years by the rest of Hawai’i County and the State;
- medical specialists are difficult to attract and retain in the West Hawai’i high cost-of-living area;
- the Kona Community Hospital facility is in a state of rapid deterioration;

WHEREAS, the lack of a first class full service hospital contributes to the problems of an inadequate medical infrastructure and the difficulty of attracting specialists to the area;

WHEREAS, in 1990 Hawai’i Health Systems Corporation, through its Certificate of Need Program refused to build a new hospital in West Hawai’i because it was not needed:

- from 1990 to 2000, the North and South Kona population increased from 29,942 to 37,132 and is projected to reach 62,049 by 2020;

WHEREAS, the current facility lacks certain critical treatment capacities such as cardiac intervention and neurosurgery for trauma victims that result in fatalities;

WHEREAS, the lack of a first class full service hospital contributes to the problems of an inadequate medical infrastructure and the difficulty of attracting specialists to the area;

WHEREAS, the combination of rapid population growth, serious gaps in the healthcare infrastructure, and the long planning and development time for hospitals, make it necessary to act now;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic Party of Hawai’i County urges the legislature to immediately develop plans to build a new full service hospital in West Hawai’i.
HLTH 08-17 RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A COMMISSION ON DRUG POLICY

WHEREAS, the overall situation regarding the use of drugs in our society and the crime and misery that accompany it has continued to deteriorate for several decades;

WHEREAS, our society has continued to attempt, at enormous financial cost and loss of civil liberties, to resolve drug abuse problems through the justice system, with the accompanying increase of prisons and numbers of inmates;

WHEREAS, the huge untaxed revenues generated by the illicit drug trade are undermining legitimate governments worldwide;

WHEREAS, the present system has spawned a cycle of hostility by the incarceration of disproportionate numbers of Pacific-Islanders, and other minority groups;

WHEREAS, in our society's zeal to pursue our criminal approach, legitimate religious and medical uses for the relief of pain and suffering of patients have been suppressed;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that our society must recognize drug use and abuse as the medical and social problems they are, and that they must be treated with medical and social solutions;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that an objective commission be immediately empowered by the Governor and the Hawai‘i State Legislature to recommend revisions of the drug laws of this State of Hawai‘i in order to reduce the harm our current policies are causing.
HLTH 08-18 End the "War on Drugs" Direct Funds to Substance Abuse Treatment

WHEREAS the "War on Drugs" has been in existence for over thirty years and drugs are still as available and as dangerous as ever; and

WHEREAS our prisons are full to over-flowing with persons convicted of non-violent drug or alcohol related offenses; and

WHEREAS it costs the state and federal government at least $30,000 a year to incarcerate an individual prisoner; and

WHEREAS billions of dollars have been spent on the "War on Drugs" which has raised the price of drugs on the street, resulting in higher drug dealer profits and more crime which is committed in order to satisfy the addiction of drug addicts; and

WHEREAS treatment, education, childcare, affordable housing, not incarceration, are the only ways to rehabilitate alcohol and drug abusers; and

WHEREAS the use of our troops and equipment to conduct the "War on Drugs" in foreign lands results in poisoning their lands with herbicides, imposing hardship on the poorest farmers when their lands are contaminated, and damaging international regard for the United States, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic Party will work to end the "War on Drugs" both at home and abroad and to direct those funds to substance abuse treatment.

Adopted by the Maui County Democratic Party May 3rd, 2008
HLTH 08-19 Fully Fund Substance Abuse Treatment

WHEREAS Hawaii has a serious drug and alcohol abuse problem; and

WHEREAS prosecution and incarceration of nonviolent drug and alcohol offenders, while providing a temporary respite from substance misuse, appears to have little long term effect in preventing the substance abuser from using subsequent to his or her release;

WHEREAS our prisons are full to over-flowing with persons convicted of drug and alcohol related offenses; and

WHEREAS it costs the state and federal government over $30,000 a year to incarcerate an individual prisoner; and

WHEREAS voluntary treatment in both in-house and outpatient settings may prevent the substance abuser from entering the criminal system and thus save the cost of later incarceration,

WHEREAS supervised treatment in a secure treatment facility with subsequent supervised re-integration into the community appear more effective and inexpensive ways to rehabilitate alcohol and drug offenders than standard prison incarceration, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic Party will work for the prevention and treatment of drug and alcohol abuse, and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic Party will work to insure that there are sufficient funds available to provide all substance abusers who wish it, voluntary drug treatment in an in-patient facility such as Aloha House, and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic Party will insure that sufficient secure treatment facilities be available to treat nonviolent drug and alcohol offenders as an alternative to incarceration in prisons with other types of criminals.

Adopted by the Maui County Democratic Party May 3rd, 2008
HLTH 08-20 Allow counties to use revenue from liquor licensee fees for substance abuse
Education, prevention, and treatment

WHEREAS, alcohol abuse and other forms of substance abuse present great social and
economic problems for families, communities, and all levels of government; and

WHEREAS, liquor licensees, who profit from alcohol sales, should partially fund programs
designed to prevent and treat alcohol abuse and other forms of substance abuse; and

WHEREAS, governmental revenue arising from the issuance of liquor license fees should be
used to advance long-term solutions to alcohol abuse and other forms of substance abuse; and

WHEREAS, state law currently prevents liquor license fees from being used for these purposes;
now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic Party supports state legislation to allow counties to use
revenue from liquor license fees for substance abuse education, prevention, and treatment.

Adopted by the Maui County Democratic Party May 3rd, 2008
HLTH 08-21 RESOLUTION SUPPORTING FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTERS FOR HAWAI'I COUNTY

WHEREAS, the Community Health Centers (FQHC) provides access to affordable health care services to anyone all regardless of their ability to pay and cover a service area encompassing all of Hawai'i County; and

WHEREAS, many private physicians do not provide services to uninsured or Medicaid patients forcing these patients to go to the hospital emergency room or go without care; and

WHEREAS, the Community Health Centers have limited capacity and provide care to a fraction of those in need; and

WHEREAS, the federal 330e grants for the Community Health Centers only cover about 30% of the operating budget and the Community Health Centers must rely upon Medicaid, Medicare and privately insured patients to balance their budgets and maintain services; and,

WHEREAS, the community goal for establishing a community health center in West Hawai'i was to complete the “Circle of Care” for the uninsured and low-income patients on the Big Island, by having the WHCHC provide services to North/South Kona and South Kohala and join the Hamakua Clinic and Bay Clinic that already serve the other areas of the Big Island;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic Party endorses developing the infrastructure (facilities, equipment, and staff) of the Hawai'i County Community Health Centers so they can adequately serve residents who do not currently have access to health care and in so doing complete the Hawai'i County “Circle of Care.”

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Democratic Party will support initiatives to secure additional financial support from the State of Hawai'i, the federal government, private foundations, corporations and individuals in order to maintain and expand the scope of health care services in Hawai'i County.
HLTH 08-22 The extension of the smoking ban to hospitals, its treatment as an addiction, and enforcement in hospital settings and treatment centers

Where as: the effects of smoking and the detrimental influence on health is well documented.

Where as: the current smoking ban in the state of Hawaii designates public buildings restaurants, and bars.

Where as; as the health community has also successfully lobbied to have smoking banned from Maui County Community Correctional facility.

Where as smoking is a detrimental and highly addictive drug, and needs to be treated as such.

Therefore be it resolved, the treatment of other addictions need to include smoking, and nicotine use.

Be it resolved that any addiction treatment centers, health care facility, including Molokini ward at Maui Memorial hospital be declared a no smoking zone.

And be it further resolved that the treatment of this addiction be part of the facilities activities.

And be it further resolved that the state and county government make available funding and education to enact these changes.

Adopted by the Maui County Democratic Party May 3rd, 2008
HLTH 08-23 Support Efforts to Remove Barriers to Practice for Advance Practice Nurses

WHEREAS: Hawai'i State statues authorize advance practice nurses (APRN's) to assess, and to implement medical, therapeutic and corrective interventions including the ability to prescribe medications; and

WHEREAS: Many areas in Hawai'i, including Maui County, are federally designated professional shortage areas in the areas of primary health care and mental health care; and

WHEREAS: Under-served populations have been identified on all islands; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic Party will support efforts to remove barriers to practice for advance practice nurses in order to expand access to services and to provide quality medical and psychiatric services for all residents.

Adopted by the Maui County Democratic Party May 3rd, 2008
HLTH 08-24 Insure States’ Rights to Enact Food and Drug Labeling Laws

WHEREAS the U.S. House of Representatives passed H.R. 4167 called the National Uniformity for Food Act of 2005 which, if signed into law, would require uniform federal food labeling that supersedes all state and local labeling laws, including those affording a greater protection than Federal laws,

WHEREAS the National Uniformity for Food Act of 2005 removes the States’ rights to regulate food labeling, and

WHEREAS the U.S. Constitution reserves to the States those rights not specifically given to the Federal Government, and

WHEREAS this law appears to be designed to prevent citizens from enacting State laws to inform and protect themselves in order to benefit a few large corporations.

NOW THEREFORE, the Democratic Party of Maui calls on the Hawai’i Congressional Representatives and Senators do everything possible to defeat or repeal this law and any others like it. Support Women’s Reproductive Rights and Health Services.

Adopted by the Maui County Democratic Party May 3rd, 2008
HLTH 08-25 Eliminate Laws Keeping Pharmaceutical Prices High and Prohibiting Restrictions on Foreign Purchases

WHEREAS drug prices in the United States have risen to exorbitant levels, causing many citizens and especially those on a fixed income of being unable to purchase needed drugs;

WHEREAS it has become common for drug companies to enter into agreements with generic drug producers to refrain from putting cheap generic drugs on the market;

WHEREAS such agreements are clearly in restraint of trade and provide drug companies with virtual monopolies on certain drugs; and

WHEREAS American consumers are being forced to purchase expensive brand name drugs because the generic versions are unavailable;

WHEREAS in many cases good quality drugs are available for purchase in Canada, Mexico and other foreign countries at much lower prices than may be found within the United States; and

WHEREAS the U.S. Federal Government has made the purchase and importation of drugs from foreign countries illegal; and

WHEREAS the U.S. Federal Government has been searching and seizing drugs from those crossing into the United States from foreign countries;

WHEREAS such laws benefit only the drug companies whose lobbyists were successful in getting such laws passed;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Maui Democratic Party asks the Hawai‘i State Democratic Party and our Hawai‘i legislators to work to outlaw agreements which deprive consumers of access to cheap, generic drugs and to give consumers standing to sue drug companies whose agreements or actions result in the suppression of generic versions of drugs from the market; and

BE IT RESOLVED that the Maui Democratic Party calls on the Hawai‘i State Democratic Party and our Hawai‘i legislators to work to repeal all restrictions on the importation of legal drugs into the United States and to reimburse all those who have had drugs seized from them since importation was made illegal.

Adopted by the Maui County Democratic Party May 3rd, 2008
HLTH 08-26 Amend the 2003 Medicare Reform Act

WHEREAS the 2003 Medicare Reform Act fails to provide all the drug insurance coverage needed by seniors and the disabled; and

WHEREAS the 2003 Medicare Reform Act gives enormous subsidies to the pharmaceutical industry while failing to provide full coverage to seniors and the disabled; and

WHEREAS the 2003 Medicare Reform Act allows the drug plans to change the array of drugs they will provide weekly but recipients can only change their drug plan once a year, leaving some recipients without their needed medications; and

WHEREAS the 2003 Medicare Reform Act will not allow the drug plans to negotiate for volume discounts on behalf of their insureds as is routinely done by the Veterans Administration on behalf of their veteran recipients; and

WHEREAS substantial interest penalties are being charged to those who do not sign up for Medicare D by a certain date; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic Party will work to amend and/or replace the 2003 Medicare Reform Act to provide full coverage for all the medication needs of its recipients and to allow drug plans to negotiate volume discounts for drugs with the drug companies, and to abolish penalties for late sign up for the program.

Adopted by the Maui County Democratic Party May 3rd, 2008
HLTH 08-27 Establish a Nonprofit Democratic Party Health Care System

WHEREAS more than 46 million Americans are without health insurance in this country,

WHEREAS many Hawai‘i citizens who do not qualify for Medicare or Medicaid are unable to afford private insurance;

WHEREAS many Hawai‘i employers cannot offer full time employment to their employees because they cannot afford the cost of health insurance for them;

WHEREAS many Hawai‘i citizens are excluded from obtaining individual health care coverage because they have a pre-existing condition which the private insurance companies will not cover;

WHEREAS access to competent, affordable healthcare should be available to all Hawai‘i residents, regardless of income or the existence of pre-existing conditions;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Maui County Democratic Party asks the Hawai‘i State Democratic Party to initiate a non-profit healthcare cooperative plan for all its members who agree to attend at least three Democratic Party meetings per year in their precinct, district, County or state; and

BE IT RESOLVED, the Hawai‘i State Democratic Party will provide healthcare to its members on a sliding scale based on individual income and not to exclude anyone from membership due to a pre-existing condition; and

BE IT RESOLVED, the Hawai‘i State Democratic Party will establish a healthcare committee, composed of 11 members, half of whom shall be medical professionals and the balance party members, to plan the structure of our non-profit healthcare plan and report back to the Hawai‘i State Central Committee within six months of our 2006 Convention with a proposed plan of healthcare action; and

BE IT RESOLVED, the Hawai‘i State Democratic Party will direct its representatives on the Democratic National Committee to request that a national Democratic Party healthcare plan be placed on the agenda for discussion at the first meeting of the Democratic National Committee following the Hawai‘i State convention.

Adopted by the Maui County Democratic Party May 3rd, 2008
Sample Pre-Convention Committee Report

May 10, 2008

The [Insert Committee Name] Pre-Convention Committee (reference [Insert Abbreviation, such as GOVOP, HLT, ENVIR, EDUC, LABOR, BUSIN, NTLINTL]) respectfully offers the following report of our meeting held on May 10, 2008.

- We suggest resolutions [Abbreviation] 08-NN, 08-NN, and 08-NN be combined.
- We recommend, by majority vote, that resolutions [Abbreviation] 08-NN and 08-NN should not be approved to be forwarded to the floor of the state convention.
- We recommend resolution [Abbreviation] 08-NN be considered county specific and not be forwarded to the floor of the state convention.
- We made amendments for consistent referrals clauses.

We thank all members for their hard work.

Signed

(Co-Chair) (Co-Chair)
WHEREAS native Hawaiians are the indigenous people of the Hawaiian archipelago and have never given up their inherent right of self-determination; and

WHEREAS according to the federal Native Hawaiian Education Act, Part B, Public Law 107-110, "The United States has recognized and reaffirmed that:

- Native Hawaiians have a cultural, historic, and land-based link to the indigenous people who exercised sovereignty over the Hawaiian Islands, and that group has never relinquished its claims to sovereignty or its sovereign lands;
- Congress does not extend services to Native Hawaiians because of their race, but because of their unique status as the indigenous people of a once sovereign nation as to whom the United States has established a trust relationship;
- Congress has also delegated broad authority to administer a portion of the Federal trust responsibility to the State of Hawai’i;
- The political status of Native Hawaiians is comparable to that of American Indians and Alaska Natives"; and

WHEREAS the value of native Hawaiian traditional knowledge is exhibited in many forms, including natural resource management principles, such as malama ‘aina and the ahupua’a system; and agricultural systems such as lo‘i and loko i’a, la‘au lapa‘au, and ka ho‘okele; and the value of native Hawaiian cultural expressions and art forms is exhibited in many forms, including the use of ka ʻōiʻo Hawai‘i, hula, mele, oli, lei making, kapa making, wood carving, kakau, weaving, lua, and canoe building; and

WHEREAS native Hawaiian trusts and service organizations wonder about its operations on a year to year basis, due to constant legal threats; and

WHEREAS the cause for justice in Hawai‘i is found through advocating for native Hawaiians and their claim for justice; and

WHEREAS the lawmakers of the State of Hawai‘i recognize the traditional and customary rights of native Hawaiians, and their obligatory trust responsibility to native Hawaiians, but do not currently express these recognized facts; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic Party of the Island of Maui seeks to correct the injustices perpetrated on the Hawaiian people and promote legal, political and socio-economic justice for native Hawaiians; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Democratic Party of the County of Maui will make its best effort to attain both State and National platforms to implement this resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the State Democratic Committee, the National Democratic Committee, and to Hawaii’s Congressional delegation.

Adopted by the Maui County Democratic Party May 3rd, 2008
GOVOP 08-02 Insure Separation of Church and State and Oppose Taxpayer Funds to Religious Organizations

WHEREAS the separation of church and state is one of America's unique gifts to civilization and the chief guarantor of our religious liberty; and

WHEREAS the implementation of President Bush's faith-based initiative is a dangerous and unprecedented government endorsement of specific religious institutions by encouraging and establishing partnerships between government and religious institutions, without adequate safeguards to separate the sectarian and human services; and

WHEREAS these religious institutions will be exempt from certain provisions of the Civil Rights Act; and

WHEREAS the President's plan to increase government funding of religious institutions (so called "charitable choice"), vouchers and government organized prayer in public schools violates the Constitutional guarantee of Separation of Church and State; and

WHEREAS charitable choice will likely result in infringement on the liberty of welfare recipients, will permit either government sponsored discrimination or government restriction of the religious conscience and freedom of the institutions receiving the money, and will weaken the religious community's self-reliance and strength.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Maui County Democratic Party opposes all attempts to weaken the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States or to erode the protection it provides; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we oppose direct funding of pervasively sectarian organizations ("charitable choice") without strong guarantees that these institutions will abide by all provisions of the Civil Rights Act, and not blur the lines between human services and religious practices.

Adopted by the Maui County Democratic Party May 3rd, 2008
GOVOP 08-03 STRONGLY ENCOURAGING THE STATE OF HAWAI'I TO PROVIDE, DURING THE LEGISLATIVE YEAR 2009, A COMPREHENSIVE AND EASILY ACCESSIBLE REPORT TO THE HAWAI'I COMMUNITY WITH REGARD TO 1) THE INVENTORY USED TO DETERMINE REVENUES FROM THE PUBLIC LAND TRUST LANDS, AND 2) THE STATE'S PROCESS FOR ARRIVING AT AND NEGOTIATING A FAIR SETTLEMENT WITH THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

Whereas, the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) was created to work for the betterment of conditions of native Hawaiians and Hawaiians (HRS §10-3(1)), and this work was to be funded in part by twenty percent of all revenue derived from the public land trust (HRS §10-13.5); and

Whereas, OHA has had to repeatedly litigate and negotiate to receive those revenues, and the lack of a full, fair, timely, and just payment of said revenues has negatively impacted OHA's ability to fulfill its purpose and mission; and

[The State's obligation to native Hawaiians is firmly established in our constitution. How the State satisfies that constitutional obligation requires policy decisions that are primarily within the authority and expertise of the legislative branch. As such, it is incumbent upon the legislature to enact legislation that gives effect to the right of native Hawaiians to benefit from the ceded lands trust. See Haw. Const. art. XVI, §7... 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 obligations. Office of Hawaiian Affairs v. State of Hawai'i, 96 Haw. at 401, 31 P.3d at 914 [citations omitted; emphasis in original]; and

Whereas, in Act 178, Session Laws of Hawai'i 2006, the legislature determined that until it may be changed in the future, the income and proceeds from the pro rata portion of the public land trust under article XII, section 6, of the State constitution for expenditure by OHA for the betterment of the conditions of native Hawaiians for each fiscal year beginning with fiscal year 2005-2006 shall be $15,100,000; and

Whereas, Senate Bill No. 2948, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, C.D. 1, now known as Act 178, required that the Department of Land and Natural Resources provide an annual accounting to the legislature of all receipts from lands described in sections 5(f) of the Admission Act; the assumption therefore being that the DLNR has an inventory of the Public Land Trust;

Whereas, the Native Hawaiian population is confused about whether there is an inventory of the Public Land Trust since it has not been forthcoming, yet, the DLNR has to provide an annual accounting to the legislature as indicated above, now therefore,

Be It Resolved, that the Democratic Party of Hawai'i strongly encourages the State of Hawai'i to provide, during the legislative year 2009, a comprehensive and easily accessible report to the Hawai'i community with regard to 1) the inventory used to determine the revenues from the Public Land Trust lands, and 2) the State's process for arriving at and negotiating a fair settlement with the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, and

Be It Further Resolved that if the total inventory of Public Trust Lands has not yet been compiled, that the legislature provide full funding for its compilation by 2010.

Be It Further Resolved, that any proposed settlement introduced in 2009 be carefully worded to assure that it covers only those lands identified to date, and not to any others that may be identified thereafter.
GOVOP 08-04 SUPPORTING LEGISLATION TO REGULATE AND TAX THE LEGAL PRODUCTION, DISTRIBUTION AND USE OF MARIJUANA.

Whereas, current drug laws have not taken into consideration the law of supply and demand; and

Whereas, the current supply of illegal marijuana nationally is largely from outside the US which is profiting terrorists who frequently use those profits for attacks on Americans; and

Whereas, the enormous amount of resources currently spent trying to control marijuana, a relatively benign, non-addictive substance that has been proven to be less harmful than alcohol or cigarettes could be better spent on education to reduce demand for all drugs and to treat those that have addictions; and

Whereas, there is a large amount of unused Agricultural Land that could be put to use as a new cash crop for Hawaii along with the expansion of jobs for farm workers; and

Whereas, the waste/byproducts of the hemp (marijuana) plant are an ideal source of material for producing ethanol that is currently imported to Hawaii; and

Whereas, the amount of potential taxes generated by these new industries could benefit the quality of life in every aspect throughout the State; and

Whereas, the current situation has been totally ineffective at keeping this substance out of the hands of minors, but has only fostered violence and profited criminals in addition to giving criminal records to millions of people nationally for merely using the substance; and

Whereas, an effective distribution system could be set up through existing pharmacies requiring positive age verification and requiring stiffer minimum sentences for any non-family member supplying minors with access to the substance; now, therefore

Be It Resolved by the Democratic Party of Hawaii, that the Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2009, provides national leadership on this issue by enacting legislation to legalize marijuana for recreational use by adults over the age of 21; and

Be It Further Resolved that procedures be put in place by the State of Hawaii to regulate and tax the legal production, distribution and use of marijuana; and

Be It Further Resolved that copies of this resolution is transmitted to the State Legislature.
GOVOP 08-05 SUPPORTING CIVIL UNIONS

Whereas, there are a substantial number of couples in Hawai‘i who live within the context of a committed family situation but who also live without the benefit of an ironclad, state-provided 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 to be available to every citizen of the state of legal age, enabling all of Hawai‘i’s citizens to equally share in the benefits and protections that such arrangements provide; and

Whereas, the legislature has not provided that vehicle for those civil and contractual relationships to date; now, therefore

Be It Resolved that the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i support the institution of civil unions for two people of legal age only as a reasonable step towards full marriage equality for those who wish to enter into such a civil and contractual relationship; and

Be It Further Resolved that copies of this resolution be transmitted to all of the Hawai‘i Democratic Party candidates for Hawai‘i Senate and Hawai‘i House of Representatives.
GOVOP 08-06 Support Civil Unions

WHEREAS there are a substantial number of couples in Hawai‘i who live within the context of a committed family situation but who also live without the benefit of an ironclad, state-provided 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 to be available to every citizen of the state of legal age, enabling all of Hawai‘i’s citizens to equally share in the benefits and protections that such arrangements provide; and

WHEREAS the Legislature has not provided that vehicle for those civil and contractual relationships to date; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Maui County of Democratic Party supports the institution of Civil Unions for two people of legal age as a reasonable step towards full equality for those who wish to enter into such a civil and contractual relationship, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon passage of this resolution, a copy of it be transmitted to all of the Hawai‘i Democratic Party candidates for Hawai‘i Senate and Hawai‘i House of Representatives.

Adopted by the Maui County Democratic Party May 3rd, 2008
GOVOP 08-07 SUPPORTING AND PROMOTING EQUALITY AND JUSTICE REGARDING SEXUAL ORIENTATION AND GENDER IDENTITY

Whereas, the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i stated in its Platform of 2006: "We believe all human beings should have the right to have their basic needs supplied and have the right to be treated equally, with no discrimination on the basis of age, ethnicity, skin color, race, sexual orientation or gender identity"; and

Whereas, the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i’s 2006 Preamble states: "The abiding values of the Democratic Party are liberty, social justice, compassion and respect for the dignity and worth of the individual"; and

Whereas, the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i believes and supports fairness. As stated in our 2006 Platform: "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; and

Whereas, the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgendered Caucus was unanimously recognized as an official caucus of the Party by the Central Committee at its January 12, 2002 meeting; and the Caucus has honorably served with dedication and commitment to the values of the Party over the past 6 and half years; now, therefore

Be It Resolved that the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i will continue to support and work with the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgendered Caucus to promote justice and equality regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity. Some of the issues and concerns are:

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; Family Equality; Employment; Housing; Public Accommodations; Health; Education; Tourism; Economic Development; and Serving our Country in Military Service; and

Be It Further Resolved that the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i is committed to work with the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgendered Caucus to achieve our mutual and laudable goals of justice freedom and equality for all;

Be It Further Resolved that copies of this resolution be transmitted to Democratic elected officials and candidates.
WHEREAS, the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i stated in its Platform of 2006: “We believe all human beings should have the right to have their basic needs supplied and have the right to be treated equally, with no discrimination on the basis of age, ethnicity, skin color, race, sexual orientation or gender identity.”

WHEREAS, the Preamble to the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i’s 2006 Platform states: “The abiding values of the Democratic Party are liberty, social justice, compassion and respect for the dignity and worth of the individual;

WHEREAS, the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i believes and supports fairness, and as stated in our 2006 Platform: “fairness is not a slogan; it requires constant attention to detail, dedication, and hard work. It requires aloha”;

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;

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 Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgendered Caucus was unanimously recognized as an official caucus of the Party by the Central Committee at its January 12, 2002 meeting; and the Caucus has honorably served with dedication and commitment to the values of the Party over the past 6 and half years;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Hawai‘i County Committee will continue to support and work with the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgendered Caucus to promote justice and equality regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity on issues and concerns such 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; Family Equality, Employment; Housing; Pubic accommodations; Health; Education; Tourism; Economic Development; and Serving our Country in Military Service.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawai‘i County Committee is committed to work with the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgendered Caucus to achieve our mutual and laudable goals of justice freedom and equality for all;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Democratic elected officials and candidates and the Resolutions Committee of the State Democratic Convention.
GOVOP 08-09 Support 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 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 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"; and

WHEREAS President Bush has proposed a "defense of marriage" amendment to the Constitution that would be the first amendment ever to categorically deny rights to a group of American citizens, and

WHEREAS the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgendered Caucus was unanimously recognized as an official caucus of the Party by the Central Committee at its January 12, 2002 meeting; and has honorably served with dedication and commitment to the values of the Party

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Maui County Committee will continue to support and promote 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 the Maui County Democratic Party opposes the ‘defense of marriage’ amendment which discriminated against a minority citizenry and is contrary to the Constitutional guarantees of equal rights under the law, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Maui County Committee is committed to work with the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgendered Caucus to achieve our mutual and laudable goals of justice, freedom and equality for all, and

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

Adopted by the Maui County Democratic Party May 3rd, 2008
GOVOP 08-10 SUPPORTING MARRIAGE EQUALITY

Whereas, Article I, Section 3 of the Constitution of the State of Hawai‘i mandates that: "Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the state on account of sex"; and

Whereas, notwithstanding the unambiguous wording of the Constitution, the state has enacted legislation restricting marriage exclusively to opposite sex couples, effectively denying same-sex couples and their families equal protection under the law; and

Whereas, the Democratic Party of the State of Hawai‘i has previously affirmed that the state should not interfere with couples who choose to marry and share fully and equally in the rights, responsibilities and commitment of civil marriage, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity; and

Whereas, the history of the civil rights movement has unquestionably proven that our state and nation have realized extraordinary benefits by expanding equal protection for women, people of color, people with disabilities and other groups where the influence of discrimination has been insidious and widespread; and

Whereas, a worldwide movement advocating for civil rights equality has resulted in same-sex couples being able to access the complete rights and responsibilities of marriage in Massachusetts as well as across Canada, Spain, and South Africa without any adverse impact on the institution of marriage. In fact, to the contrary, expanding access to marriage has bolstered the institution through enhanced protections for children and families; and

Whereas, Hawai‘i’s competitiveness in the global marketplace for visitors, employees and employers can be significantly enhanced by treating all families equally under the law, as has been demonstrated by leading universities, Fortune-500 companies, and visitor destinations worldwide who’ve adopted legislation and policies recognizing same-sex couples and their families with great success; and

Whereas, civil marriage is a civil right that is unaffiliated with any particular religious denomination, it does not impinge on the practice of any religious belief, nor require that any denomination perform a same-sex marriage ceremony if it is inconsistent with their religious beliefs; now, therefore

Be It Resolved that the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i finds the current state statute defining marriage as solely the union between one man and one woman to be unconstitutional, unfair and inconsistent with our fundamental belief that all citizens are entitled to be treated equally under the law; and

Be It Further Resolved that the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i call on all Democrats statewide to help raise awareness about the discrimination that exists for same-sex couples and their families and pass legislation to ensure that all families are treated equally under the law as required by the Constitution of the State of Hawai‘i; and

Be It Further Resolved that copies of this resolution be transmitted to all of the Hawai‘i Democratic Party candidates for Hawai‘i Senate and Hawai‘i House of Representatives.
GOVOP 08-11 Reaffirming Our Rights As Embodied Into Hawaii’s Constitution

WHEREAS the Hawai‘i Constitution gives the water rights to the state and establishes a hierarchy of water uses which benefits the people; and

WHEREAS the Hawai‘i Constitution protects customary Hawaiian Cultural rights such as ocean access which benefit all; and

WHEREAS the Hawai‘i Constitution protects the rights of unions; and

WHEREAS the Hawai‘i Constitution conveys a unique right of privacy to its citizens; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic Party reaffirms these rights embodied in our Hawai‘i Constitution.

Adopted by the Maui County Democratic Party May 3rd, 2008
WHEREAS, a state transportation system conducive to bicycling produces enriched health, reduced traffic congestion and air pollution, economic vitality, and an overall improved quality of living is valuable for the State; and

WHEREAS, one-third of the current population does not drive due to age, disability, ineligibility, economic circumstances, or personal choice; and

WHEREAS, the State is challenged by an obesity epidemic, 65 percent of United States adults are either overweight or obese, and 13 percent of children and adolescents are overweight, due in large part to a lack of regular activity; and

WHEREAS, the Center for Disease Control estimates that if all physically inactive Americans became active, we would save $77 billion in annual medical costs; and

WHEREAS, bicycle commuters annually save on average $1,825 in auto-related costs, reduce their carbon emissions by 128 pounds, conserve 145 gallons of gasoline, and avoid 50 hours of gridlock traffic; and

WHEREAS, surveys show that a majority of people want to ride and walk more but are dissuaded by concern over traffic danger and other barriers, and case studies have shown that when those barriers to bicycling are removed, people start riding; and

WHEREAS, a national network of interconnected urban and rural bikeways can provide valuable community benefits, including low or no-cost recreation and alternative transportation options for people of all ages and abilities; and

WHEREAS, 57 million adults in the United States bicycle each year, and bicycling and walking currently account for nearly 10 percent of trips and 13 percent of traffic fatalities, yet less than 1 percent of State Highway Fund is currently spent to make bicycling and walking safer; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Democratic Party of Hawaii strongly supports transportation and land-use policies that promote transit, pedestrian, and bicycle friendly communities that improve the health and mobility of those who live, work, and play in our communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Democratic Party of Hawaii urges the State and County governments to adopt and implement complete street policies designed to accommodate all users, including motorists, pedestrians, bicyclists, transit riders, and people of all ages and abilities; and provide bicycle commuters the transportation fringe benefits currently provided to people who commute by car or mass transit.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Democratic Party of Hawaii ask the Governor, Mayor's, City councils and the Hawaii State Legislature to to commit to implementing bicycle friendly programs and policies as key components of their plans to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 80 percent by 2050.

Be It Further Resolved that certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to Democratic members of the Hawaii State Legislature and Representatives in Congress.
GOVOP 08-13 RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF PUNA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN

WHEREAS, the Hawai‘i County General Plan adopted in 2005 called for the preparation of Community Development Plans based on grassroots and other community input on the specifics of managing growth and coordinating the delivery of government services in each of the island districts;

WHEREAS, Puna is the fastest growing district in the state of Hawai‘i, with a population increase of 37 percent in seven years, a population projected to surpass the county seat in Hilo, in less than 10 years. Yet Puna, an area larger in sized than the Island of Oahu, has the least infrastructure of any district in Hawai‘i County, a factor that optimistically presents a planning opportunity;

WHEREAS, between 1958 and 1973 more than 52,500 subdivision lots were created. These lots were almost all of a sub standard nature with no power, water or sewers and unpaved roads;

WHEREAS, the Puna Community Development Plan (PCDP) was developed from public input gathered in more than 130 small group meetings, held throughout Puna, county-sponsored day long workshops, written reports from citizen-based working groups, and considered in concert with previous government and private policy and planning efforts as well as ongoing consultation with professional planners;

WHEREAS, the PCDP was released in draft form in February 2008 after more than two years of research and commentary solicited on issues, concerns and ideas compiled by a Steering Committee made of Puna citizens appointed by the Mayor and approved by the County Council;

WHEREAS, the PCDP deliberations and decisions in conjunction with the consulting planners resulted in a template addressing growth management, protection and enhancement of the aina and its inhabitants and sustainable approaches to transportation and building that delineate goals, objectives and actions in the short-term, mid-range, and long term;

WHEREAS, the Hawai‘i County Democratic Party acknowledges that the 2008 draft PCDP reflects the balanced approach of economic, environmental, and community goals envisioned in the Hawai‘i 2050 Sustainability Plan being considered by the 2008 State Legislature

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the implementation recommendations of the PCDP, which can serve as a model to other districts that are currently working on their plans, should be followed by the respective county and state departments that are responsible for each of the specific goals. These implementation action items should be completed within the timeline laid out in the plan.
GOVOP 08-14 County Council Line Item Veto On Harbor Improvements

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation often makes decisions about Neighbor Island harbors which are contrary to the will of the people of the Neighbor Islands;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the State Legislature will enact a law giving the County Councils final say over Harbor Improvements via a line item veto of specific parts (or the whole) of proposed harbor improvements.

Adopted by the Maui County Democratic Party May 3rd, 2008
GOVOP 08-15 Require Hawaii State DOT to Comply With County Councils and Mayors

WHEREAS the Hawai‘i State Department of Transportation (DOT) (including the Division of Harbors) has, in the past, spent taxpayer money on projects which create problems for the Counties or has neglected projects that the neighbor islands have requested,

WHEREAS DOT has been secretive with its plans and nonresponsive to County concerns,

WHEREAS DOT has operated in an ‘Oahu-centric manner and has not been responsive to neighbor island concerns

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that DOT is required to submit any plans which affect the Counties, their roads, their harbors or their infrastructure to the Council of the affected County both during planning and when finalized, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if a County Council votes against implementing DOT’s plans, that DOT must comply with the Council’s vote,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if a County Council requests mitigating work to the DOT project that DOT will comply,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if a County Council requests a project, that DOT shall work closely with the Mayor and Council to implement the project with speed, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor shall direct DOT to post all upcoming and existing project plans, draft assessments, environmental assessments, plans including drawings, discussions and so on, online in a manner easily accessible to the public, immediately upon creation of such documents.

Adopted by the Maui County Democratic Party May 3rd, 2008
GOVOP 08-16 Move Ma'alaea to Kihei Voting District

Whereas the West Maui community is cut off from Ma'alaea; and,

Whereas Ma'alaea and Kihei/South Maui are the logical contiguous voting communities;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the State reapportion voting District 10 to exclude Ma'alaea, and that Ma'alaea be included in the Kihei/Wailea/Makena District

Adopted by the Maui County Democratic Party May 3rd, 2008
GOVOP 08-17 Increase Legislative Sessions

WHEREAS, Hawaii has three branches of government: the Executive Branch, the Legislative Branch and the Judicial Branch, each being essential to successful functioning of the government of Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, the Hawaii State Legislature meets only once a year for 60 days during which time it attempts to pass all necessary legislation for the successful functioning of the government of Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, it is generally recognized that at the end of each 60 day session, numerous bills which were essential to the successful functioning of the government did not get passed simply because there was not enough time; and

WHEREAS, during the ten months of the year when the Legislature is not in session, there are no checks and balances on the Executive Branch and/or private enterprise whereby officials and/or witnesses could be called to Senate and/or House of Representatives hearings, sworn in and testimony taken to investigate possible wrong doing; and

WHEREAS, the state legislatures in most other states in the United States meet for longer periods of time to conduct the people's business; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED the Hawaii Democratic Party as a part of its Hawaii Democratic Party Platform hereby agrees to support legislation to put on the ballot for the people of Hawaii to vote on, an amendment to the State constitution whereby future legislative sessions can be increased to be year round at the sole discretion of the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House based on workload and successfully completing the business of the people.

Submitted by: Bob Babson
Date: April 13, 2008
GOVOP 08-18 Elect the Attorney General

WHEREAS, in Hawaii as in all democracies, it is important to have checks and balances to insure that the constitution and state laws are being enforced; and

WHEREAS, in Hawaii as in all democracies, the attorney general is charged with enforcing the laws in the name of the people; and

WHEREAS, in Hawaii as in all democracies, the attorney general should be totally independent of any political influences in order to carry out his enforcement of the law; and

WHEREAS, in Hawaii the attorney general is currently appointed by the Governor which presents a conflict of interest; and

WHEREAS, in California the attorney general is elected by the people which eliminates the conflict of interest; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED the Hawaii Democratic Party as a part of its Hawaii Democratic Party Platform hereby agrees to support legislation to put on the ballot for the people of Hawaii to vote on, an amendment to the State constitution whereby future attorneys general would be elected by the people of Hawaii.

Adopted by the Maui County Democratic Party May 3rd, 2008
GOVOP 08-19 Increase Hawai‘i Election System Integrity

WHEREAS, the current Hawaii election system allows votes to be transmitted from county count centers to the state count center over telephone lines and local area networks (LAN’s), and

WHEREAS, E-voting machines dial the internet and open the door to vote “flipping: and fraud; and

WHEREAS, flying the memory cards from the county to the State count center eliminates this vulnerability, and

WHEREAS, all E-voting machines and tabulating machines have the ability to print out election results but are ordered not to do so, thus eliminating vital records which would be invaluable in verifying statewide vote counts and/or conducting recounts and/or criminal investigations, and

WHEREAS, the Hawaii election system consisting of numerous precincts is very expensive and results in low voter turnout and the Oregon election system consisting of 100% absentee ballots is less expensive and results in high voter turnout,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Hawaii Democratic Party supports legislation to:
Ban the use of all telephones, local area networks and the internet in all future elections and instead fly the memory cards to the State count center, and

1. Make mandatory that all E-voting machines and tabulating machines print out final vote counts and such printouts be traced into the final statewide vote counts on the day after the election to verify accuracy, and

2. Order the Hawaii State Auditor to review the entire Hawaii election system looking for weaknesses as well as areas that the Association for Computing Machinery has identified as subject to hacking and report their findings and recommendations to the State Legislature and the general public.

3. Pass the necessary legislation as recommended by the Hawaii State Auditor to increase overall Hawaii election system integrity so the citizens of Hawaii will feel confident that all votes are being accurately counted.

4. Give the Hawaii State Auditor the legal power to order a recount of any precinct or precincts at the sole discretion of the State Auditor up to 22 months after the last election in order that the State Auditor can test the accuracy of the Hawaii election system.

5. Order the Hawaii State Auditor to review the feasibility of a 100% absentee ballot system similar to Oregon’s election system and make a recommendation to the State Legislature to either implement such an election system in Hawaii or not and support their conclusions with reasons.

Adopted by the Maui County Democratic Party May 3rd, 2008
GOVOP 08-20 Reform Campaign Finance

WHEREAS “One Person, One Vote” is a basic civil right, and

WHEREAS a democratic government derives its power from the consent of its citizens, and

WHEREAS Hawaii’s current election finance system suppresses the influence of individual citizens in favor of wealthy special interests in the following ways:

- Allows Hawai‘i elected officials to accept large campaign contributions from private interests over which they have governmental jurisdiction;
- Undermines public confidence in the integrity of public officials;
- Costs average taxpayers millions of dollars annually in the form of subsidies and tax exemptions for campaign contributors;
- Drives up the costs of running for state office, discouraging otherwise qualified candidates who lack access to special interest funding;
- Requires that elected officials spend too much of their time raising funds rather than representing the public; and

WHEREAS Clean Elections Campaign Finance Reform, as conceived by the organization Public Campaign, creates a voluntary system of full public financing for primary and general election campaigns and addresses related issues including “soft” money, independent expenditures, and issue advertisements; and

WHEREAS Clean Elections Campaign Finance Reform has been effectively implemented in Arizona, New Mexico, Maine, Massachusetts, Vermont, Oregon and North Carolina;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic Party supports the adoption of Clean Election Reform and publicly financed election campaigns in the State of Hawai‘i.

Adopted by the Maui County Democratic Party May 3rd, 2008
GOVOP 08-21 STRONGLY URGING LEGISLATIVE SUPPORT FOR COMPREHENSIVE PUBLIC FUNDING FOR ELECTIONS

Whereas, a democratic government derives its power from the consent of its citizens, and citizen participation in the political process is essential to the continuity of democracy; and

Whereas, corporate and other special interest donations account for the vast majority of campaign donations, both locally and nationally; and

Whereas, publicly funded elections hold politicians accountable to community interests rather than to special interests; and

Whereas, a comprehensive publicly funded campaign finance system such as voter-owned elections has opened up elections to fair competition and spiked voter participation in Maine, Arizona, North Carolina, and as many as four other states; and

Whereas, pono use of public resources, such as through a publicly funded campaign system, serves to include large numbers of citizens, particularly underrepresented constituencies, in the political process; and

Whereas, the Democratic Party of the State of Hawai‘i promotes itself as being the "party of the people"; and

Whereas, the Hawaiian Affairs Caucus of the Democratic Party of the State of Hawai‘i promotes this concept further by including Hawaiian values as the connecting link between what is said and what is practiced in the political process; and

Whereas, these values are the basis for our Statement of Principles: aloha, kuleana, malama aina, hookipa, and pono-values that guide personal and professional conduct when in service to the community; and

Whereas, such values resonate with the concept of publicly funded campaigns, political accountability to the community, pono use of resources, and greater participation by underrepresented constituencies in the political process; now, therefore

Be It Resolved by the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i that our State Legislators be urged to strongly support comprehensive public funding for elections; and

Be It Further Resolved that copies of this resolution be transmitted to member of Hawai‘i's Congressional Delegation, the members of the Hawai‘i State Legislature, the Governor, and the County Councils of Hawai‘i, Maui, Kaua‘i, and Honolulu.
GOVOP 08-22 Support Instant Runoff Elections

WHEREAS counties in Hawai‘i are under increasing budget pressure; and

WHEREAS many counties hold a non-partisan primary and a non-partisan general election (often called a runoff election) in order to guarantee that elected local officials have the support of a majority of voters; and

WHEREAS holding two elections is a burden on the taxpayers, the candidates and their supporters; and

WHEREAS other counties in the United States are increasingly consolidating the nonpartisan primary with the non-partisan general election (or runoff election) into one, instant runoff voting election; and

WHEREAS instant runoff voting allows voters to rank all the candidates in order of preference, and if a runoff is needed, the last vote getter is eliminated and the second choice of his or her voters is awarded those votes, and this process continues until someone has a majority, eliminating the need for a second, separate election; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic Party of Maui calls on the Hawai‘i Legislature to pass legislation authorizing the use of instant runoff voting in elections and primaries, so that Hawai‘i can consolidate elections and relieve the burden on taxpayers, the candidates and their financial supporters.

Adopted by the Maui County Democratic Party May 3rd, 2008
GOVOP 08-23 Require Paper Ballots

WHEREAS Honest, observable, and easily-verified public elections provide the foundation for our representative democracy and public confidence in our election system; and

WHEREAS the Association of Computing Machinery member poll indicates that 86% of these experts in the field of computer programming agree that "...voting systems should enable each voter to inspect a physical (e.g., paper) record to verify that his or her vote has been accurately cast, and to serve as an independent check on the result produced and stored by the system. Making those records permanent (e.g., not based in computer memory) provides a means by which an accurate recount may be conducted." and

WHEREAS Paper ballots can be securely stored and handled, and enable election observers to meaningfully witness election procedures and vote-counting and thereby detect, prevent, and correct errors or tampering; and

WHEREAS Paper ballots facilitate easy and observable recounts; and

WHEREAS Optical and similar scanners in the polling site would detect errors in ballotmarking such as overvotes, undervotes, and stray marks, and enable voters to correct such errors before their ballot is cast; and

WHEREAS It is in the public interest that the programming of any voting machine be done by bipartisan technical public employee staff, rather than corporations who use secret softwareWHERE only vendors would fully know and understand what their electronic voting systems were doing; and

WHEREAS Voter and public confidence would be lowered by the use of electronic ballots which no voter or observer can witness, and electronic vote counts which no observer would be able to meaningfully observe; and

WHEREAS Computer security is difficult or impossible to achieve, as exemplified by the 40 million Mastercard accounts compromised in June, 2005, break-ins to computers used by the United States Department of Defense, and the other well-known problems with computer security; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Maui County Democratic Party urges the State of Hawaiʻi to continue using paper ballots, precinct-based scanners, and

RESOLVED, That the Maui County Democratic Party urge the Federal Government to mandate the use of paper ballots in all elections.

Adopted by the Maui County Democratic Party May 3rd, 2008
GOVOP 08-24 Amendment to Create a Constitutional Right to Vote

BE IT RESOLVED that the Maui County Democratic Party endorses and supports the following proposed Constitutional Amendment providing for the Right to Vote:

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 28
Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States regarding the right to vote.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, (two-thirds of each House concurring therein). That the following article is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several States

SECTION 1. All citizens of the United States, who are eighteen years of age or older, shall have the right to vote in any public election held in the jurisdiction in which the citizen resides. The right to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States, any State, or any other public or private person or entity, except that the United States or any State may establish regulations narrowly tailored to produce efficient and honest elections.

SECTION 2. Each State shall administer public elections in the State in accordance with election performance standards established by the Congress. The Congress shall reconsider such election performance standards at least once every four years to determine if higher standards should be established to reflect improvements in methods and practices regarding the administration of elections.

SECTION 3. Each State shall provide any eligible voter the opportunity to register and vote on the day of any public election.

SECTION 4. Each State and the District constituting the seat of Government of the United States shall establish and abide by rules for appointing its respective number of Electors. Such rules shall provide for the appointment of Electors on the day designated by the Congress for holding an election for President and Vice President and shall ensure that each Elector votes for the candidate for President and Vice President who received a majority of the popular vote in the State or District.

SECTION 5. The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

Adopted by the Maui County Democratic Party May 3rd, 2008
GOVOP 08-25 Hold Elections to Weekends and Synchronize Poll Closing Times

WHEREAS the percentage of eligible voters in the United States who actually vote is among the lowest in the world, and

WHEREAS every citizen of the United States should be given the greatest opportunity to vote, and

WHEREAS most Americans work Monday through Friday, and elections are always held on Tuesday, and

WHEREAS almost all Americans who observe a day of Sabbath do so on Saturday or Sunday but not both, and

WHEREAS the United States stretches from the east coast to Hawai‘i and Alaska across six hours difference in time zones, and

WHEREAS news media exit polls can predict the outcome of a state election long before everyone has voted in other states and announces its projections the moment the polls close, and

WHEREAS knowing the results from the east coast influences people who haven’t voted yet where the polls are still open and often induces them not to vote,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic Party of Maui County supports conducting elections for two days, not one, and that the two days be a consecutive Saturday and Sunday, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that for all national elections conducted on the same Saturday and Sunday, the polls close simultaneously on Sunday all across the United States, for example at 10pm in the Eastern zone, 9pm in the Central zone, 8pm in the Mountain zone, 7pm in the Pacific zone, 6pm in Alaska and 4pm in Hawai‘i, so that no results from anywhere are known to anyone who has not yet voted.

Adopted by the Maui County Democratic Party May 3rd, 2008
GOVOP 08-26 RESOLUTION SUPPORTING CONGRESSIONAL OFFICIALS RESIDING IN DISTRICT IN WHICH THEY SERVE

WHEREAS, it is important that all districts in the United States Congress be represented by individuals who live in those districts;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Democratic Party of Kaua'i supports the principle that elected representatives to the United States House of Representatives shall reside and be eligible to vote in the district which they represent.

Adopted by the Democratic Party of Kaua'i
May 3, 2008
GOVOP 08-28 SUPPORTING AFFORDABLE RENTAL HOUSING FOR HAWAII RESIDENTS

Whereas, it is a core Democratic Party value that affordable housing be available to all, and

Whereas, the lack of affordable rental housing for Hawaii residents has reached a crisis level, and

Whereas, many of our young families have had to leave their beloved State to find housing, and

Whereas, many of our working families have become homeless, and are living on the beach, and

Whereas, in many areas, local families are being displaced by illegal tourist rentals, and

Whereas, the use of rental units in residential areas for tourists rather than local residents adds to the scarcity of rental housing, and

Whereas, short-term rentals of bed and breakfast homes at a premium has put the cost of rental housing out of reach of local families, and

Whereas, the sale of bed and breakfast homes for high prices has caused property taxes to increase for neighboring properties causing higher mortgage payments and higher rental costs, and

Whereas, bed and breakfast homes are already permitted in resort zoned areas where visitors can be accommodated, and

Whereas, the Honolulu City Planning Commission voted unanimously against increasing the number of short-term tourist rentals in residential neighborhoods.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved by the Democratic Party of Hawaii that the Hawaii State Legislature and the county governments refrain from increasing the number of short-term tourist rentals in residential and apartment zoned areas.

Be It Further Resolved that this resolution be transmitted to all Hawaii State legislators, and the four county mayors and council members.

Charles Prentiss

Merrily Prentiss
GOVOP 08-29 Working Families Opposition to TVR's

WHEREAS: Transient Vacation Rentals (TVR's) have taken affordable housing from Maui's working families; and

WHEREAS: TVR's fuel speculation, driving housing prices out of reach of most of our working families; and

WHEREAS: the existing B&B ordinance allows residents to get a vacation rental permit if they live on property and the Democratic Party of Maui supports legal businesses; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Democratic Party of Maui is firmly opposed to absentee and illegal operation of TVR's.

Adopted by the Maui County Democratic Party May 3rd, 2008
Sample Pre-Convention Committee Report

May 10, 2008

The [Insert Committee Name] Pre-Convention Committee (reference [Insert Abbreviation, such as GOVOP, HLTH, ENVIR, EDUC, LABOR, BUSIN, NTLINTL]) respectfully offers the following report of our meeting held on may 10, 2008.

- We suggest resolutions [Abbreviation] 08-MM, 08-NN, and 08-NN be combined.

- We recommend, by majority vote, that resolutions [Abbreviation] 08-MM and 08-NN should not be approved to be forwarded to the floor of the state convention.

- We recommend resolution [Abbreviation] 08-MM be considered county specific and not be forwarded to the floor of the state convention.

- We made amendments for consistent referrals clauses.

We thank all members for their hard work.

Signed

(Co-Chair)  (Co-Chair)
BUSIN 08-01 URGING THE EXPANSION OF SOLAR TAX CREDITS

Whereas, solar tax credits have promoted the use of solar equipment in the State of Hawai‘i; and

Whereas, the increased use of solar equipment in the State of Hawai‘i has saved thousands of barrels of oil and has reduced the cost of heating water; and

Whereas, there are over hundreds of condominium associations within the State of Hawai‘i who cannot participate and appreciate the solar tax credits; now, therefore

Be it Resolved that the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i urges the Hawai‘i State Legislature and United States Congress to include Condominium Associations as part of the Solar Tax credit program; and

Be it Further Resolved that this resolution be transmitted to members of the Hawai‘i State Legislature, members of Hawai‘i’s Congressional Delegation, the Governor, the county councils, and the Mayors of all counties.
BUSIN 08-02 SUPPORTING THE REDUCTION OF OUR DEPENDENCY ON FOSSIL FUELS

Whereas, the need to reduce our dependency on fossil fuels and associated products; and

Whereas, energy cost has skyrocketed in the past year to over $100 a barrel for oil; and

Whereas, the U.S. Energy Information Administration, in November 2007 confirmed that the average cost of electricity in the State of Hawai‘i is 270 percent higher than the national average; and

Whereas, the search for alternative means of clean and affordable energy is first and foremost in Hawai‘i; and

Whereas, the use of Hawai‘i’s most natural resource, the sea, which provides a viable alternative and clean energy source; now, therefore

Be It Resolved that the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i supports legislation to provide initial funding and tax credits equal to or greater than solar tax credits of the Federal and State government for companies that build and install sea water to energy conversion technology in the State of Hawai‘i.

Be It Further Resolved that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the State Legislature, the County Councils, the County Mayors and the Governor.
Whereas, the aina, kai, and wai are integral parts of Hawaiian cosmology and are essential to how Hawaiians' understand themselves in the context of the world, and

Whereas, A Hawaiian conservation ethic requires us all to observe and minimize our impact on aina, kai, and wai, and thus lighten our footprint on these natural resources at the same time that we care for them, and

Whereas, Hawaiians and residents of Hawaii have concern about how exploitation of our natural resources contributes to climate change and global warming, and

Whereas, Hawai'i's oil-produced energy use contributes to climate change; and

Whereas, the loss of most existing beaches, the flooding of most resorts, and the rising costs of oil for air transport costs will threaten Hawai'i's economy, and

Whereas, Hawai'i has the ability to meet all of our energy needs, which may include electrical, heating, cooling, and non-air-transport energy needs from local renewable energy resources and tap into numerous ecosystem-sensitive energy storage systems, and

Whereas, Hawai'i can 1) meet all of its energy needs without oil dependency, being mindful of the need to conserve Hawai'i's natural resources and to malama aina, kai, and wai in the process, and 2) at the same time, export abundant amounts of hydrogen energy through its wise use of local resources, and

Whereas, Hawai'i's independent island grids offer the opportunity to test different Renewable and safe energy systems, in effect leading the world in developing and testing these systems, and

Whereas, Hawai'i can play a vital role in finding solutions to the planet's climate change crisis by lessening its contribution to global warming, minimizing oil dependency, and caring for Hawai'i's natural resources, serving as a role model for others, and

Whereas, Hawai'i has the local talent and interested investors who seek ways to dramatically increase safe and culturally sensitive renewable energy penetration levels, and

Whereas, the Democratic Party of Hawaii Platform states: "We support energy independence, self-sufficiency, affordability, and reliability for Hawai'i through the urgent development of renewable alternative energy sources. We commit to conservation and to independence from petroleum and coal by 2020", now, therefore

Be It Resolved that the Democratic Party of Hawaii commit to strongly urging a community-driven and Hawaiian culturally appropriate "Integrated Master Plan" by the Public Utilities Commission to move Hawai'i away from oil dependency and toward energy independence and self-reliance by the year 2020.
BUSIN 08-04 SUPPORTING THE BUILDING OF MODULAR AND FACTORY MANUFACTURED HOMES IN HAWAI‘I

Whereas, Hawai‘i’s housing costs are too expensive and infrastructure like roads, electrical, water and sewage has stopped contractors and land owners from building in rural areas; and

Whereas, water catchments and solar power can be built into modular homes, thus allowing home construction in rural areas that have little infrastructure; and

Whereas, the use of steel framing in modular homes prevents problems with subterranean termites and also makes them resistant to hurricanes and earthquake damage; and

Whereas, homes that are built with factory construction can be moved, thus making them ideal for people who live on leasehold land; and

Whereas, by setting aside rural land banked areas, modular homes can be moved to safe areas if the property is in danger of a lava flow. By doing this, banks or insurance companies can allow mortgages or insurance on homes that are in lava or flood inundation areas; and

Whereas, back in 2002, O‘ahu had a steel framed housing factory that built all sizes of homes at $60 per square foot. Pricing of on site-built housing at that time range from $120 to $180 per square foot. This shows that a factory built home can have a cost savings of over 50%; now, therefore

Be It Resolved that the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i asks the Governor, City and County Representatives, and the Hawai‘i State Legislature to pass laws and change building ordinances to allow for local factory built modular homes in Hawai‘i; and

Be It Further Resolved that copies of this resolution be transmitted to Democratic members of the Hawai‘i State Legislature, and members of Hawai‘i’s Congressional Delegation.
BUSIN 08-05 STRONGLY URGING LEGISLATORS TO INTRODUCE LEGISLATION REQUIRING A COMPLETE ARCHAEOLOGICAL INVENTORY SURVEY OF LANDS SCHEDULED FOR DEVELOPMENT PRIOR TO DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION

Whereas, the State Historic Preservation Division and the various Island Burial Councils have a strong policy of leaving Iwi Kupuna buried in place unless Iwi Kupuna are endangered by leaving them in place; and

Whereas, this policy has been circumvented by the discovery of Iwi Kupuna in development projects that have not undergone a complete archaeological inventory survey; and

Whereas, it is in the best interests of developers to be made aware of potential and actual burials located on their properties before design and planning are completed; and

Whereas, advance notice of locations of potential and actual burials could result in avoiding expensive delays and additional costs to redesign; and

Whereas, advance notice before design could incorporate the protection of Iwi Kupuna in place, resulting in stronger protection for Iwi Kupuna and a more financially secure development project; and

Whereas, a more proactive approach incorporating a complete archaeological inventory survey could protect the sanctity of the burials and avoid cultural harm to the deceased and their descendants; now, therefore

Be It Resolved that the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i strongly urges legislators to introduce legislation requiring a complete archaeological inventory survey of lands scheduled for development prior to design and construction; now, therefore

Be It Further Resolved that copies of this resolution be sent to the Governor, the State Senate, the State House, the Mayors and the County Councils of Kaua‘i, Maui, Hawai‘i and the City and County of Honolulu.
Whereas, Hawai‘i is the focal point where East meets West in the Pacific; and

Whereas, communications is the most important between the Pacific area and Hawai‘i’s World-Wide family and business partners; and

Whereas, in order to encourage new business investment, the State of Hawai‘i must become the communication hub of the Pacific; and

Whereas, fiber optic cable to the home (FTTH) is the best way to bring the global experience of broadband technology to Hawaii consumers; and

Whereas, FTTH benefits Hawai‘i consumers by bringing them the best new essential services like telemedicine, distance learning and entertainment; and

Whereas, FTTH benefits Hawai‘i communities because broadband technology help communities attract better wages and better jobs; and

Whereas, only FTTH offers consumers the fastest internet and TV connections with no limitations, now, therefore

Be it Resolved that the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i supports the installation of FTTH cable for all citizens of the State of Hawaii; and

Be It Further Resolved that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the State Legislature, the County Councils, the County Mayors, and the Governor.
WHEREAS, the Women’s Caucus of the Hawai‘i State Democratic Party believes that Hawai‘i needs a comprehensive public policy to help people build assets; and

WHEREAS, a comprehensive asset-building policy includes a package of programs, tax incentives, regulatory changes, and other mechanisms to help people earn more, save more, protect hard earned assets, start businesses and become homeowners; and

WHEREAS, one in five households in Hawai‘i have zero or negative net worth, the 6th worst ranking among the states; and

WHEREAS, one in four households do not have enough assets to subsist at the poverty level for three months if their income were disrupted; and

WHEREAS, 69% of jobs in Hawai‘i do not pay a living wage making it difficult for many families to make ends meet, let alone pay off debt, build savings accounts, start businesses, or buy homes; and

WHEREAS, assets are essential for three reasons: to have financial security against difficult times, to create economic opportunities for oneself, and to leave a legacy for future generations to have a better life; and

WHEREAS, the wealthy benefit the most from existing asset-building policies—deductions for mortgage interest and property taxes, tax deferred retirement and education savings, lower taxes on long-term capital gains, etc.; and

WHEREAS, the State of Hawai‘i can level the playing field by creating more asset-building opportunities for low- and middle-income households that will: 1) Make Work Pay (EITC, establish a self-sufficiency standard); 2) Teach Asset-Building (financial literacy education); 3) Break Down Barriers to Asset-Building (eliminate asset limits on Medicaid, conduct analysis on predatory lending practices, enact State Auditor’s recommendations on payday lending); 4) Help People Save (expand Hawai‘i’s Individual Development Account programs, create a universal children’s saving account program; allow “refund splitting” of state tax refunds to place a portion of a refund into a savings vehicle); 5) Help People Start Businesses (create a tax credit to stimulate private funding, create a self-employment assistance program); and 6) Help People Buy Homes (provide grants or forgivable loans for down payment assistance, increase outreach to low-income households to access federal resources, provide funding for increased administrative supports for the locally operated housing programs, assist families to build assets for homeownership, provide matching grants and forgivable loans for families in the Section 8 homeownership program; exempt family self-sufficiency escrow accounts from asset tests); and

WHEREAS, asset-building is a critical economic development tool to build the human capital needed to fuel the modern economy—also known as the “knowledge economy,” “new economy,” or the “innovation, science, and technology economy”; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i that it shall support asset-building policies that help Hawai‘i families and communities save, build their assets and reach self-sufficiency; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to members of Hawai‘i’s Congressional Delegation, the Democratic members of the Hawai‘i State Legislature.
BUSIN 08-08 SUPPORTING HAWA'I TOURISM MARKETING TO INCLUDE THE GLBT POPULATION

Whereas, tourism remains the top industry in Hawai'i; and

Whereas, studies released in 2006 by the National Tour Association (NTA), and in 2007 by Community Marketing, Inc. (CMI) - the Gay, Lesbian, Bi-Sexual and Transgender (GLBT) population takes two to three times as many vacation trips annually as other segments of the population; and

Whereas, the annual economic impact of GLBT travelers as identified by the US Department of Commerce in 2006 was approximately $64.5 billion in the US alone; and

Whereas, 84.8% of gay male and 83.6% of lesbian consumers traveled in the last year (spent $500 or more) according to CMI; and

Whereas, no location in Hawai'i is currently identified within the top 15 as a "Most-Visited US Destination" location in GLBT travel research studies; and

Whereas, in April 2007 government authorities in over 75 destinations targeted the GLBT traveler with their marketing efforts, but a search in 2008 of "gohawaii.com" (the official Hawai'i Tourism Site) produced one reference to a bed and breakfast; of "hvb.com" (the Hawai'i Visitors and Convention Bureau) produced no references at all; and of "cahu.com" (the official tourism site for the island of Oahu) produced a reference to a restaurant and a broken link to a Bed and Breakfast; and

Whereas, research indicates that selection of a vacation destination by the GLBT communities is motivated by recommendations, unique attractions, and a reputation for GLBT friendliness - and that the availability of on-line information is highly important when getting the necessary information to the GLBT tourist market; now, therefore

Be It Resolved that the Democratic Party of Hawai'i request the four Counties of the State of Hawai'i develop and implement GLBT focused marketing to include on-line electronic information with links to resources valuable to the GLBT communities; and print, radio and television marketing in media focusing on the GLBT communities; and

Be It Further Resolved that such focused marketing should receive a significant, specifically identified segment of the marketing budgets of the Tourism and Visitors authorities of the City and County of Honolulu and the State of Hawai'i; and

Be It Further Resolved that copies of this resolution be given to all candidates for office identifying as Democrats; the Democratic members of the Legislature; the Mayors and Councilmembers of the four Counties; the Hawai'i Visitors and Convention Bureau; the Hawai'i Tourism Authority; and the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism.
WHEREAS the people of Hawai‘i are dependent on imports of food – an estimated range being between 65% & 85% of all food consumed coming from out of state; and

WHEREAS the presence of tourists in Hawai‘i, which averages close to 160,000 per day (2001), increases the need for sustainable local food production should an event cause visitors to be stranded here for an indeterminate period of time; and

WHEREAS Hawai‘i’s geographic isolation makes it especially important to move toward greater self-sufficiency in food production; and

WHEREAS Hawai‘i’s climate allows for several growing seasons and multiple cropping cycles, and has nearly every climatic zone making possible cultivation of a wide variety of foods; and

WHEREAS with increased number of diverse, sustainable, and organic cropping systems, many new jobs will be created for the planning, development, production, and maintenance of food processing and delivery (in fact, for all farm-related activity), and

WHEREAS prime agricultural land is identified and available to provide for the basic nutritional needs of Hawai‘i’s people, the amount needed being only one half acre per person for a complete diet; and

WHEREAS overseas shipping costs are only going to rise owing to increasing fuel prices based on falling reserves; and

WHEREAS Hawai‘i, being a military stronghold of the United States, is potentially subject to terrorist attack, as well other man-made and natural disasters in these uncertain times, all which can greatly effect the arrival of food shipments for an indeterminate period of time; and

WHEREAS the aquifer and aquatic food sources are therefore best protected through organic and sustainable land care practices; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the 2004 Maui Democratic Convention asks the Maui County, the Hawai‘i State, and the US federal government, to support, – through County, State, and Federal legislation and funding for enforcement, – Hawai‘i’s reaching self-sustainability in food production by meeting no less than 50% of all its nutritional requirements by the year 2008; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that organic land care practices be encouraged through farm grants and tax incentives; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a necessary percentage of agricultural lands be designated for sustainable-only (as opposed to export-oriented) food production.

Adopted by the Maui County Democratic Party May 3rd, 2008
BUSIN 08-10 RESOLUTION ON FOOD SUSTAINABILITY

WHEREAS, the state of Hawai‘i currently imports over 85% of the food consumed by visitors and residents alike on a daily basis;

WHEREAS, as recently as the early 1960’s the state of Hawai‘i was producing almost 50% of the food consumed in the state;

WHEREAS, the Island of Hawai‘i with its fertile soils and diverse agricultural zones, created by difference in elevation as well as annual precipitation differences in relation to prevailing winds, has the capability of producing a broad variety of crops. Fruit trees such as apples can be grown at the 6,000 level on the windward slopes of Mauna Kea, cool weather crops such as broccoli and cabbage in Volcano, and tropical fruits and vegetables can be produced at lower elevations. Much of the land once occupied by the sugar industry can also be used for ranching;

WHEREAS, the Island of Hawai‘i is losing its last egg producer and is down to only two dairy farms;

WHEREAS, the state of Hawai‘i in its Sustainability 2050 Plan has stated the need for greater food self-sufficiency with 85% of all fruits and vegetables locally produced;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the state and county create incentives to give a competitive advantage to diverse agricultural producers on Hawai‘i Island. These incentives can include but not be limited to; zoning enforcement to keep agricultural land in agriculture, low cost leases on state and county land to farmers growing locally consumed foods, rebates on imported feeds for the local livestock industry, increased visibility for labeling to let consumers know where the foods in local super markets are grown, and marketing plans to increase public demand for locally produced foods.
BUSIN 08-11 RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE IDENTITY OF HAWAII-GROWN SPECIALTY AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS

WHEREAS specialty agricultural crops such as coffee, tropical fruit, macadamia nuts, chocolate and vanilla constitute the fastest expanding area of agricultural production on the Hawaii Island and in the rest of the state;

WHEREAS the care, skill and cultivation practices of Hawaii specialty crop farmers, most of whom operate small family-owned farms, have built a reputation for quality among consumers of specialty agricultural products;

WHEREAS loopholes in certain Hawaii statutes allow unfair and deceptive business practices which are used to deceive consumers into believing non-Hawaii agriculture products have been grown in Hawaii--to the damage of the reputation for quality of Hawaii-grown specialty crops;

WHEREAS, by way of example, HRS 486-119 permits the deceptive labeling of foreign-grown macadamia nuts and non-Hawaiian fruit juices as "Made In Hawaii" if 51% or more of the value is added by in-state processing--even though none of the food products have been grown here;

WHEREAS, by way of further example, HRS 486-120.6 permits the use of the "Kona" name on packaging of a "coffee blend" having as little as 10% coffee from Kona and 90% coffee from unidentified foreign countries;

WHEREAS, by way of still further example, in their December 2004 edition the writers of Consumer Reports confused "Kona coffee blends" with "Kona coffee" and concluded that Kona coffee can be "second rate" on the basis of a mistaken belief that "Kona blends" are "Kona coffee";

WHEREAS the State of Hawaii should provide the same type of protections to its specialty crop farmers as the State of California has provided to Napa Valley grape growers in Cal. Bus. and Prof. Code, Section 25241 ("Napa Truth-in-Labeling Law");

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Hawaii County Democrats urge our state legislators to amend HRS 486-119 and HRS 486-120.6 to prevent this deceptive misuse of the identity of Hawaii specialty agricultural products and to prevent the resulting damage to the reputation of Hawaii-grown agricultural products from continuing.
BUSIN 08-12 RESOLUTION CALLING FOR TRUTH-IN-LABELING FOR KONA COFFEE

WHEREAS, The unique climatic and soil conditions of the Kona region on the Island of Hawai’i are ideal for the cultivation of coffee; and

WHEREAS, the care, skill and cultivation practices of Kona coffee farmers, most of whom operate small family-owned farms, have resulted in recognition of Kona coffee as one of the world’s premier specialty coffees; and

WHEREAS, existing Hawai’i statutes allow unfair and deceptive business practices which are used to deceive consumers into believing that packages containing 90% foreign coffee are “Kona coffee”—thereby damaging the reputation for quality which Kona coffee farmers have built over generations of growing this heritage crop; and

WHEREAS, by way of example, HRS 486-120.6 permits the use of the “Kona” name on packaging of a coffee blend having as little as 10% coffee from Kona and 90% coffee from unidentified foreign countries; and

WHEREAS, by way of further example, in their December 2004 edition the writers of Consumer Reports confused “Kona coffee blends” with “Kona coffee” and concluded that Kona coffee can be “second rate” on the basis of a mistaken belief that “Kona blends” are “Kona coffee”; and

WHEREAS, the State of Hawai’i should provide the same type of protections to its specialty crop farmers, specifically including Kona coffee farmers, as the State of California has provided to Napa Valley grape growers in Cal. Bus. and Prof. Code, Section 25241 (“Napa Truth-in-Labeling law”); and

WHEREAS, the State Legislature made a factual finding in Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 102 (2007) that “existing labeling requirements for Kona coffee causes consumer fraud and confusion and degrades the ‘Kona coffee’ name”; and

WHEREAS, no other region anywhere in the world (other than Hawai’i) permits the use of the name of one of its specialty agricultural crops with as little as 50% (let alone 10%) genuine content; and

WHEREAS, the Hawai’i County Council has adopted two resolutions (Resolution No. 18-06 of December 20, 2006, and Resolution 417-07 of November 20, 2007) requesting the Legislature to amend current law to require any coffee labeled “Kona Coffee Blend” to have a minimum 75% Kona Coffee; and

WHEREAS, the 2006 Hawai’i County Democratic Party Convention (Resolutions # 06-02, May 6, 2006) and the 2006 Hawai’i State Democratic Convention (Resolution # 37, May 26, 2006) both adopted resolutions urging state legislators to amend HRS 486-120.6 to end the damage being done to the Kona coffee reputation by deceptive labeling and business practices; and

WHEREAS, ignoring the requests of Kona’s coffee farmers, the requests of the Hawai’i County Council, the request of the Hawai’i County Democratic Party, and the request of the Hawai’i State Democratic Party, the State Legislature in the last 3 legislative sessions has failed to provide a single committee hearing for open and democratic consideration of pending bills for Truth-in-Labeling for Kona coffee; THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Hawai’i County Democrats express their deep disappointment in the State Legislature’s failure in the last 3 sessions to provide committee hearings for, and failure to enact, pending Truth-in-Labeling bills for Kona coffee, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawai’i County Democrats urge members of the Hawai’i County delegation in the State Legislature to support Kona’s coffee farmers by introducing and vigorously working for adoption of Truth-in-Labeling legislation for Kona coffee, including a minimum of 75% Kona coffee in any coffee package labeled as a “Kona coffee blend” and prominent identification on labels of the country or region of origin of the non-Kona portion in such blends; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawai’i County Democrats urge the State Legislature to enact, in the 2008 legislative session, Truth-in-Labeling legislation as described in the preceding paragraph.
BUSIN 08-13 Revoke Corporate Constitutional Privileges

BE IT RESOLVED that the Maui Democratic Party endorses and supports the following proposed Constitutional Amendment:

SECTION 1. The U.S. Constitution protects only the rights of living human beings.

SECTION 2. Corporations and other institutions granted the privilege to exist shall be subordinate to any and all laws enacted by citizens and their elected governments.

SECTION 3. Corporations and other for-profit institutions are prohibited from attempting to influence the outcome of elections, legislation or government policy through the use of aggregate resources or by rewarding or repaying employees or directors to exert such influence.

SECTION 4. Congress shall have power to implement this article by appropriate legislation.

Adopted by the Maui County Democratic Party May 3rd, 2008
BUSIN 08-14 Corporations Should Not Have the Same Rights as Human Beings

WHEREAS the Democratic Party of Maui believes that democracy is dependent upon local grassroots economies for our communities where families live,

WHEREAS we believe our democracy is controlled and threatened by mega-enterprises and propose to put an end to this consolidation of power.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic Party of Maui hereby: Opposes corporate welfare which is defined as any action by local, state or federal government that gives corporations or an entire industry a benefit not offered to others, be it a grant, subsidy, real estate, low interest rate loan or tax breaks in the form of a credit, exemption, deferral, deduction or a tax rate lower than what others pay. Megacorporations are the major beneficiaries of corporate welfare to the disadvantage of smaller companies.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED Democratic Party of Maui that the strongly advocates legislation to strengthen controls and to increase penalties for businesses that violate the public trust. We will initiate and promote the following actions:

- End the legal fiction that corporations are entitled to rights as persons
- Exclude corporations from political participation
- Implement serious political campaign reform to reduce the influence of money in politics
- Eliminate corporate welfare, direct or indirect
- Recover other externalized costs through fees and taxes
- Implement mechanisms to regulate international corporations and finance
- Provide economic parity small, locally-owned enterprises so they will flourish at the grassroots of our communities where our families are
- Community reinvestment to promote local business and home ownership
- Businesses that build, employ, and invest in the United States and do not engage in income tax avoidance by establishing offshore companies.

Adopted by the Maui County Democratic Party May 3rd, 2008
Sample Pre-Convention Committee Report

May 10, 2008

The [Insert Committee Name] Pre-Convention Committee (reference [Insert Abbreviation, such as GOVOP, HLTH, ENVIR, EDUC, LABOR, BUSIN, NTLINTL]) respectfully offers the following report of our meeting held on May 10, 2008.

- We suggest resolutions [Abbreviation] 08-NN, 08-NN, and 08-NN be combined.

- We recommend, by majority vote, that resolutions [Abbreviation] 08-NN and 08-NN should not be approved to be forwarded to the floor of the state convention.

- We recommend resolution [Abbreviation] 08-NN be considered county specific and not be forwarded to the floor of the state convention.

- We made amendments for consistent referrals clauses.

We thank all members for their hard work.

Signed

(Co-Chair)  (Co-Chair)
ENVIR 08-01 Support Energy Efficiency and Sustainable Energy Sources

WHEREAS Hawai’i’s global position makes it ideal for development and application of renewable sustainable energy sources, such as, solar, wind, and ocean thermal; and

WHEREAS efforts in Hawai’i with solar water heating, photo-voltaics and wind power generation have demonstrated success; and

WHEREAS Hawai’i’s fragile and unique environment is seeing negative effects from use of present energy sources, specifically, coal, oil and propane; and

WHEREAS Hawai’i’s isolated location makes it important to become self-sufficient and diversified; and

WHEREAS given the considerable risk of oil spills causing destruction to our reefs and coastal environments, and recognizing the strategic vulnerability of oil tankers and refineries from terrorist attack; and

WHEREAS the development of renewable energy systems will create many new jobs and ongoing employment in planning, development, construction, and maintenance for the local labor force; and

WHEREAS energy conservation measures demonstrate monetary success whenever they are tried; now,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Maui and Hawai’i Democratic Party that the National Democratic party at its 2004 National Convention propose and support legislation to fund research, development, and application of viable renewable (excluding those which rely on imported palm and vegetable oil) energy sources that would insure by 2020 that a minimum of 20% of the total electric generation in Hawai’i be generated from new (not currently applied) renewable sources, with a secondary goal of 40% renewable energy sources by 2020.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Democratic Party propose and support legislation to accelerate energy conservation programs and increase energy conservation measures in Hawai’i by supporting whatever entities may offer such viable energy conservation programs, be they utilities, government agencies, private companies, or non-profit organizations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that laws be enacted to require increased vehicle mileage fuel efficiency at both the State and Federal level.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that only energy sources and fuels that show a net fossil fuel savings over their entire life-cycle be encouraged by law.

Adopted by the Maui County Democratic Party May 3rd, 2008
ENVIR 08-02 Increase Residential Photovoltaic and Wind Electrical Generation

WHEREAS the Legislature has create bond programs supporting businesses to supply HECO and MECO with renewable energy; and

WHEREAS the new vertical wind generators are quiet and operate below 30 decibels; and

WHEREAS installing photovoltaic or wind generation will end the escalation of utility bills; and

WHEREAS creating a loan program so that residents can install not only solar hot water but also photovoltaic and wind generators on their homes and businesses will both help Hawai'i decrease its reliance on imported fuel and will help our residents reduce their sky-rocketing utility bills; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the legislature will pass bills insuring that wind generators will be allowed in all zones (with the proviso that wind assembly heights cannot exceed 38 feet on lots less than one half acre and that normal operating decibel levels shall not exceed 30 DB and other reasonable requirements)

BE IT RESOLVED that the legislature will lift the cap on the amount of net metering allowed but may required a reasonable back up storage to be installed on each system; and

BE IT RESOLVED that the legislature will investigate a program like Berkeley, California's which ties the loan payback for the renewable electrical system to the property tax such that the loan runs with the property and owners will be able to get the best interest rates and even those who have bad credit will be able to get a loan to install the renewable electrical system; and

BE IT RESOLVED that the legislature will create a bond program to help all residents regardless of financial situation to install renewable electrical generating systems on their property, if the Berkeley system is deemed impractical or leaves some residents out; and

BE IT RESOLVED that nothing in this resolution shall be interpreted to mean that the renewable electrical generating system must be tied into the grid; and

BE IT RESOLVED that whatever method of financing is used, that the owner shall be able to repay the loan on a monthly basis from utility bill savings; and

BE IT RESOLVED that this program will only apply to those locations where the wind or photovoltaic system is deemed physically effective - that is if the site is located in a place that receives inadequate wind, then the property shall not be eligible for a wind generator or if the building is situated such that it is completely shaded it shall not be eligible for a photovoltaic system under this program.
ENVIR 08-03 Support Local Renewable Energy Production

WHEREAS Hawai‘i is currently 90 percent dependent on imported energy, which makes the State economically vulnerable and lacking energy security; and

WHEREAS high petroleum prices continue to threaten the ability of tourism in Hawai‘i to persist as our number one industry; and

WHEREAS agricultural lands are an important resource to provide food and fuel, retain open space, create new industry, provide and save local jobs, and make Hawai‘i more sustainable and secure; and

WHEREAS Hawai‘i’s isolated location makes it important to become more diversified and self-sufficient and still fulfill our obligation to decrease CO2 emissions in the global effort against climate change; and

WHEREAS Hawai‘i’s fragile and unique environment is seeing negative effects from use of imported energy sources, specifically coal and oil; and

WHEREAS Hawai‘i provides over 60 percent of its electric utility power from liquid fuels, which is extremely disproportionate to the average U.S. state usage of 4-6 percent; and

WHEREAS global concerns for the environmentally negative life-cycle impact of certain imported biofuels and biofuel feedstocks have led to a ban of such fuels and feedstock oils by major countries; and

WHEREAS the greatest benefits to the State, environmentally and economically, are in local renewable energy production by locally owned businesses and utilizing local resources; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Maui and Hawai‘i Democratic Party that the National Democratic party at its 2008 National Convention propose and support legislation to fund research, development, and application of a viable plan for renewable energy sources that will insure best use of local resources for biofuels in accordance with available agriculture land, the need for agricultural lands for food, as well as appropriate application of different types of renewable energy technologies.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Democratic Party propose and support legislation to support local farmers, locally owned biofuel processing businesses and local fuel distribution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that support does not extend to imported oil feedstock or fuel.
ENVIR 08-04 RESOLUTION SUPPORTING ENERGY SELF-SUFFICIENCY FOR THE COUNTY OF HAWAI'I

WHEREAS, the County of Hawaii is overly dependent on the importation of petroleum fossil fuels for electricity production and transportation fuel, and

WHEREAS, continued rises in oil prices will severely and negatively impact the economy of the County, and

WHEREAS, the County of Hawaii has abundant untapped renewable energy resources, such as geothermal, wind, cellulosic biomass, solar, and hydro, and

WHEREAS, these untapped renewable energy resources could supply enough energy to provide all our countywide electric power needs and substantial quantities of transportation fuel without using food crops or prime agricultural lands for fuel supplies, and

WHEREAS, use of liquid transportation fuel can be reduced greatly by constructing transportation infrastructure that uses electricity as its energy supply, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the County of Hawaii immediately adopt a policy of actively promoting, by all feasible means, renewable energy facility construction at all scales, from home systems to larger independent power producing plants, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County of Hawaii will promote electrified mass transit, electric energy conservation, plug-in hybrid vehicles, electric vehicles and all other possible means of reducing petroleum and other fossil fuels within the County.
ENVIR 08-05 Regulate Genetically Modified Organisms (GMO)

WHEREAS Biotech breakthroughs of GMO plants are developing faster than studies can be done to confirm safety to health, agriculture and environment, and

WHEREAS Many, if not all, GMO’s include a “terminator” gene which renders the plants sterile (put there solely to force farmers to buy new seed every year) and it is unknown whether this terminator gene may mix with normal seeds, causing our non-GMO plants to become sterile, and

WHEREAS the uncertainty regarding long term, possibly irreversible effects of GMO crops mandates the use of the precautionary principle: All products are presumed to be ineffective and damaging until empirical data proves (on a case by case basis) otherwise and

WHEREAS Regulatory agencies are not requiring adequate safety data from these industries prior to marketing or field trials and therefore there are no incentives for industry to sponsor safety studies and

WHEREAS there is a serious potential for, and appearance of, conflict of interest among industry, regulatory agencies and university departments receiving industry research grants. Potential benefits may be overstated and potential risks downplayed and

WHEREAS it is inappropriate for industry to set policy and regulation in this area. THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Regulatory agencies at both the federal and county levels (based on federal FDA IRB principles):
- Establish guidelines for safety as related to health (occupational and community), environment and agriculture
- Approve/disapprove of all GM crops to be planted in communities
- Monitor and enforce violations to required safety procedures.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Federal and state agencies promote examination of GM product safety by:
- Allocating research funds for safety studies,
- Identifying institutions (including international agencies) without conflict of interest to conduct safety assessments,
- Insuring that regulatory boards require adequate safety studies prior to marketing and open field testing,
- Holding GM companies liable for side effects which should have been detected prior to field or market release,
- Investigating post-marketing complaints of side effects associated with GM products (to facilitate these investigations, labeling of GM products should be required).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that companies involved in open air testing of GMO crops shall be strictly liable for any of their genetic material contaminating neighboring crops and shall be subject to government fines for such contamination and, in addition, owners of contaminated crops or land shall be entitled to civil damages.

Adopted by the Maui County Democratic Party May 3rd, 2008
WHEREAS, kalo is the older brother of kanaka maoli (and of all of us in Hawai'i); and

WHEREAS, kalo is the embodiment of oha (corms growing from the older plant), and ana (conjunctive connoting regeneration or procreation), or ohana; and

WHEREAS, the state legislature considered a moratorium on genetically modifying our older brother; and

WHEREAS, over 7,000 people representing the interests of hundreds of thousands came out to voice their support of the moratorium on native kalo;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article XII, section 7 of the Hawai'i State Constitution, the State of Hawai'i has a duty to "reaffirm and protect all rights, customarily and traditionally exercised for subsistence, cultural and religious purposes and possessed by ahupua'a tenants who are descendants of native Hawaiians who inhabited the Hawaiian Islands prior to 1778;" and

WHEREAS, recombinant DNA modification of the native Hawaiian taro species runs the risk of endangering indigenous kalo with genetically-altered kalo; and

WHEREAS: the contamination of our naturally diverse varieties of kalo with taro subject to recombinant DNA modification could destroy the old lines and diversity in a healthy kalo industry;

BE IT RESOLVED: that the Democratic Party recognizes and supports the native Hawaiians' uniform opposition to the desecration kalo; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Democratic Party acknowledges the State's obligation to reaffirm and protect the survival of kalo, a foundation of native Hawaiian custom and tradition as well as the main staple in the native Hawaiian diet; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Democratic Party urges the State to fulfill its Constitutional responsibilities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Democratic Party of Hawaii supports a moratorium on recombinant DNA modification, or the testing, planting or growing of recombinant DNA taro; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that this resolution be transmitted to every elected official in the state of Hawaii, all candidates for political office and all administrative agencies in the state of Hawaii, including the University of Hawaii, the federal Department of Agriculture, and the Hawaii Farm Bureau.

Adopted by the Maui County Democratic Party May 3rd, 2008
ENVIR 08-07 RESOLUTION MALAMA HALOA

WHEREAS, kalo is the older brother of kanaka maoli (and of all of us in Hawai‘i); and

WHEREAS, kalo is the embodiment of cha (corms growing from the older plant), and ana (conjunctive connoting regeneration or procreation), or ohana; and

WHEREAS, the state legislature considered a moratorium on genetically modifying our older brother; and

WHEREAS, over 7,000 people representing the interests of of hundreds of thousands came out to voice their support of the moratorium on native kalo;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article XII, section 7 of the Hawai‘i State Constitution, the State of Hawai‘i has a duty to “reaffirm and protect all rights, customarily and traditionally exercised for subsistence, cultural and religious purposes and possessed by ahupua‘a tenants who are descendants of native Hawai‘ians who inhabited the Hawaiian Islands prior to 1778;” and

WHEREAS, recombinant DNA modification of any taro species runs the risk of endangering indigenous kalo with genetically altered kalo;

BE IT RESOLVED: that the Democratic Party recognizes and supports the native Hawai‘ians’ uniform opposition to the desecration kalo; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Democratic Party acknowledges the State’s obligation to reaffirm and protect the survival of kalo, a foundation of native Hawaiian custom and tradition as well as the main staple in the native Hawaiian diet; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Democratic Party urges the State to fulfill its Constitutional responsibilities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i supports a moratorium on recombinant DNA modification, or the testing, planting or growing of recombinant DNA taro; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that this resolution be transmitted to every elected official in the state of Hawai‘i, all candidates for political office and all administrative agencies in the state of Hawai‘i, including the University of Hawai‘i, the federal Department of Agriculture, and the Hawai‘i Farm Bureau.
ENVIR 08-08 RESOLUTION CONCERNING ESTABLISHMENT OF MILITARY TRAINING ROUTES OVER HAWAII ISLAND

WHEREAS, Hawaii Island has limited land area that can be called sparsely populated;

WHEREAS, most coastal areas of Hawaii Island are populated with small towns and small farms and are not sparsely populated;

WHEREAS, any Military Training Route (MTR) for high-speed low altitude aircraft training will require at least two crossings of the coast of Hawaii Island;

WHEREAS, the US Air Force has proposed an MTR that crosses populated areas containing several thousand dwellings and occupants;

WHEREAS, the proposed MTR will subject all living things along the route, including endangered species such as the i'o to excessive levels of noise and vibration at any hour of the day or night from low-altitude aircraft flying at speeds over 400 mph;

WHEREAS, such noise and vibration will adversely impact residents, visitors, livestock and wildlife and may also damage ancient Hawaiian heiau;

WHEREAS, the proposed MTR conflicts with airspace now heavily used by tour and civilian light aircraft, which would be placed in danger from wake turbulence and also from possible collision with military aircraft using the MTR;

WHEREAS, the possibility of devastating aircraft crashes on Hawaii Island will be increased by the proposed MTR;

WHEREAS, the training needs of the Air Force can continue to be met at existing training facilities in other locations;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Hawaii Democratic Party is against any establishment of Military Training Routes that have significant adverse effects on human, animal and plant populations under or near such routes;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proposed Air Force Military Training Route over Hawaii Island will have such significant adverse impacts that it shall not be implemented.
ENVIR 08-09 Eliminate Plastic Bags and Styrofoam Packaging

WHEREAS Maui County landfill area is diminishing and plastic bags create significant extra expense; and

WHEREAS reusable or biodegradable bags and containers are now available; and

WHEREAS some businesses unnecessarily over-package their products;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature shall enact taxes which discourage the use of excessive packaging and place the disposal and cleanup costs on the business generating the packaging; and

BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature shall enact laws phasing out nonbiodegradable packaging such as plastic and Styrofoam.

Adopted by the Maui County Democratic Party May 3rd, 2008
ENVIR 08-10 Plastic bags eliminations in grocery stores and business

Where as the ecology of the islands is small and closed,

Where as the use of plastic bags directly affect the environment with pollutions and clutter,

Where as the proposed ban of plastic grocery bags will alleviate that pollution and clutter,

Therefore be it resolved that there be a ban on plastic grocery bags, and

Therefore be it further resolved that businesses be encouraged to create there own reusable bags for customers.

Therefore be it resolved that by 2009 there be the end of plastic bags in grocery stored in Hawaii.

And be it further resolved that there be continual elimination of plastic bags in business in Hawaii, and reusable bags introduced.

And that the legislature provide funding for such advertisement and incentive through taxes for business to eliminate plastic bags.

Adopted by the Maui County Democratic Party May 3rd, 2008
ENVIR 08-11 Support gray water recycling programs

WHEREAS, according to HR 290, HD2, adopted by the State House of Representatives on April 11, 2008, "Hawaii consumes the most water per capita in the nation"; and

WHEREAS, HR 290, HD2, further states that "gray water can replace potable water for many uses, thereby saving money, increasing water supply and treatment effectiveness, and reducing operation and capital costs of treatment facilities"; and

WHEREAS, gray water is generally defined as untreated household wastewater that has not come in contact with toilet waste (black water), primarily including wastewater from bathtubs, showers, bathroom sinks, and clothes washing machines; and

WHEREAS, gray water recycling programs have proven to be environmentally and economically beneficial in other jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, prior to the enactment of ordinances establishing gray water recycling programs in Hawaii, the State Department of Health (DOH) will need to provide the counties with technical guidance and support; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic Party urges the DOH and the counties to work together to establish gray water recycling programs.

Adopted by the Maui County Democratic Party May 3rd, 2008
ENVIR 08-12 Require Curbside Recycling (County and State)

WHEREAS our state is comprised of small, isolated islands, and import, consume and generate more solid waste than our landfills can or should accommodate; and

WHEREAS the unrestricted disposal of toxic and dangerous substances is not adequately controlled to protect and preserve our environment; and

WHEREAS manufacturers of imported products are not held responsible for the true cost of their goods, reflected in the disposal of packaging and of their products, which is externalized on to taxpayers as toxic contamination, ill-health effects, overburdened landfills and destruction of our environment; and

WHEREAS many products in our landfills have recyclable value which we should manage for the public interest; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that all Counties in the state of Hawai‘i require curbside recycling inclusive of but not limited to green compostable waste, glass, paper, aluminum, cardboard; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that retail and wholesale purchasers of electronic devices and products, including but not limited to televisions, computer equipment and cellular phones be required to pay a deposit/disposal fee which is redeemable upon proper disposal of such products either through a county redemption program or a manufacturer recycling exchange, similar to the existing program for car batteries; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that manufacturers selling their products in the state of Hawai‘i be required to return or dispose of product-related refuse, including the actual merchandise and its packaging; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that such innovative methods be implemented before analog television equipment becomes obsolete, so that it does NOT enter our landfills.

Adopted by the Maui County Democratic Party May 3rd, 2008
ENVIR 08-13 RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE PRINCIPLES OF ZERO WASTE MANAGEMENT AS THE WASTE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY FOR THE STATE OF HAWAI’I

WHEREAS, the volumes of Solid Waste generated across the State are increasing while our landfill capacity is rapidly decreasing; and

WHEREAS, waste diversion technologies have improved over the past decade resulting in the significant reductions in the costs of recycling; and

WHEREAS, the increasing cost of oil coupled with the continuing growth in worldwide consumption of our natural resources has created strong, stable markets for recovered materials; and

WHEREAS, conserving those natural resources and reducing the demand for the energy required for the production of consumable products is of primary importance locally and worldwide; and

WHEREAS, Zero Waste Management has been recognized, Nationally and Worldwide as a economically viable, sustainable system to manage our discards while protecting and preserving the environment; and

WHEREAS, Zero Waste principles promote the highest and best use of materials, to eliminate waste and pollution, emphasizing a closed loop system of production and consumption; and

WHEREAS, implementing a Zero Waste strategy allows communities to move in logical and cost effective increments toward the goal of zero waste through:
  • Improving ‘downstream’ reuse and recycling efforts by utilizing new and improved collection and processing technologies,
  • Pursuing ‘upstream’ product re-design and improved manufacturing to reduce waste and make existing products easier to recycle, and
  • Fostering and supporting the use of products made from recovered materials to stimulate local and national economic sustainability; and

WHEREAS, strategies to reach Zero Waste can help achieve the over-arching goal of each generation, leaving a reduced ecological footprint on the Earth;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Democratic Party of the State of Hawai’i that through its legislation, policies and actions, the State of Hawaii and the various Counties of the State, shall adopt a philosophy of Zero Waste Management, and that the State and the various Counties will take the necessary steps to incorporate the Zero Waste philosophy into their respective Integrated Solid Waste Management Plans.

Adopted by the Democratic Party of Kaua’i
May 3, 2008
WHEREAS, Hawaii's cultural and physical environment allows a quality of life cherished throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, Hawaii's constitution states, "We, the people of Hawaii, ... mindful of our Hawaiian heritage and uniqueness as an island State, dedicate our efforts to fulfill the philosophy decreed by the Hawaiian State motto, "Ua mau ke ea o ka 'aina i ka pono.'", and

WHEREAS, Hawaii's legislators wisely enacted a strong environmental policy law (HRS 343) over thirty years ago which protected our precious environment by serving as a bulwark against those who seek mere private gain at the expense of our ecology and our community; and

WHEREAS, after having accepted substantial monetary donations from Hawaii Superferry interests, the Governor and her Department of Transportation (DOT) violated HRS 343 by exempting the Company from an environmental review even though the OEQC Environmental Council disagreed; and

WHEREAS, all neighbor island County Councils passed resolutions pleading that an Environmental Review should take place before allowing the Hawaii Superferry Company to operate; and

WHEREAS, a key Supreme Court decision found that the Superferry is subject to a full Environmental Review prior to the start of operations; and

WHEREAS, Hawaii's tourist industry which is inexorably linked to environmental quality and provides the foundation for our healthy economy could be threatened by unmitigated Superferry impacts; and

WHEREAS, the Lingle Administration spent over $40 million on barges usable only by the Superferry; and

WHEREAS, the Circuit Court, ruled that the Superferry posed a threat of "irreparable harm" if it operated without the mitigation of impacts that might be determined in an Environmental Review; and

WHEREAS, Governor Lingle, in order to circumvent HRS 343 and court decisions mandating full environmental reviews, called a Special Session of the Legislature which then rushed to pass Act 2; and,

WHEREAS, Act 2 required the Governor to cooperate with an investigation of these events, she now asserts that she can withhold vital documents by improperly citing attorney-client privilege; and

WHEREAS Governor Lingle's actions have caused acrimony and division within our State, wasteful expenditures, and pitted against the neighbor islands; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED by the Maui and Hawaii State Democratic Party that the Governor should never again allow personal support for a private company overturn any aspect of HRS 343, and that the Legislature should censure Governor Lingle for violating environmental law, wasting taxpayer funds, and covering up her role by invoking attorney-client privilege; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State Democratic Party urge the Legislature to immediately repeal the Act 2 which unfairly gives special treatment to one corporation under the guise of assisting all "large-capacity ferries" and that after Act 2 is repealed it is the policy of the State Democratic Party not to pass any law exempting only "large-capacity ferries" from provisions of HRS 343, and that the State Democratic Party urge the Legislature to pass laws giving each County Council more control over projects that the Administration and in particular the Department of Transportation plan for their County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a real Environmental Review—not the unenforceable mockery of environmental protection contained in Act 2—be undertaken with the goal of determining the necessary mitigation measures that must be implemented to avoid potential impacts from any number of proposed Superferrys; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Governor and the State Director of Transportation and members of the State Legislature, and that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor and the Chairperson of each County Council.

Adopted by the Maui County Democratic Party May 3rd, 2008
ENVIR 08-15 Suspend Ethanol Gas Requirements Until Hawai‘i Grown Ethanol Is Available

WHEREAS global prices of grain have increased 83% in the last year; and
WHEREAS using food to make fuel is creating high prices for Americans and starvation overseas; and
WHEREAS the corn used in one tank of ethanol can feed one person for an entire year and
WHEREAS corn ethanol saves very little petroleum, and
WHEREAS the purpose of requiring 10% ethanol in Hawai‘i gas was to stimulate local production; and
WHEREAS sugarcane ethanol saves much more petroleum than corn ethanol; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the ethanol requirement in Hawai‘i gas should be suspended until a locally grown supply of ethanol is available and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the state do quick work to create tax incentives in the 2009 Hawai‘i legislative session for the modification of existing locally owned sugar plantations, creating quality jobs for our working families and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Hawai‘i members of Congress, Democratic members of the Hawai‘i State Legislature, for their and support and if need be a veto override.

Adopted by the Maui County Democratic Party May 3rd, 2008
ENVIR 08-16 Protect "Ornamental" or "Aquarium" Fish

WHEREAS, reef fish taken by the aquarium trade are shipped all over the world by the millions; and

WHEREAS, awareness prevails on the economic, social, ecological, and cultural value of Hawaii's coral reefs and certain threats now endanger the health of Hawaii's marine ecosystems and action is required to mitigate or avoid these threats; and

WHEREAS, Hawaii is home to a majority of the nation's coral reefs, including the Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument; and

WHEREAS, Hawaii's reefs are vibrant, living organisms, which support over 7,000 known species of marine plants and animals; and

WHEREAS, the ocean and its living creatures who occupy its reefs and waters hold great significance in Native Hawaiian culture; and

WHEREAS, Hawaii's reef ecosystems are integral to the health of Hawaii's largest economic engine – the visitor industry; and

WHEREAS, large volumes of ornamental reef fish, which are critical to the health of Hawaii's reefs, are being collected for aquariums; and

WHEREAS, the collection of reef fish for aquariums is not effectively regulated or enforced, resulting in many empty reefs in Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, the DLNR/DAR mission was written in 1956 with a mandate to manage "fisheries" defined as the extraction of ocean life for sport, commerce or subsistence, and that mission recognized no limits, constraints or balances on "aquarium" fish extraction, because fish and habitat were considered bountiful, and

WHEREAS, it is time to revise the DLNR/DAR mission so that it can also protect Hawaii's reef system to ensure an abundance of fish and a species/habitat balance; and

WHEREAS, DLNR/DAR have already begun their lengthy process of implementing herbivore protection areas in order to re-balance reef species with the habitat and thereby avoid algae suffocation,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that tropical fish on Hawaii reefs, also known as "ornamental" or "aquarium" fish, are in fact neither ornamental nor best sanctioned for extraction and sale. They are integral to reef balance, reef health and reef survival in Hawaii, that reef system survival depends on the habitat maintenance and balance these species provide.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Hawaii reefs be defined as the combination of coral reef habitat and the "ornamental" or "aquarium" species that serve to maintain that habitat, and that the total reef system should be protected so that it can recover to an abundance of fish and not managed as a "fishery" that is "sustained" to minimal propagation levels.
ENVIR 08-17 Support the Patsy Mink North Shore Heritage Park

WHEREAS a Bill to study the suitability and feasibility of designating certain lands along the North Shore of Maui, Hawaii, known as, The Patsy Mink North Shore Heritage Park has been submitted to Congress since year 2005; and

WHEREAS thousands of cards and petition signatures from residents of, and visitors to, Maui have supported this concept; and

WHEREAS the 130 acres of lands comprising the proposed park represent important open space and public beach areas that benefit all of Maui’s citizens that will provide a lasting legacy to generations to come; and

WHEREAS the Maui Democratic Party has made the importance of our County and State Environment, the strengthening of Environmental safeguards, the support of National Parks and the preservation of the North West Hawaiian Islands part of the State Democratic platform; and

WHEREAS the significance of establishing The Patsy Mink North Shore Heritage park will be a fitting memorialization of her important work for the citizens of Hawaii and our Nation, and

WHEREAS both the central committees of the Democratic Party of Maui and the State Democratic Party of Hawaii in 2007 passed resolutions supporting the preservation efforts to establish The Patsy Mink North Shore Heritage Park on the island of Maui, and

WHEREAS the General Plan Advisory Committee (GPAC) of Maui in 2008 has included the above mentioned lands as a regional park in their General plan update, and

WHEREAS State Senators Shan Tsutsui and Kalani English authored, in 2008, a resolution to the Hawaii State Senate that the described park lands be considered Hawaii Legacy Lands to be preserved for future generations, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Democratic Party of Maui and Hawaii that this resolution be transmitted to the Maui County Council for review and action, and that upon adoption,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Democratic Party of Maui and Hawaii that copies of this resolution for legislative action to preserve these described lands be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Council of the County of Maui, the Mayor of the County of Maui, the Governor of the State of Hawaii, the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the State of Hawaii, the President of the Senate of the State of Hawaii, and the members of the Hawaii Congressional delegation.

Adopted by the Maui County Democratic Party May 3rd, 2008
ENVIR 08-18 Protect Hawai‘i Shorelines

WHEREAS, one of the greatest assets of Hawaii is its beautiful shorelines and coral reefs; and

WHEREAS, less than one percent of the shorelines of Hawaii’s main islands are presently protected as marine protected no-take areas; and

WHEREAS, those areas which are protected have significantly more fish and healthy coral reefs than areas not protected; and

WHEREAS Hawaii’s ocean access has been systematically cut off by development;

WHEREAS, shorelines and healthy coral reefs should be protected for citizens, tourists and future generations to enjoy as our natural heritage; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED the Hawaii Democratic Party as a part of its Hawaii Democratic Party Platform hereby agrees to support legislation to authorize and mandate the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) to protect between five and ten percent of Hawaii’s shoreline as follows:

1. Hold public hearings on each island to determine which five to ten percent of the shorelines are the most worthy of protection, and

2. Place signs on the shorelines selected stating: “This shoreline is a Marine protected no-take area for 100 yards out to sea” with a phone number to call if a citizen sees a violator. Marine protected no-take area shall mean: no line fishing, spear gunning, net fishing, collecting or any other way of “taking” from this protected area; and

BE IT RESOLVED that all existing beach access and parking be identified and restored; and,

BE IT RESOLVED that laws be enacted to expand the parking and access requirements for any new oceanfront developments in the State.

Adopted by the Maui County Democratic Party May 3rd, 2008
ENVIR 08-19 Prohibit Sewage Dumping in Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary

WHEREAS the waters of the Whale and Marine Sanctuary are shallow, calm, protected waters, and are the critical habitat in winter months to the endangered North Pacific humpback whales and other endangered and protected species, including, but not limited to green sea turtles, hawksbill sea turtles, monk seals; and

WHEREAS the economy of the State of Hawaii’s benefited by the tourist industry which relies upon the ocean’s resources including the waters within the Whale and Marine Sanctuary; and

WHEREAS the impact of human utilization of the ocean resource within the Whale and Marine Sanctuary has increased dramatically in recent years, and

WHEREAS the County of Maui has declared, by unanimous Council Resolution No. 06-10, adopted February 17, 2006, that it is imperative that dumping of raw sewage and chemical contaminants into our ocean cease immediately, and that our precious marine ecosystem, which our residents and tourist industry cherish and depend on, be protected; and

WHEREAS governmental agencies, have received increased numbers of complaints from Hawai’i residents and tourists about the practice of tour boat operators dumping concentrated human sewage into the waters of the Whale and Marine Sanctuary; and

WHEREAS the State of Hawai’i has provided permanent facilities at certain other harbors in or adjacent to the Whale and Marine Sanctuary and prohibited the dumping of most vessel sewage within state waters, and

WHEREAS the sewage dumped in federal waters within the Whale and Marine Sanctuary has impact on the health, welfare and enjoyment of the residents and visitors to Hawai’i, and

WHEREAS the United States government can and should prohibit dumping sewage into the waters of the Whale and Marine Sanctuary by rule-making pursuant to the enabling legislation authorizing and creating the Whale and Marine Sanctuary (The National Marine Sanctuaries Act, U.S.C. 1431 et seq., as amended, and the Hawaiian Islands National Marine Sanctuary Act subtitle C, title II, Pub. L. 102-587, as amended); now

BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic Party of Maui advocates protection of Whale and Marine Sanctuary,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That it hereby respectfully requests the United States to prohibit dumping of sewage within the boundaries of the Whale and Marine Sanctuary, and That it hereby respectfully requests the Manager of the Whale and Marine Sanctuary initiate rule making procedures to consider rules to prohibit the dumping of sewage within the boundaries of the Whale and Marine Sanctuary.
ENVIR 08-20 Preserve the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge

WHEREAS the United States Congress established the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to conserve Alaska's natural diversity of fish and wildlife populations and their habitats, to provide for subsistence uses, and to fulfill international treaty obligations with Native Alaskans; and

WHEREAS the coastal plain of the Arctic Refuge, where oil drilling has been proposed, is home to the largest concentrations of wildlife in the refuge, including 135 species of migratory birds, polar bears, musk oxen, and the Porcupine caribou herd, the largest international herd in North America, which migrates to the refuge during calving and post-calving season; and

WHEREAS oil development in the 1002 area of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge threatens the coastal plain ecosystem, the Porcupine caribou herd, and the existence of the Gwich'in people whose survival depends upon resources of this fragile ecosystem; and

WHEREAS such an energy policy contributes to global warming, which can raise sea levels and increase storm frequency and intensity, threatening native Pacific Islanders' lives, the land base on which they depend, and their ability to sustain their people and culture; and

WHEREAS oil development in the 1002 area of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge also threatens the right to self-determination and self-sustainability of indigenous peoples in Alaska and the Pacific Islands; and

WHEREAS the State of Hawai‘i has made promoting the welfare and cultural survival of the native people of Hawai‘i, the Kanaka Maoli, a constitutional priority, and in so doing supports the rights of native peoples beyond our islands to self-determination and self-sustainability; now,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Maui County Democratic Party that the National Democratic Party at its 2004 National Convention urge the prohibition of oil development, exploration, and production in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the United States Congress is urged to designate "Area 1002" within the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge as Wilderness to achieve the ends for which the refuge was created; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Senator Daniel Inouye and Senator Daniel Akaka.

Adopted by the Maui County Democratic Party May 3rd, 2008
ENVIR 08-21 Support Our National Parks

WHEREAS America's National Park Systems are a national legacy and treasure; and

WHEREAS Hawaii's National Parks contain the last remnants of precious ecosystems and preserve biodiversity for future generations to come; and

WHEREAS Hawaii's National Parks are economic engines for local island economies and destinations for travelers from all over the world; and

WHEREAS Hawaii's National Parks contain unique plant and wildlife species found nowhere else on earth; and

WHEREAS Hawaii's National Parks contain botanical and animal specimens which may have future medicinal benefits of unknown but immense value in medical research; and

WHEREAS the National Park Service under successive administrations has been neglected, it's operating budgets under funded by $600 Million per year for the last ten years and the infrastructure crumbling because of a lack of capital improvement investment; and

WHEREAS budget cuts have resulted in staff and employee shortages, job cuts, under funding of pay increases, a lack of enforcement and resulting increase in crime within the Parks; and

WHEREAS Homeland Security takes Park personnel away from working to preserve and protect the Park Systems by using the Park personnel for security detail leaving dwindling staff with little or no backup; and

WHEREAS the Bush administration has been selling out the National Park Systems to commercial interests and lobbying groups for example park franchises, the snow mobile industry, mining and petroleum interests, now,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that our National Park Service be given a high priority in the Federal Budget process to address dwindling services and infrastructure repair, loss of park personnel morale, the reinvigoration of land acquisition for new parks and ecosystem preservation, and protection and restoration of our nation's greatest public treasure, it's National Park System.

Adopted by the Maui County Democratic Party May 3rd, 2008
ENVIR 08-22 Permanently Protect the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands

WHEREAS the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands (NWHI), also known as "Na Kupuna Islands", or ancestors to the main islands of Hawai‘i, hold great historical and cultural significance to the Hawaiian people, and are featured in ancient Hawaiian ʻoli and mele; and

WHEREAS this chain of islands, encompassing the Island of Nihoa, located to the northwest of Kauai Island, through and including Kure Atoll, stretches for more than 1,200 square miles and remains almost entirely uninhabited; and

WHEREAS the cold waters of the NWHI and the limited nutrient cycling make the NWHI ecosystem extremely delicate and vulnerable to disturbance; and

WHEREAS on May 13, 2005, the Hawai‘i Board of Land and Natural Resources proposed administrative rules that would prohibit all extractive uses in State-regulated waters from 0 to 3 miles around the NWHI, while protecting the traditional and cultural practices in the area; and

WHEREAS on May 16, 2005, United States Representative Ed Case introduced H.R. 2376, known as the "Northwestern Hawaiian Islands National Marine Refuge Act of 2005", designating the NWHI and their associated waters "as a fully protected national marine refuge to preserve in perpetuity their unique and fragile ecosystems, habitats, and communities of flora and fauna, as well as areas of traditional Hawaiian cultural significance"; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic Party of Maui directs its Elected Officials to support:

- Administrative rules that would prohibit all extractive uses in State-regulated waters around the NWHI, while protecting the traditional and cultural practices in the area, as proposed by the Hawai‘i Board of Land and Natural Resources on May 13, 2005, and urges Governor Linda Lingle to approve them; and
- The "Northwestern Hawaiian Islands National Marine Refuge Act of 2005", which would designate the NWHI and their associated waters "as a fully protected national marine refuge to preserve in perpetuity their unique and fragile ecosystems, habitats, and communities of flora and fauna, as well as areas of traditional Hawaiian cultural significance", and urges the United States Congress to pass H.R. 2376; and
- That certified copies of the resolution be transmitted to the Honorable Linda Lingle, Governor of the State of Hawai‘i; the Honorable Daniel K. Inouye, United States Senator; the Honorable Daniel K. Akaka, United States Senator; the Honorable Mazie Hirono, Member of Congress; the Honorable Neil Abercrombie, Member of Congress; the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; the United States Council on Environmental Quality; the Hawai‘i Audubon Society; and KAHEA: The Hawaiian-Environmental Alliance.

Adopted by the Maui County Democratic Party May 3rd, 2008
ENVIR 08-23 Abolish Individual Charges for Collection and Dumping of Waste and Encourage Recycling of Trash

WHEREAS the island of Maui has been rated the “Most Beautiful Island in the World” while major travel publications; and

WHEREAS the County of Maui is dependent in great measure on the proceeds from our tourists; and

WHEREAS it is in the interest of everyone on Maui to have all our streets and parks as clean and beautiful for our own enjoyment as well as that of our visitors;

WHEREAS the individual charges for trash collection and dumping cause are more than some people can afford or are willing to pay; and

WHEREAS some who cannot or will not pay the charges are dumping their trash in parks and in other inappropriate places; detracting from the beauty and health of our County; now

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Maui County Democratic Party will work to change the law so that the County of Maui will not charge individual residences for trash collection and will not charge individuals dumping fees unless their trash comes from commercial establishments.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the Maui Democratic Party will work to change all rules and regulations which unduly interfere with the recycling of its trash, including allowing the removal of otherwise usable items by individuals from our dump sites.

Adopted by the Maui County Democratic Party May 3rd, 2008
ENVIR 08-24 Temporarily Suspend Maui Building Permits in Agricultural Areas

WHEREAS Maui County is currently rewriting its general plan,

WHEREAS the laws on allowed building on Agriculturally designated land are unclear and currently being discussed,

WHEREAS we do not want any more so-called "gentleman's estates" subdivisions built on our dwindling agricultural land without proper planning and infrastructure,

WHEREAS the building of these "gentleman's estates" will lock up land that may be required for roads and other infrastructure, now

BE IT RESOLVED that the Maui County Democratic Party support a Maui County Council resolution to temporarily suspend Maui Building Permits in Agricultural Areas until such time that the law is clear and the General Plan has been updated.

Adopted by the Maui County Democratic Party May 3rd, 2008
Sample Pre-Convention Committee Report

May 10, 2008

The [Insert Committee Name] Pre-Convention Committee (reference [Insert Abbreviation, such as GOVOP, HLTH, ENVIR, EDUC, LABOR, BUSIN, NTLINTL]) respectfully offers the following report of our meeting held on may 10, 2008.

- We suggest resolutions [Abbreviation] 08-NN, 08-NN, and 08-NN be combined.

- We recommend, by majority vote, that resolutions [Abbreviation] 08-NN and 08-NN should not be approved to be forwarded to the floor of the state convention.

- We recommend resolution [Abbreviation] 08-NN be considered county specific and not be forwarded to the floor of the state convention.

- We made amendments for consistent referrals clauses.

We thank all members for their hard work.

Signed

(Co-Chair)  (Co-Chair)
NTLINTL 08-01 RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE STATE’S SUPER-DELEGATES TO VOTE IN PROPORTION TO THE STATE’S PRIMARY PRESIDENTIAL POLL.

WHEREAS on the election held on February 19, 2008, Senator Barack Obama received 74% of the votes, and Senator Hillary Clinton received 24% of the votes.

WHEREAS preceding February 19, over a dozen public debates were broadcast on television, the internet, and reported on by national, state, and local media, such that the state’s voters had ample information from which to make their decisions.

WHEREAS the vote on February 19, 2008 brought in historical levels of voter turnout for democratic presidential polls, and added more new party members than at any time in the state’s history.

WHEREAS the new members represent a cross-section of our state’s demographics according to age, race, gender, rural, and urban, and so fairly represent the will of the people.

WHEREAS the state’s super-delegates would harm the party, diminish the credibility of the party, and lose financial support of new party members should they not vote in proportion to the voice of the membership.

BE IT RESOLVED that the unpledged delegates (also known as super-delegates) to the August 2008 national convention shall cast votes in proportion to the results of Hawai’i’s presidential preference poll.
NTLINTL 08-02 RESOLUTION TO EXTEND CONGRATULATIONS AND ALOHA TO SENATOR BARACK OBAMA

WHEREAS, Barack Obama was born August 4, 1961 at the Queen’s Medical Center in Honolulu, Hawai‘i; and

WHEREAS, Barack Obama spent nearly all of his childhood and adolescence in Hawai‘i, earning scholarships to attend Punahou School and graduating from that Honolulu institution in 1979; and

WHEREAS, since his graduation from Columbia University and Harvard Law School, Barack Obama has earned distinction as a community organizer, teacher, attorney, author and state legislator and United States senator from Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Barack Obama is now making an historic bid to earn the Democratic Party’s nomination for President and, on February 19, 2008, won the Hawaii Democratic Caucus by more than a three-to-one margin;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Democrats throughout Hawai‘i are deeply proud of the accomplishments of our “native son” and extend their sincere congratulations and aloha to Senator Obama, his wife Michelle, daughters Malia and Sasha and other members of the Senator’s family in Hawai‘i and elsewhere; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be forwarded to all of Hawaii’s super delegates and to the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i for consideration and adoption at its 2008 State Convention.

Adopted by the Democratic Party of Kaua‘i
May 3, 2008
WHEREAS respect for the civil liberties guaranteed by the United States Constitution in our Bill of Rights is a fundamental tenet of democracy; and

WHEREAS the Republican Bush Administration has attempted to suppress the rights of American citizens to free speech and peaceable assembly by herding those with views adverse to the Republican Party into distant and isolated "protest zones" locations; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic Party of the State of Hawai‘i (of the United States of America) hereby condemns Republican attempts to eviscerate our Bill of Rights, and affirmatively pledges that the Democratic Party shall never seek to exclude or isolate the views of American citizens by establishing separate “protest” zones to restrict the rights of citizens to be heard or otherwise restrict citizen’s rights at any of its political gatherings; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution does not purport to prohibit the Democratic Party from making such rules as are necessary and proper for the orderly and non-discriminatory running of its political gatherings.
NTLINTL 08-04 DEFENDING CONSTITUTIONAL LIBERTIES INCLUDING THE RIGHT TO DISSENT

WHEREAS, over the past seven years legislation has been passed which limits liberties guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States and it's Amendments, and actions have been taken which have caused unnecessary hardship to citizens and grave concern on the part of many in regard to continued democracy in America;

WHEREAS, legislation on "Homegrown Terrorism" contains language targeting both "enemy combatants" and "persons who have engaged in unlawful belligerence", which could be interpreted as criticism of government and which suspends due process.

WHEREAS, "Habeas corpus" guaranteed by 5th and 6th Amendments affirms the right to due process, yet there are documented cases of Americans imprisoned without trial.

WHEREAS, three forms of state surveillance of US citizens were initiated in 2005, and 2006; the New York Times exposed phone monitoring, e-mails, and revealed that the US treasury is reviewing millions of private bank transactions, without legal warrants;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Democratic Party of Hawaii requests U.S. Congress to take the following actions to uphold the Constitution and the its Amendments.

1. Repeal all parts of Patriot Act and "Homegrown Terrorism" legislation containing language which could be construed as targeting citizen dissent, e.g. "persona engaged in unlawful belligerence".

2. Repeal all legislation authorizing state internal surveillance of e-mails, phone calls and bank accounts of U.S. citizens without a warrant.

3. Repeal the Military Commissions Act of 2006, which denies enemy combatants, or those awaiting determination as enemy combatants, access to due process.

4. Hold hearings into possible violations of Constitutional rights.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to members of Hawaii's congressional delegation.
NTLINTL 08-05 Repeal the Patriot Act

WHEREAS the First Amendment of the Constitution ensures freedom of religion, speech, press, assembly and the right to petition our government the Fourth Amendment ensures freedom from unreasonable searches and seizures and the Sixth Amendment mandates a speedy public trial by an impartial jury, the right to be informed of the facts of the accusation, the right to confront witnesses and have the assistance of counsel the Fourteenth Amendment states that all persons (citizens and non-citizens) within the US are entitled to due process (see Sixth Amendment) and the equal protection of the laws; and

WHEREAS the Hawai‘i Legislature was the first in the nation to pass a bill opposing those provisions in the USA Patriot Act of 2001 which pose a significant threat to the liberties guaranteed by the U.S. and Hawai‘i Constitutions; and

WHEREAS Hawai‘i’s “Reaffirming the State of Hawai‘i’s Commitment to Civil Liberties and the Bill of Rights” law of April of 2003 instructs law enforcement personnel to uphold the human rights, civil liberties and constitutional protections of the people; and

WHEREAS the existing Hawai‘i legislation calls upon the Hawai‘i Congressional delegation to work for the repeal of those sections of the USA Patriot Act and other federal legislation and Executive Orders that violate or place an undue burden on personal freedoms; and

WHEREAS federal policies adopted since September 11, 2001, including provisions in the USA PATRIOT Act (Public Law 107-56) and related executive orders, regulations and actions threaten these fundamental rights and liberties guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States of America by:

- Allowing "sneak and peek" or "black bag" searches, in which the subject of the search warrant is unaware that their property has been searched;
- Limiting the traditional authority of federal courts to curb law enforcement abuse of electronic surveillance in anti-terrorism investigations and ordinary criminal investigations;
- Granting law enforcement and intelligence agencies broad access to personal medical, financial, library and education records with little if any judicial oversight;
- Authorizing the indefinite incarceration of citizens and non-citizens based on mere suspicion, or designated by the President as "enemy combatants" without access to counsel or courts;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Hawai‘i Democratic Party actively supports the efforts of the State of Hawai‘i and all those who are working to protect our civil liberties by the repeal of those provisions of the Patriot Act and similar legislation which subvert democratic processes and curtail civil liberties; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this approved resolution be distributed to all elected Democratic office holders in Hawai‘i, as well as the four members of the Hawai‘i Congressional Delegation, and to the Governor of Hawai‘i.

Adopted by the Maui County Democratic Party May 3rd, 2008
NTLINTL 08-06 Oppose Establishment of U.S. Secret Police Force

WHEREAS the U.S. House of Representatives is considering a version of the 2007 Intelligence Authorization Bill that would grant CIA and NSA security personnel the authority to make arrests for "any felony" committed in their presence, no matter how remote from the foreign intelligence mission it might be; and

WHEREAS section 423 of H.R. 5020 "appears...to grant to CIA security personnel powers that have little to do with the primary mission of 'executive protection,' and potentially creates a pretext for use or abuse of these powers for the purposes of general domestic law enforcement -- something no element of the CIA has ever been empowered to perform," according to Danielle Brian of the Project on Government Oversight in a letter to members of the House Intelligence Committee opposing the provision; and

WHEREAS section 432 of the bill grants similar authority to NSA security personnel; and

WHEREAS these bills also include measures intended to increase penalties for unauthorized disclosures of classified information which are intended to intimidate whistle-blowers and thus undermine the public good;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Maui Democratic Party calls on the Hawai’i Democratic Party, the Hawai’i legislature and our Hawai’i Senators and representative to work to defeat the passage of these bills would establish the equivalent of the Soviet’s KGB in the United States.
NTLINTL 08-07 SUPPORTING REPEAL OF "DON'T ASK, DON'T TELL"

Whereas, tens of millions of people from diverse backgrounds have served in the United States military; and

Whereas, the security of the United States has depended upon volunteers and conscripts regardless of race, religion, age, sex and ethnic background, among other immutable human characteristics; and

Whereas, millions of men and women who have served honorably and have been discharged honorably have been homosexual or bisexual; and

Whereas, national associations of psychiatrists, psychologists, sociologists and social workers agree that homosexuality, bisexuality and transgender, along with heterosexuality, are immutable human characteristics; and

Whereas, the current "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy has drummed out actual or suspected homosexual, bisexual and transgendered service personnel who wish for nothing more than to serve their country's security needs; and

Whereas, "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" harms our national security; and

Whereas, our country has spent more than $360 million implementing the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy; and

Whereas, other national security agencies and allied foreign militaries allow homosexual, bisexual, and transgendered people to serve openly; and

Whereas, there have been no studies that confirm that sexual minorities have adverse effects on morale or have a diminished capacity to serve alongside their heterosexual counterparts and seventy-nine per cent of Americans agree that gays and lesbians should be allowed to serve openly; now, therefore

Be It Resolved that the Oahu County Committee of the Democratic Party of Hawai’i opposes the counterproductive 'witch hunts' that have been conducted under the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy of the United States Armed Forces; and

Be It Further Resolved that the Oahu County Committee of the Democratic Party of Hawai’i supports the repeal of the discriminatory "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy; and

Be it Further Resolved that concurrent with the repeal of the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy, the United States military review all policies and regulations for the purpose of eliminating discrimination in the military based on sexual orientation, identity or preference; and

Be It Further Resolved that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the members of Hawai'i's Congressional Delegation, candidates for these positions, and all members of the Congressional Committees at the Federal Government level who deal with matters related to the U.S. Armed Services.
NTLINTL 08-08 Calling for Support from Hawai‘i’s U.S. Congressional Delegation For the Immediate Release with Honorable Discharge from the U.S. Army and No New Court Martial for U.S. Army Lieutenant Ehren K. Watada.

Whereas, the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i has previously passed resolutions opposing the Bush Administration’s doctrine of preemptive war, which only serves to put our military in harm’s way and increase international instability; and

Whereas, the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i has previously passed resolutions demanding an immediate end to the US occupation of Iraq; and

Whereas, on June 22, 2006, U.S. Army 1st Lieutenant Ehren K. Watada was the first commissioned officer to publicly refuse deployment to the Iraq War and Iraq’s Occupation which he believes is illegal; and his term of service ended December 2007; and

Whereas, Lt. Watada’s February 2007 military court martial came to an abrupt end when a mistrial was declared at Ft. Lewis, Washington; and

Whereas, U.S. Congressman Dennis Kucinich (D-OH) introduced on April 24, 2007 along with 21 cosponsors H. Res. 333, the Articles of Impeachment against Vice President of the United States, Richard B. Cheney alleging that he “purposely manipulated the intelligence process to deceive the citizens and Congress of the United States by fabricating a threat of Iraqi weapons of mass destruction to justify the use of the U.S. Armed Forces against the nation of Iraq in a manner damaging to our national security interests;” and

Whereas, on November 8, 2007, U.S. District Court Judge Benjamin Settle issued a Preliminary Injunction to stay any court martial proceedings pending outcome of the habeas corpus petition; and noted: “… This case concerns an alleged violation of the Fifth Amendment Double Jeopardy Clause, which cannot be said to fall within a set of affairs that are peculiar to the jurisdiction of the military authorities… The same Fifth Amendment protections are in place for military service members as are afforded to civilians… To hold otherwise would ignore the many sacrifices that American soldiers have made throughout history to protect those sacred rights;” and

Whereas, thousands from Honolulu to Seattle to San Francisco to Los Angeles to New York to Tokyo, etc. have already voiced their support for Lt. Watada (including Former U.N. Assistant Secretary-General Denis Halliday, Archbishop Desmond Tutu of South Africa, Former U.S. Attorney General Ramsey Clark, Reverend Al Sharpton, Congressman Dennis Kucinich (D-OH), Cindy Sheehan, retired Col. Ann Wright, Professor Noam Chomsky, F. Daniel Berrigan, Martin Sheen, Ed Asner, Former U.S. Representative Cynthia McKinney, Willie Nelson, Susan Sarandon, Harry Belafonte, Tim Robbins, Hawaii JACL, Iraq Veterans Against the War, Code Pink, Amnesty International, and others; and

Whereas, the World Health Organization and Iraq Ministry of Health survey of 9,345 households in 1,000 neighborhoods across Iraq estimates that 151,000 Iraqis died in violence between March 2003 – June 2006 along with some 4,000 U.S. troops to date: now therefore

Be It Resolved that the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i recognizes the courage and conviction of U.S. Army Lieutenant Ehren Watada and his principled stand against the Iraq War and the U.S. Occupation of Iraq, and demands his immediate release with Honorable Discharge from the U.S. Army and no new military court martial; and

Be It Further Resolved that the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i requests for the Hawai‘i U.S. Congressional Delegation (U.S. Senators Daniel Inouye and Daniel Akaka as well as U.S. Representatives Neil Abercrombie and Mazie Hirono) to provide their full support for this initiative and resolution; and

Be It Further Resolved that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Hawai‘i Congressional delegation and the Resolutions Committee of the State Democratic Convention.
Whereas, Israel was founded in large part as a response to centuries of persecution of Jews, especially in Europe, and there existed a great deal of sympathy for the Jewish people as a result of the systematic extermination of European Jews by Nazi Germany, its allies and collaborators during World War II; and

Whereas, despite the slogan "a Land without People for a People without Land," Palestine was at the time populated by over 800,000 non-Jewish residents, and the creation of Israel led to the forced evacuation of about 700,000 Palestinians; and

Whereas, the competing claims to the land of Israel-Palestine have led to an often bloody conflict between Israelis and Palestinians; and

Whereas, Israel continues to occupy the West Bank which it took more than thirty years ago - contrary to international law and despite U.N Security Council resolutions, including 242 and 338, and overwhelming world opinion calling for withdrawal, and Israel has suffered from the continuous threat and reality of violent attacks from its neighbor States and Territories in the absence of an independent and secure homeland for Palestinians; and

Whereas, Israel, as early as 1973, began establishing Jewish settlements in the West Bank and Gaza, and succeeding Israeli governments have continued to do so, and none of these illegal construction activities and land seizures would have been possible without massive U.S., foreign aid (constituting over 30% of all U.S. foreign aid) and political support; and

Whereas, Israel's violent incursions into Palestinian territories and restrictions of Palestinian movement have been devastating to Palestinian communities, closing schools, cutting off food, water, healthcare and work and brutalizing to the Israelis themselves; and

Whereas, U.S. support for Israeli government policies has alienated public opinion in much of the world, especially in Muslim countries, increased the dangers to U.S. citizens, impeded the realization of peace, security and democracy in the Arab world, thus undermining the war on terrorism; and

Whereas, attacks within Israel by Palestinian suicide bombers have and continue to traumatize the people of Israel and appear unlikely to cease without a more promising process for achievement of a just and lasting peace that provides for the safety and dignity of both Palestinians and Israelis; and

Whereas, a just peace which results in a homeland for Palestinians in which they can live in dignity and security is also in the best longrange interests of Israel in order that Israel be able to maintain its democratic institutions and stop the war related drain of its human and economic resources which undermine the economic and social welfare or its society; and

Be It Resolved, that the Democratic Party of Hawai'i calls upon the United States government-as sole power with the standing and means to do so-to pursue an even-handed approach to the conflict that recognizes the security needs and national aspirations of both peoples; to reengage as an honest broker to end Palestinian terrorist violence against Israel and to end Israeli State repression and violence towards Palestinians; to mentor new negotiations leading to an equitable establishment of just borders between two viable states of Israel and Palestine; and to press for international enforcement and guarantees as a part of peace process agreements; and

Be It Further Resolved, that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the members of Hawai'i's Congressional Delegation, to all Democratic candidates seeking to represent Hawai'i in congress, and to the Hawai'i members of the Democratic National Committee, to inform their deliberations in the DNC.
NTLINTL 08-10 RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE WITHDRAWAL OF U.S. TROOPS FROM IRAQ

WHEREAS in 2003 the Bush Administration launched a war of choice in Iraq on the basis of manufactured and false intelligence; and

WHEREAS thousands of American citizens and many thousands more Iraqi citizens have been killed in this war of choice; and

WHEREAS three years of U.S. occupation of Iraq have wasted billions of dollars of American and Iraqi resources; brought chaos to Iraq; jeopardized US national security; and brought disgrace to the office of President of the United States and discredit in the world community to America's commitment to our national ideals;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Hawaii County Democrats write to each member of the Hawaii congressional delegation, provide a copy of this resolution to each, and urge each to work vigorously to bring U.S. troops home from Iraq now.
NTL INTL 08-11 End the Iraq War and Bring Our Troops Home

WHEREAS unilateral military action by the U.S. against Iraq has resulted in the isolation of the U.S. from important friends and allies and the weakening and possible destruction of the United Nations (U.N.), and

WHEREAS military action has damaged, rather than enhanced, American security interests by alienating large segments of the world population and by damaging U.S. economic interests by saddling our children with an unsupportable and growing burden of national debt, and

WHEREAS it is illegal under both the Geneva and the Hague Conventions for any nation to invade another nation, seize its assets, and sell those assets; and

WHEREAS existing contracts have been unethically awarded with no competitive bidding to contractors with direct personal and business ties to members of the Bush Administration; and

WHEREAS over 4,000 U.S. Service members have lost their lives, 30,000 have been wounded, and well over 500 Billion taxpayer dollars have been spent on the war and occupation; and

WHEREAS our Democratic Party is concerned about the lives of the men and women in the United States Armed Forces who are being unnecessarily lost, now,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the US government make every effort to leave Iraq at the earliest possible occasion, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Democratic Party support the following measures to restore control of the Iraqi government and assets to Iraqi citizens:

- The United States will ask the United Nations for peacekeeping troops to rotate into Iraq, allowing all U.S. troops to return home.
- The United States will renounce any plans to privatize Iraqi assets under foreign corporate or governmental control.
- The United States will not establish permanent bases in Iraq.
- The United States will ask the United Nations to handle the transition to Iraqi self governance and assist in developing safe, free and fair elections.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Democratic Party Work Towards Replacing the National Guard and Reserve Equipment that was lost in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Adopted by the Maui County Democratic Party May 3rd, 2008
NTLINTL 08-12 RESOLUTION TO REDEPLOY OUR TROOPS FROM IRAQ STARTING YEAR 2009, OR SOONER, AND COMPLETED BY MID-YEAR 2010 SO THAT ALL OUR TOOLS OF NATIONAL POWER CAN REFOCUS TO COMBAT THE THREAT POSED BY AL QAEDA AROUND THE GLOBE

WHEREAS, the most important perspective from which to look at our involvement in Iraq is to view it in terms of regional and global threats and from that wide view to then understand how the war in Iraq is undermining our national security; and

WHEREAS, the most important question we must face is, – not “are we winning or losing in Iraq” but “are we winning or losing in the global fight against al Qaedaa?”; and

WHEREAS, our resources are finite and the presence of about 140,000 troops in Iraq not only renders our country vulnerable nationally and internationally, but al Qaeda’s increasing influence in the region is a direct result of the U.S. involvement in Iraq; and

WHEREAS, it is irresponsible to continue a policy that has not produced the results that have been promised time and time again, at such tremendous cost to our national security and safety both at home and abroad, and to the men and women who wear the uniform of the United States military; and

WHEREAS, it is of grave concern to a majority of Americans how our bogged down open-ended military presence in Iraq is not only undermining our ability to respond to the global threat of al Qaeda, but how it is also creating greater regional instability, serving as a disincentive for Iraqis to reach political reconciliation, straining our military, and piling up debt for future generations to repay; and

WHEREAS, the presence of 140,000 troops in Iraq will exacerbate the conflict, not stabilize it, and will certainly not contribute to our overall national security; and

WHEREAS, our carefully planned departure is likely to force Iraqi factions to the negotiating table in an attempt to finally create a viable power-sharing government; and

WHEREAS, if we redeploy, Iraq will no longer be the “cause célèbre for jihadists, breeding a deep resentment of US involvement in the Muslim world,” as the Intelligence Community has so clearly stated; and

WHEREAS, Iran, as well as Turkey, Syria and other regional actors, will have to decide if Iraq’s instability is really in their interest once our military presence is no longer an excuse for them to establish and sustain their own viable form of cooperative mutual existence, and

WHEREAS, redeployment does not mean abandoning Iraq, but, rather, we must commit to, continue to, work toward and actively help facilitate a peaceful outcome for that country; and

WHEREAS, if we continue to leave our military caught up in the sectarian divisions that consume Iraq, we will be doing so at the grave risk to Iraq’s progress, the region’s stability, and our own national security;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, our troops must be redeployed from Iraq; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that redeployment of our troops from Iraq will allow all our tools of national power to refocus to combat the threat posed by al Qaeda around the globe.

Adopted by the Democratic Party of Kauai
May 3, 2008
WHEREAS, the American public was seriously misled by those in a position to access the threats of nuclear proliferation; and

WHEREAS, the Administration twisted, distorted and simplified intelligence in a way that led Americans to seriously misunderstand the nature of the Iraq threat; and

WHEREAS, it is the right and an obligation for Americans to disagree with a president who is wrong, a policy that is wrong and a war in Iraq that weakens the nation and our national security; and

WHEREAS, continued participation in a war rooted in false information and justified by continuing deception is judged by notable American military leaders as not winnable, and destabilizing Iraq into a civil war; and

WHEREAS, it is time for our elected leaders to take a strong stand to not continue to send brave young men and women to be killed or maimed in a war that the country has come to realize was a mistake; and

WHEREAS, allowing the war and the fear of terror to change the character of the United States is allowing endangerment of the very values and principles on which our nation was founded;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Democratic Party of Kaua'i calls for the complete withdrawal of American troops from Iraq to commence immediately and to be accomplished within the shortest possible timeframe that will minimize injury and deaths of American troops.

Adopted by the Democratic Party of Kaua'i
May 3, 2008
NTLNTL 08-14 Oppose Invasion of Iran or Any Other Country

WHEREAS the Bush Administration lied and used propaganda to enlist support for its invasion of Iraq; and

WHEREAS the same pattern of propaganda appears to be taking place in preparation for invading Iran, now

BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic Party categorically condemns any move to invade Iran or any other country this administration may be setting out to attack.
NTLINTL 08-15 OPPOSING PRE-EMPTIVE ACTION ON IRAN, AND ENCOURAGING A DIPLOMATIC SOLUTION

Whereas, while Iran is a signatory to the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty, Iran's insistence on pursuing the enrichment of uranium has given rise to the suspicion, and recently direct accusations by the White House that Iran is pursuing a nuclear weapons program - in a similar drum-beat manner as the Bush Administration has done in Iraq through the constant refrain of "Saddam has weapons of mass destruction", thus laying out a justification for the invasion of Iraq,

Whereas, all five powers - the United States, Russia, France, and the United Kingdom - have unequivocally agreed that Iran must comply with the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty;

Whereas, the unity in the nonproliferation goal has not meant an agreement between the United States and Western Europe on the one hand, and Russia and China on the other hand, as to how the United Nations should seek to defuse the crisis and solve the problem arising out of Iran's nuclear program;

Whereas, Russia and China oppose the threat or the use of sanctions and consider such as a pretext for the eventual use of force;

Whereas, Iran's President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad sent a 18 page letter to President Bush last year, the first communication between the two nations in three decades and has visited the United States, and the White House has declined to have direct talks with Iran's President, and has continued to voice that Iran is a threat to the United States;

Whereas, President Bush has stated that the United States will continue to seek a solution through diplomatic means, the President has refused to rule out sanctions and the use of force;

Whereas, national media are again quoting unnamed "sources" daily on Iran and heightened tensions in the Persian Gulf, that illustrate potential Iranian aggression to US presence there - thus leading to potentially justifying the use of force. Recently the Washington Post reported that the Joint Chiefs Chairman stated that the US is preparing military options against Iran;

Whereas, the Administration and the Congress are now cognizant that the use of force did not solve the Iraqi problem, and that the expansion of the US Iraqi military operation into Iran will likely trigger a regional conflict of dire consequences, that will go beyond the mere interruption of oil production, economic disruptions, large numbers of civilian casualties and global instability, and other unknown calamities, now, therefore

Be it resolved that the Democratic Party of the Hawaii urges President Bush and our leaders in Congress to pursue a diplomatic solution through the United Nations, and we urge the President to commence direct talks with the Iranian Government to avoid any further escalation of US military presence in the Persian Gulf.

Offered by: Progressive Democrats of Hawaii
ntlintl 08-16 Resolution to Close Down the Detention Camp in the U.S. Naval Base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba

Whereas, it is now over seven years since the first detainees were transferred to the detention camp at the US Naval Base in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and

whereas, every stage of their ordeal, their dignity, humanity and fundamental rights have been denied; and

whereas, despite widespread international condemnation from such respective bodies as the United Nations and the European Union, hundreds of people of more than 30 nationalities are still detained; and

whereas, these hundreds of people are neither prisoners of war, who are treated under the Geneva Convention, nor accused criminals, who have the right of lawyers and a trial; and

whereas, it is without question, that governments have a duty to protect the safety of the public and; therefore, take all reasonable and lawful steps to prevent acts of terror and bring to justice those responsible for committing or planning such acts; and,

whereas, it is without question, if the authorities have evidence that these people have committed crimes, they should charge and try them; and, if they do not have such evidence, they should release them; and

whereas, Guantanamo is emblematic of the US government's failure to fulfill that duty; and

whereas, these hundreds of people are being called "enemy combatants", held without charge and with little hope of obtaining a fair trial; and

whereas, Guantanamo Bay is regarded worldwide as an icon of lawlessness, a legal and moral disgrace and a symbol of injustice and abuse:

therefore be it resolved, that the Democratic Party of Kaua'i declares... Enough is enough!

be it further resolved Democratic Party of Kauai declares the detention camp in the U.S. Naval Base in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, must be closed down.

Adopted by the Democratic Party of Kaua'i
May 3, 2008
NTLINTL 08-17 Comply With International Human Rights Treaties

WHEREAS the Bush Administration has repeatedly violated numerous treaties concerning the protection of human rights; and

WHEREAS the full protection of human rights is a fundamental aspect of the U.S. Constitution; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Maui Democratic Party calls upon the Hawai‘i and National Democratic Parties to work for the full execution and implementation by the United States of the following human rights treaties:

- Universal Declaration of Human Rights of 1948
- Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict of 1954
- International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination of 1965
- International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights of 1966
- International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights of 1966
- Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women of 1979
- Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment of 1984
- Convention on the Rights of the Child of 1989
- Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on their Destruction of 1993

Adopted by the Maui County Democratic Party May 3rd, 2008
NTILNTL 08-18 Investigate Intelligence Manipulation and War Profiteering

WHEREAS the war in Iraq has resulted in the loss of over 2,300 American lives and more than 17,000 wounded soldiers, and has cost the American people $270 billion dollars;

WHEREAS the basis for going to war was Iraq's alleged possession of weapons of mass destruction and the President made a series of misleading statements regarding threats posed by Iraq, which it now appears he knew were false;

WHEREAS the Vice President's Chief of Staff Lewis Libby has been indicted on five counts of perjury, obstruction of justice, and making false statements in connection with the disclosure of the identity of a CIA operative, and that disclosure was part of a pattern of Administration efforts to discredit critics of the Iraq war;

WHEREAS the American people have spent $20.9 billion dollars to rebuild Iraq with much of the money squandered on no-bid contracts for Halliburton and other favored contractors;

WHEREAS Halliburton received a sole-source contract worth $7 billion to implement the restoration of Iraq's oil infrastructure, and a senior Army Corps of Engineers official wrote that the sole-source contract was "coordinated with the Vice President's office", and the Republican controlled Government Reform Committee voted to reject a subpoena by Democratic Members appropriately seeking information on communications of the Vice President's office on awarding contracts to Halliburton;

WHEREAS prisoner abuses at Abu Ghraib prison in Iraq, Guantanamo, and Afghanistan have seriously damaged the reputation of the United States;

WHEREAS the oversight of decisions and actions of other branches of government is an established and fundamental responsibility of Congress;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic Party of Maui call upon the U.S. Congress to comply with their oversight responsibilities, demand they conduct a thorough investigation of abuses relating to the Iraq War;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic Party of Maui condemns Congress' refusal to conduct oversight of the Executive Branch.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Democratic Party of Maui call upon the U.S. Congress to implement a thorough independent investigation of the apparent manipulation of intelligence and efforts to facilitate war profiteering by the White House with an eye toward bringing criminal charges against those who may have misled the public.

Adopted by the Maui County Democratic Party May 3rd, 2008
FORBID FIRST USE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS

WHEREAS on 8 July 1996 the International Court of Justice (ICJ), or World Court, drawing on international agreements such as The Hague Conventions, Geneva Conventions, and Genocide Convention, issued its Advisory Opinion on the legal status of the threat or use of nuclear weapons which concluded that:
- the threat or use of nuclear weapons is generally contrary to international humanitarian law;
- no circumstance had been identified in which the use of nuclear weapons would not violate humanitarian law;
- there is no distinction in law between threat and use of nuclear weapons; the limited use of low yield nuclear weapons would tend to escalate to all-out use of high yield nuclear weapons;
- the Nuremberg Charter of 1945 applies to nuclear weapons. Thus it is the duty of citizens to uphold the law relating to nuclear weapons and of military personnel to obey it even if given a contrary order by a superior or by his or her national government;
- there exists an obligation to pursue in good faith and bring to a conclusion negotiations leading to nuclear disarmament in all its aspects under strict and effective international control; and

WHEREAS on 10 December 1996 the United Nations General Assembly, in response to the ICJ Advisory Opinion, called for negotiations in 1997 leading to the early conclusion of a Nuclear Weapons Convention; and

WHEREAS the United States is therefore acting illegally by:
- retaining the option to use nuclear weapons first in future conflicts;
- issuing orders to its military personnel to prepare for the illegal use of nuclear weapons;
- making conditional plans to use nuclear weapons which, because of their yield, would necessarily violate international humanitarian law; and

WHEREAS the threat of nuclear weapons serves to justify and encourage the proliferation of nuclear weapons and further destabilize international affairs, resulting in decreasing our national security,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic Party of Maui directs its elected officials to enact a law making it illegal for the President or military to use nuclear weapons except in a case where another country uses nuclear weapons against the United States first.

Adopted by the Maui County Democratic Party May 3rd, 2008
NTLINTL 08-20 Forbid Torture and Prosecute Those Who Allowed It

WHEREAS the torture and abuse of prisoners is an affront to basic American values, and is antithetical to the core beliefs in the integrity of the individual on which the United States was founded;

WHEREAS torture violates one of the most basic prohibitions of international and U.S. law - a prohibition so fundamental that its breach is considered a crime of universal jurisdiction, prosecutable in any competent court worldwide;

WHEREAS credible news reports indicate that torture is being used against detainees by U.S. personnel, civil and military, in numerous American facilities abroad;

WHEREAS a handful of lower level soldiers have been brought to trial for abusive treatment of prisoners;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic Party of Maui hereby:

REQUESTS that the Hawai‘i State Democratic Party, the National Democratic Party, our Hawaiian and U.S. legislators to go on record as demanding the impeachment of President Bush and Vice President Cheney and their prosecution along with the Secretary of Defense forcondoning torture in violation of the Geneva Conventions and federal criminal law.

Adopted by the Maui County Democratic Party May 3rd, 2008
NTLINTL 08-21 RESOLUTION TO PURSUE CONCRETE MEASURES WITHIN CONGRESS TO DETERMINE ACCOUNTABILITY AND CONSEQUENCES FOR TORTURE

WHEREAS, the Democratic National Committee, convened in Chicago on August 19, 2006, unanimously condemned the use of torture by any agent or agencies of the U.S. Government; and

WHEREAS, the Democratic National Committee further called for accountability for those whose policies were seen to authorize the use of torture; and

WHEREAS, there has been credible public information in the media that Messieurs Bush, Cheney and Rumsfeld and then National Security Advisor Condoleezza Rice among others personally approved or presided over meetings that approved interrogation techniques such as waterboarding that are forbidden by Army Field Manuals and have been illegal under U.S. statute for over 100 years and violate international conventions;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Democratic Party of the County of Kaua‘i and of the State of Hawai‘i calls on the Democratic National Committee and appropriate Party and Congressional leaders to pursue urgently and forthwith concrete measures to determine accountability and consequences for likely violation of law, treaty, and the U.S. Constitution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Democratic Party of Kaua‘i and of Hawai‘i and of the United States invite all candidates for the office of President of the United States to declare their positions on accountability of the Chief Executive and the Commander-in-Chief before the law in times of war and in times of peace.

Adopted by the Democratic Party of Kaua‘i
May 3, 2008
NTLINTL 08-22 Repudiate the Preemptive War Doctrine

WHEREAS military conflicts in the twentieth century alone have killed millions of people, most of them innocent civilian women and children; and

WHEREAS the United States spends more than the next twenty nations combined on military preparations; and

WHEREAS the United States has conducted a unilateral, preventative (preemptive) war against Iraq without the approval of the U.N. and many of our allies; and

WHEREAS non-violent methods of resistance have been successful in conflicts where violence did not succeed, ranging from India's struggle for independence, to breaking down the walls of the Cold War, to the great strides made towards integration in the United States; now

BE RESOLVED that we strengthen security in our country and the world community by:
- Rejecting a foreign policy of preventative, unilateral war;
- Working with the world community through the United Nations; and
- Supporting international agreements such as the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty, the Biological and Chemical Weapons Conventions, the Small Arms Treaty, the International Criminal Court, the Land Mines Treaty, Nuclear Non-proliferation Treaty, and the Kyoto Climate Treaty; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Senator Daniel Inouye, Senator Daniel Akaka, Representative Mazie Hirono and Representative Neil Abercrombie.
NTLINTL 08-23 RESOLUTION SUPPORTING OUR TROOPS: MEN AND WOMEN IN MILITARY SERVICE, THEIR FAMILIES, AND THOSE MEN AND WOMEN IN MILITARY SERVICE WHO HAVE COME BEFORE THEM

WHEREAS, working families in Hawai'i and the United States have paid a heavy price for the U.S. involvement in Iraq and Afghanistan with the deaths of thousands of U.S. military personnel and many more thousands and thousands more seriously injured from the start of war in Iraq on March 19, 2003 and the war against terrorism launched in Afghanistan shortly after terrorists attacked the World Trade Center and the Pentagon on 9/11/2001; and

WHEREAS, it is a known fact Iraq did not have weapons of mass destruction, and the government in Iraq had no meaningful ties to those who perpetrated the 9/11 attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon; and

WHEREAS, the Bush Administration has used the Iraq War and the “War on Terrorism” as a platform to advocate restrictions on civil liberties; and

WHEREAS, the Bush Administration has attacked valid and realistic criticism of the Iraq War and the “War on Terrorism” by falsely and viciously labeling those voices in opposition unpatriotic, and soft on terrorism and even un-American;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, when the Kaua'i Democratic Party speaks out in a democratic society against wrong and deceitful government policies it is doing so through patriotism and in a purposeful act of rightful reordering of national priorities toward the human needs of our people; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Kaua'i Democratic Party recognizes the courage of U.S. military personnel who face extraordinary dangers in the U.S. war in Iraq and, also, in the war on terrorism being fought simultaneously in Afghanistan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Kaua'i Democratic Party calls upon current and future Administrations and U.S. Congress to provide first rate training and equipment for our troops both on and off the field and to support to the fullest extent possible our service personnel and their families with a well funded military, and veterans’ facilities and benefits, including but not limited to, the Webb G.I. Bill.

Adopted by the Democratic Party of Kaua'i
May 3, 2008
NTLNTL 08-24 Insure Veteran’s Benefits and Rights

WHEREAS the Maui County Democratic Party stands united in support of our troops at home and abroad,

WHEREAS the Maui County Democratic Party continues our long standing commitment to our veterans,

WHEREAS we believe the government should consistently and fairly keep its promises to our soldiers.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED to enact bills insuring:
  • Adequate funding for veterans’ health care.
  • Enhanced specialized treatment and research for service-related illnesses such as mental illness, spinal cord injuries, amputees, Agent Orange, and depleted uranium;
  • A complete GI bill of rights, promoting and funding education, home loans, complete medical treatment, and start-up loans for small businesses;
  • Military retirement pay and disability compensation can be received concurrently without a tax;
  • Increased support to homeless veterans;
  • The end to “stop loss” and forced continuation of military service past the time for which the soldier contracted;
  • Protection from forced experimental vaccinations.

Adopted by the Maui County Democratic Party May 3rd, 2008
NTLINTL 08-25 Give Citizenship to Veterans

WHEREAS a strong military is integral to our strong democratic government; and

WHEREAS persons who volunteer for, and carry out, military service are putting their lives and bodies in jeopardy for the sake of our country; and

WHEREAS persons of foreign nationality who are legal residents of the United States should be rewarded for their service to the United States; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic Party will work to pass legislation which will provide that all non-citizen veterans who served honorably in the U.S. military for three years or more or who have completed a combat tour and are either still serving or have received an Honorable Discharge, shall be granted U.S. citizenship automatically upon application and all application fees shall be waived.

BE IT RESOLVED that, if the veteran is killed or permanently disabled in action, regardless of length of service, his or her spouse and children (along with the veteran, if disabled) shall also be granted citizenship under these same conditions.

Adopted by the Maui County Democratic Party May 3rd, 2008
NTLINTL 08-26 Protect Hawai‘i and Soldiers from Depleted Uranium

WHEREAS through four wars (Gulf War I, Sarajevo, Afghanistan and Gulf War II), the U.S. military has deployed over a thousand tons of penetrators made of depleted uranium (DU), a radioactive, heavy metal waste product resulting from the uranium enrichment process, and

WHEREAS uranium in solid form is an alpha-radiation emitter and a heavy metal which poses a small risk to humans in solid form, but the uranium dust, smoke and oxides which result from the use of DU penetrators poses a substantial, toxic and radioactive risk to all who inhale or ingest it, and

WHEREAS at least 221,000 veterans are on disability as a result of injuries and illnesses incurred during military operations in the Persian Gulf combat theater, and there is credible concern that some of the illness called “Gulf War Syndrome” may be caused by the inhalation of DU dust and smoke, and

WHEREAS a current study shows that U.S. Gulf War Veterans’ children have a much higher likelihood of having three specific types of birth defects: two types of heart valve abnormality occurring to children of male veterans, and genital-urinary defects to children born of female veterans and

WHEREAS many, if not most, of our troops currently in Iraq and Afghanistan are being exposed to depleted uranium dust, and

WHEREAS the use of depleted uranium weapons results in the release of air-borne depleted uranium particles, which have registered at elevated levels in places as far away as Britain, and DU dust and smoke affects both civilians and soldiers in inhumane ways, causing damage to vital organs and to unborn children and future generations, and contaminates the environment, agricultural land and water necessary for sustenance, and

WHEREAS the private corporation which enriches fuel rods wants to sell its waste DU for use in consumer products, such as dental products, cars, furniture, building material, cooking utensils, paving material and other items, with no notice, and has allowed depleted uranium to be used in airplane counterweights, and

WHEREAS the use of live fire DU weapons in Hawai‘i for training purposes has polluted the land in the same way that spreading radioactive lead-paint dust over our ‘aina would have polluted,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Maui County Democratic Party calls on all federal and state representatives and senators to take all steps necessary to ban the use of depleted uranium in weapons, ban the sale of depleted uranium weapons, ban and criminalize the use of depleted uranium in consumer products and airplanes, ban live-fire DU weapons training in Hawai‘i and everywhere, and grant medical testing for veterans and others suffering from contamination, and provide for the clean up of contamination in Kosovo, Bosnia, Afghanistan and Iraq.
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WHEREAS Military Expenditures, Corporate Give-aways and taxcuts for the Wealthy have, in a few short years, taken us from a surplus situation to the worst deficit in history,

RESOLVED that the Democratic Party calls upon our representatives in the United States Congress to vote to repeal the 2003 tax breaks that benefit only upper-income taxpayers and corporations, and

RESOLVED that the Democratic Party calls upon our representatives to fully fund Veteran benefits, adequate armor and equipment, and good pay for our soldiers and veterans,

RESOLVED that the Democratic Party calls upon our representatives to reduce spending on expensive boondoggles such as the Star Wars Defense System and other over-priced projects that amount to a taxpayer subsidies to the defense industry and corporate friends of the current Administration, and

RESOLVED that the Democratic Party calls upon our representatives in the United States Congress to vote against any future tax breaks for wealthy Americans or large corporations, which erode the funding available for critical domestic priorities.

Adopted by the Maui County Democratic Party May 3rd, 2008
NTLINE 08-29 Establish Humane Priorities in the Federal Budget

WHEREAS the present budget of the United States provides a grossly excessive amount of money for the U.S. military and related programs;

WHEREAS the Bush administration has given substantial tax cuts to the very rich while reducing funds for education, nutrition for children and expectant mothers, housing for those in need, medical research and care, and programs which otherwise benefit human beings;

WHEREAS the Bush Administration received their requested allocation of 85 billion dollars for building permanent bases in Iraq, while they are closing veterans hospitals in the U.S. and increasing fees for medical care for veterans;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Maui Democratic Party calls upon the Hawai‘i Democratic Party, the National Democratic Party and our Hawai‘i and U. S. legislators to drastically revise the U.S. budget to allocate fifty per cent of the current military budget to programs which serve human needs rather than the war machine.

Adopted by the Maui County Democratic Party May 3rd, 2008
NTL INTL 08-30 Reduce the Cost of Gas and Oil by Negotiating with Venezuela

WHEREAS the gasoline companies serving the citizens of Hawai'i have routinely charged Hawai'i residents substantially more than the average mainland customer is charged; and

WHEREAS due to the Bush administration's war on Iraq and their threats to attack Iran, gasoline prices have risen in Hawai'i to in excess of $3.39 a gallon for regular gas;

WHEREAS the country of Venezuela has provided gas and oil at substantially reduced prices to certain poor and devastated areas in the United States and other countries; and

WHEREAS it might be possible for Hawaiian residents to obtain gas and oil at reduced prices from the Venezuelan government;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Maui County Democratic Party asks the Hawai'i State Democratic Party to negotiate with the country of Venezuela to obtain low cost gas and oil for members of the Democratic Party in Hawaii.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Party members who attend three Democratic Party meetings per year, at the county, state or national level, shall be qualified to receive the fuel discounts.

Adopted by the Maui County Democratic Party May 3rd, 2008
NTLINTL 08-31 Oppose Privatization of Social Security

WHEREAS Social Security has for nearly 70 years provided a predictable, guaranteed benefit to millions of older and disabled workers and their survivors; and

WHEREAS this benefit, funded exclusively by Social Security payroll taxes paid by workers and their employers, is one that can and should be safeguarded for generations to come; and

WHEREAS the Bush administration claims that radical changes to Social Security, including privatization, are necessary to avert its bankruptcy, the Bush administration has not provided any objective evidence to corroborate this claim. Social Security is not headed for disaster; and

WHEREAS it is the financial strain privatization would impose that would pose serious and long lasting perils to the stability of the Social Security program; and

WHEREAS privatizing Social Security would add $2 trillion to the already runaway federal deficit while the Bush administration’s proposed changes to Social Security will do nothing to enhance this program’s solvency — and, in fact, in order to restore solvency to a privatized Social Security program, younger workers’ benefits would have to be cut by 26 to 45 percent, a prospect that is totally unacceptable; and

WHEREAS analyses of privatization proposals show that younger workers will get hit twice: once with a reduction in Social Security benefits and again with the burden they will be forced to carry to pay off the grossly expanding federal debt; and

WHEREAS popular assumptions that Social Security will “run out” before younger workers can collect the benefits they have earned are not supported by reality because Social Security taxes to be collected and money owed to the Social Security system are adequate to allow full benefits to be paid until 2042 so that additional modest adjustments would further stabilize this important program; and

WHEREAS privatizing Social Security and reducing benefits would jeopardize not only younger workers’ long-term retirement benefits, but also the disability and survivor benefits provided by this program, because 13 million Americans currently rely upon such benefits, have allowed them to live with dignity and security and it is safe to assume that few of them ever anticipated needing this life-saving benefit; and

WHEREAS workers have earned this benefit by paying into it over time, they should not be guinea pigs for a flawed social experiment — indeed, significant changes to a program of such consequence demand informed discussion, not just sound bites, platitudes or scare tactics; therefore be it

RESOLVED that the Democratic Party continue to work with members of Congress, as well as with the labor movement and other allies, to strengthen Social Security and to maintain it as a defined benefit to ensure that it will provide its promised benefits for future generations to come.
NTLINTL 08-32 FCC Licensees Must Provide Candidate Air Time

WHEREAS TV and radio campaign ads appear to have a large effect on votes, and

WHEREAS the more money a candidate has, the more ads that candidate can buy, and

WHEREAS a candidates ability to attract campaign donations - especially large donations from corporations - is now a determining factor in elections, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic Party supports a plan to require all FCC licensees to give equal and adequate airtime for every candidate without cost.

Adopted by the Maui County Democratic Party May 3rd, 2008
NTLINTL 08-33 Insure Fair Media

WHEREAS it use to be a FCC rule that in order to receive and retain a FCC license for radio or TV that licensees must abide by the fairness doctrine which mandated they give equal time to opposing viewpoints, and

WHEREAS under Ronald Regan the FCC dropped the Fairness Doctrine as a licensing condition,

WHEREAS In 1987 Ronald Reagan vetoed a Congressional bill requiring FCC airwaves licensees such as radio and TV stations to apply the fairness doctrine

WHEREAS In 1989 President George Bush threatened to veto it a second Senate bill intended to revive the Fairness Doctrine

WHEREAS the lack of a Fairness Doctrine has allowed a few powerful media corporations such as Fox News to engage in nonstop political propaganda which is entirely one-sided and falsely presented as news,

WHEREAS our media is now primarily in the hands of a few corporations,

WHEREAS a free and diverse media is necessary for an informed electorate, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic Party instructs its lawmakers to

- Support re-instituting the Fairness Doctrine as a condition of TV and Radio licensing;
- Support Public Television and Radio in insure it is protected from government interference;
- Repeal the Telecommunications Act of 1996 and enacting law to remedy inequities in media control and use;
- Enact a law requiring all broadcast license holders to provide adequate free airtime to political candidates as a condition of getting their FCC license;
- Forbid single market cross-media ownership (between radio and television, or between broadcast and print media);
- Reduce or eliminate TV advertising directed at children;
- Require license holders to provide one hour daily of prime time commercial-free local news programming.
- Establish a system for community-level, non-profit, and non-commercial radio and TV nationwide

Adopted by the Maui County Democratic Party May 3rd, 2008
NTLNTL 08-34 Insure Internet Neutrality

WHEREAS allowing internet service providers to block, slow or degrade access to websites for monetary gain will destroy the level playing field the internet provides;

WHEREAS Network Neutrality is the guiding principle that preserves the free and open Internet and prevents Internet providers from speeding up or slowing down Web content based on its source, ownership or destination.

WHEREAS Network Neutrality is the reason why the Internet has driven economic innovation, democratic participation, and free speech online.

WHEREAS allowing Telecoms to be Internet gatekeepers, deciding which Web sites go fast or slow and which won't load at all, is detrimental to the free exchange of information; and

WHEREAS without Network Neutrality the Telecoms who want to discriminate in favor of their own search engines, Internet phone services, and streaming video -- while slowing down or blocking their competitors will slow or block the internet for the rest of us; and

WHEREAS the Telecoms want to reserve express lanes for their own content and services -- or those from big corporations that can afford the steep tolls -- and force websites such as our own MauiDemocrats.org to load slowly unless we pay them huge fees; and

WHEREAS, as a consequence of a 2005 decision by the Federal Communications Commission, Net Neutrality -- the foundation of the free and open Internet -- was put in jeopardy and cable and phone company lobbyists are pushing to block legislation that would reinstate Net Neutrality.

WHEREAS the Democratic Party and independent voices and political groups are especially vulnerable because costs will skyrocket to post and share video and audio clips, silencing bloggers and amplifying the big media companies. Political organizing could be slowed by the handful of dominant Internet providers who ask advocacy groups or candidates to pay a fee to join the "fast lane."

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic Party supports the bipartisan "Internet Freedom Preservation Act 2008" (HR 5353) to protect Net Neutrality.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Democratic Party supports legislation insuring Network Neutrality and which prohibits Telecoms from pay for speed, preferential or differential internet speeds or blocking of content based on their own criteria and not their customer's request.

Adopted by the Maui County Democratic Party May 3rd, 2008
WHEREAS the Global Gag Rule (officially known as the Mexico City Policy) restricts U.S. aid by terminating U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) funds for any non-U.S.-based NGOs involved in voluntary abortion activities, even if these activities were undertaken with non-U.S. funds and the Helms Amendment has restricted U.S. funds from being used for abortion or voluntary sterilization activities overseas since 1973.

WHEREAS Under the Global Gag Rule, it is illegal for an organization that receives donations from USAID to lobby its own government for decriminalization of abortion, though it would be able to lobby for stricter punishment for women who have undergone voluntary abortions and the intention of the policy is to limit the speech and action of foreign-based NGO recipients by depriving them of all U.S. government funds if they carry out certain acts deemed undesirable by the U.S. administration.

WHEREAS In essence, if an organization is dependent on U.S. aid, or if it is concerned about potential funding, it is prevented from participating in the democratic process of its own country unless it agrees with the current U.S. government on abortion issues.

WHEREAS Blanket prohibitions of abortion and violations of doctor-patient confidentiality have been deemed inconsistent with internationally recognized human rights norms by the UN's Human Rights Committee and Committee for the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW Committee).

WHEREAS the Global Gag Rule also imposes rules and restrictions on foreign NGOs that would not be accepted as legal in the United States.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic Party and its Congressional Lawmakers shall work for the repeal of the Global Gag Rule and the Helms Amendment as conditions of Foreign Aid receipt.
NTLINTL 08-36 End Interference in Foreign Elections

BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic Party condemns any Administration interference in foreign elections except when under the direction of the United Nations.

Adopted by the Maui County Democratic Party May 3rd, 2008
NTLINTL 08-37 Reject the World Trade Organization’s Anti-Worker and Anti-Environmental Rules

WHEREAS the negotiations of the World Trade Organization (WTO) are conducted by Trade Ministers and Trade Representatives and other officials charged with promoting trade, to the exclusion of officials charged with the representation of other interests such as public health, labor rights or environmental protection; and

WHEREAS trade and investment disputes are resolved at the WTO by non-elected panels in secret process that have the authority to override local, state and federal law, is outside and above U.S. courts; and

WHEREAS in all cases decided by the WTO in the last four years, the dispute panels have favored corporate interests over public interests and have overruled domestic laws protecting the environment, human health, endangered species and local economies; and

WHEREAS the “National Treatment” concept of the WTO could prohibit the use of domestic procurement preferences and subsidies and other benefits to local businesses for the purpose of encouraging local economic development; and

WHEREAS by attacking domestic laws, the WTO is actually dismantling the democratic process under the guise of a trade pact, and

WHEREAS a broad and growing global movement has formed to challenge the WTO's ability to establish free trade rules that threaten human health, fragile ecosystems, labor and human rights, democratic institutions and local economies; and

WHEREAS the State of Hawai’i is the home to a major seaport and is actively interested in the promotion of international trade as a means to improve the quality of life for all people and not as a means for creating a race to the bottom on public health standards, environmental protection and labor rights; now,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Democratic Party of Maui County to oppose the further expansion of the powers of the WTO to overrule the sovereign policies of nations, states and local governments; and to oppose those existing provisions which inhibit Federal, State and Local Governments in protecting their workers, environment and citizen health.
NTLINTL 08-38 Withdraw From and Cancel NAFTA and WTO

WHEREAS the United State’s Participation of the U.W. in the World Trade Organization (WTO), the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) and the Central American Free Trade Agreement (CAFTA) is responsible for the loss of a great many American jobs to foreign laborers, who earn significantly less for their work than U.S. minimum wage laws would allow U.S. workers to earn and who are not protected by the higher labor standards present in the United States, and

WHEREAS countries are prevented from and can be sued for enforcing their own environmental laws under the terms of NAFTA, CAFTA and the WTO, and

WHEREAS NAFTA, CAFTA and the WTO place the rights of corporations above the rights of governments and people and

WHEREAS NAFTA and CAFTA promote slave wages in impoverished countries instead of living wage of the United States and

BE IT RESOLVED that the Maui County Democratic Party remains firmly committed to the rights and interests of working people and working families, including family farms, and local, small, and medium-sized community businesses; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Maui County Democratic Party urges all members of Congress to create and pass all legislation to address the concerns of working families and the lack of decent jobs and living wages in this country and whatever country’s that we trade with and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Maui County Democratic Party urges all members of Congress to create and pass all legislation necessary to provide for cancellation of NAFTA and CAFTA and for withdrawal from the agreement establishing the WTO.

Adopted by the Maui County Democratic Party May 3rd, 2008
WHEREAS the World Bank controls more investment capital and, together with its sister institution, the International Monetary Fund, has more economic and social policy influence in the developing world than any other institution; and

WHEREAS World Bank policies of forced privatization, user fees, fiscal austerity, deregulation and liberalization (collectively known as structural adjustment) have undermined job security, food security, public health, and people’s livelihoods for the past sixty years, with particularly harmful effects on women; and

WHEREAS the World Bank has promoted a narrowly defined export-led growth model that has widened the gap between the rich and poor globally and within countries; and

WHEREAS by keeping the governments of less developed countries dependent on new infusions of capital from high-income countries, the World Bank has reinforced an external allegiance of these governments, making them more accountable to World Bank managers than to their own people; and with policymaking in the hands of unelected officials, there is no real chance of either meaningful development or democracy taking place in many of these countries; and

WHEREAS the World Bank refuses to cancel 100% of the debt of impoverished countries, despite the illegitimacy of the debt and its negative effects on the poor; and

WHEREAS World Bank lending for oil wells, gas pipelines, mines, and large dams has displaced millions of people and resulted in human rights abuses, impoverishment of local communities and nations and damaged the environment all over the world; and

WHEREAS the World Bank is an undemocratic institution, which makes decisions in secret and which is therefore neither accountable to the majority of people in the developing countries where it operates, nor to the taxpayers of the Canada who contribute to it directly; and

WHEREAS the majority of the resources available for lending by the World Bank come from the sale of World Bank bonds to institutional investors, including pension funds, and these resources are used to carry out the aforementioned policies and practices;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic Party of Maui County opposes cooperation with the World Bank rules which weaken or override Federal, State or Local rules protecting the environment, citizen health, public utilities and services, and labor standards.
WHEREAS section 603 of Jefferson's Manual of the Rules of the United States House of Representatives allows federal impeachment proceedings to be initiated by joint resolution of a state legislature; and

WHEREAS President Bush has publicly admitted to ordering the National Security Agency to violate provisions of the 1978 Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act, a felony, specifically authorizing the Agency to spy on American citizens without warrant; and

WHEREAS evidence suggests that President Bush and Vice President Cheney authorized violation of the Torture Convention of the Geneva Conventions, a treaty regarded a supreme law by the United States Constitution; and

WHEREAS the Bush Administration has held American citizens and citizens of other nations as prisoners of war without charge or trial; and

WHEREAS evidence suggests that the Bush Administration has manipulated intelligence for the purpose of initiating a war against the sovereign nation of Iraq, resulting in the deaths of large numbers of Iraqi civilians and causing the United States to incur loss of life, diminished security and billions of dollars in unnecessary expenses; and

WHEREAS the Bush Administration leaked classified national secrets to further a political agenda, exposing an unknown number of covert U.S. intelligence agents to potential harm and retribution while simultaneously refusing to investigate the matter; and

WHEREAS the Republican-controlled Congress has declined to fully investigate these charges to date; therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the legislature for the State of Hawai‘i has good cause to submit charges to the U.S. House of Representatives under Section 603 that the President and Vice President of the United States have willfully violated their Oath of Office to preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that George W. Bush and Richard Cheney, if found guilty of the charges contained herein, should be removed from office and disqualified to hold any other office in the United States.

Adopted by the Maui County Democratic Party May 3rd, 2008
NTLINTL 08-41 RESOLUTION TO CALL FOR A CONGRESSIONAL INVESTIGATION OF CRIMINAL ACts BY THE BUSH ADMINISTRATION

WHEREAS, it has been alleged that the Bush Administration has committed numerous high crimes and misdemeanors while in office; and

WHEREAS, the timetable to proceed effectively with impeachment proceedings are now impractical,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Bush Administration be strenuously investigated both now and after Inauguration Day 2009 for laws broken by the Bush Administration during its tenure; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all parties involved found to have broken laws of the United States be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

Adopted by the Democratic Party of Kaua’i
May 3, 2008
NTLINTL 08-42 RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD CALL TO PUT ON TRIAL FORMER ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL JOHN YOO, WHOSE TORTURE MEMOS LED TO THE COMMITTMENT OF WAR CRIMES

WHEREAS, during John Yoo’s time in the Justice Department’s office of Legal Counsel, he authored various controversial memos in which he would interpret the legality of torture and decreed that enemy combatants could be denied protection under the Geneva Conventions; and

WHEREAS, in a memorandum written the same month George W. Bush invaded Iraq, John Yoo said the Department of Justice understands US criminal laws do not apply to the President’s detention and interrogation of enemy combatants. According to Yoo, the federal statutes against torture, assault, maiming and stalking do not apply to the military in the conduct of war; and

WHEREAS, the federal maiming statute makes it a crime for someone “with intent to torture, maim, or disfigure” to “cut, bite, or slit the nose, ear, or lips, or cut out or destroy an eye, or cut off or disable a limb or any member of another person”. It further prohibits individuals from “throwing or pouring upon another person any scalding water, corrosive acid, or caustic substance” with like intent; and

WHEREAS, John Yoo also narrowed the definition of torture so the victim must experience intense pain or suffering equivalent to pain associated with serious physical injury so severe that death, organ failure or permanent damage resulting in loss of significant body functions will likely result; and

WHEREAS, John Yoo’s definition contradicts the definition in the Convention Against Torture, a treaty the US has ratified which is thus part of the US law under the Constitution’s Supremacy Clause; and

WHEREAS, John Yoo said self-defense or necessity could be used as a defense to war crimes prosecutions for torture, notwithstanding the Torture Convention’s absolute and clear wording that states any form of torture in all circumstances, even in wartime, is prohibited; and

WHEREAS, John Yoo’s memos to George W. Bush provided and supported the basis for the Administration’s torture of prisoners; and

WHEREAS, John Yoo’s complicity in establishing the policy that led to the torture of prisoners constitutes a war crime under the US War Crimes Act; and

WHEREAS, John Yoo’s memos violate US law and establish expansive definition of presidential power;

WHEREAS, the National Lawyers Guild, the oldest and largest public interest/human rights lawyers’ organization in the United States, sees John Yoo as the man ultimately responsible for the fact the Bush administration officials all the way up to the Vice President Dick Cheney signed off on using harsh interrogation techniques against suspected terrorists after asking the Justice Department to endorse their legality;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Congress should repeal the provision of the Military Commissions Act that would give John Yoo immunity from prosecution for torture committed from September 11, 2001 to December 30, 2005 be investigated for violation of US law and fully prosecuted for criminal acts.

Adopted by the Democratic Party of Kauai
May 3, 2008
LABOR 08-04 Oppose Anti-Union Laws

WHEREAS: Private sector workers in Nearly half of the private sector workers in the U.S. are prevented by law or state constitution from negotiating union shop or agency shop clauses in their union contract by so-called "right-to-work" laws; and

WHEREAS: Similar restrictions apply to some or all public employees in 32 states; and

WHEREAS: The corporate-GOP-right-wing movement for a "union-free environment" has a wide ranging program to impose limitations on labor unions, through right-to-work laws, laws prohibiting public employee collective bargaining, rulings of the NLRB favoring employers, and conservative Court decisions such as the Hudson and Lenchert decisions, which restrict the ability to obtain full agency shops or fair share agreements; and

WHEREAS: The term "right-to-work" is in itself a deceptive slogan designed to mislead workers into believing that their individual power is equal to their employer’s. Rather, "right-to-work" assures no worker a job, protects no worker against employer bias or management retaliation, and undermines a worker’s right to union representation and the ability to build a strong union that bargains for fair wages and benefits; and

WHEREAS: "Right-to-work" laws weaken unions and foster disunity by encouraging workers to ride the backs of their union sisters and brothers by benefitting from the good wages, benefits and job protections negotiated by union members without sharing the costs of winning and maintaining those gains. Instead of solidarity, the mutual obligations workers share at the workplace are shirked; and

WHEREAS: In practice, "right-to-work" laws encourage employers to "race to the bottom" in pay, benefits, and employment security for their workers, lowering the average pay of all workers and thus really mean "Right-To-Work-For-Less." Of the 15 states with the lowest average annual pay, 10 are "right-to-work" states. "Right-to-work" states have historically paid lower wages and benefits than free states. The adoption of these laws in other states can only lead to a reduction in workers’ rights, power, wages and benefits; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That Maui Democratic Party continue to take the lead in pushing for the enactment of public employee collective bargaining legislation which would include union & worker security provisions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Democratic Party of Maui opposes all initiatives to enact new "right-to-work" legislation, and will take appropriate steps to oppose such efforts by "right-to-work" groups.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Democratic Party of Maui strongly opposes "right-to-work" legislation in states where such legislation exists and we pledges to work to repeal such laws and vow never to support "right-to-work" legislation in Hawaii.
LABOR 08-05 Support Employee Free Choice Act

WHEREAS: Workers in the U.S. want union representation, according to numerous polls; yet the number of union members continues to decline and the major reason for declining union density is weak enforcement of labor laws that were enacted to provide workers with the right to unionize;

WHEREAS: Faced with union representation elections, employers vehemently oppose and fight back with vicious anti-union campaigns that include captive audience meetings, threats of shutting down the company if the union wins, and even firing of union supporters;

WHEREAS: The deck is stacked in favor of the employer, who has supreme power over the worker’s livelihood; the employer can hire, fire, promote, demote, offer or deny pay raises, affect working conditions, and has full access to the worker on the job but the union only has access to the workers at home or otherwise outside of work; the union is limited in its ability to rebut anti-union propaganda from the employer;

WHEREAS: All of this is why union organizing has been so difficult for decades and why union density has declined and is why Congress is considering legislation, called the Employee Free Choice Act, that will help to level the playing field for workers seeking union representation; the bill passed overwhelmingly in the House but failed to get sufficient votes for cloture;

WHEREAS: This legislation will provide for mandatory “card check recognition” when a neutral third party verifies that more than 50% of the employees of an employer have signed cards authorizing a union to be its exclusive bargaining agent;

WHEREAS: Card check recognition is an alternative means for workers to “vote” for a union; similar to cards signed to “petition” for union representation elections, cards signed under the Employee Free Choice Act will be kept secret from the employer to minimize employer interference and possible unfair legal practices;

WHEREAS: Until labor laws in this country are vigorously and timely enforced, card check recognition is needed to counteract the huge inherent advantage the employer has against workers seeking union representation;

WHEREAS: The Employee Free Choice Act also provides for swift negotiation of a first contract following card check recognition, including a provision for an arbitrated contract that would be binding for two years since union representation without a collective bargaining agreement is almost the same as having no union representation at all;

WHEREAS: Hawaii’s Congressional delegation and virtually all Democrats in the U.S. House endorse the Employee Free Choice Act;

WHEREAS: The Hawaii State Legislature this year also considered a law modeled after the Employee Free Choice Act to provide for card check recognition;

WHEREAS: The bill was passed by both House and Senate and went to the Governor, who vetoed the measure;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Democratic Party of Maui endorses the national Employee Free Choice Act and urges its passage;

RESOLVED: That the Democratic Party of Maui endorses a similar bill in Hawaii to provide for card check recognition and arbitrated first-contract negotiations for workers not covered by the National Labor Relations Act and urges the Hawaii State Legislature to pass the bill and override an expected veto.

Adopted by the Maui County Democratic Party May 3rd, 2008
LABOR 08-06 Support Workers in Hawai’i's Travel And Visitor Industry

WHEREAS the travel and visitor industry is the State’s largest and most important industry which 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 the most significant economic benefits of the Hawai‘i travel and visitor industry are wages and benefits paid to workers; and

WHEREAS the largest source of tax revenue from the travel and tourism industry is generated by workers' income tax payments; and

WHEREAS hotels and visitor industry businesses are bought and sold on a regular basis, in good and bad economic times; now therefore,

WHEREAS at the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i State Convention, May 2004 a Resolution supporting visitor industry workers was adopted, yet very few Democrats in the State House and Senate have supported this resolution.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i strongly supports efforts to improve working conditions, wages and benefits of all workers in the State’s travel and visitor industry and urges our Federal, State and County elected officials to consider the impact on workers of any decisions taken with regards to Hawai‘i’s travel and visitor industry; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this is not an anti-business resolution, but a promotion of good business by penalizing corporate raiders that do not care about the negative impact on communities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i advocates protection of the jobs of workers whose employers have changed because of a transfer of ownership or new management of a hotel by preserving their income, benefits and unique local lifestyle; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Hawai‘i members of Congress, Democratic members of the Hawai‘i State Legislature, the Hawai‘i Tourism Authority, the Hawai‘i Visitors and Convention Bureau, the County Visitor Bureaus, and the four County Councils, the four Mayors for their consideration and support.

Adopted by the Maui County Democratic Party May 3rd, 2008
LABOR 08-07 Support Justice for Pacific Beach Hotel Workers

WHEREAS: In 2002, the workers at Pacific Beach Hotel decided they needed union representation; they had gone for 10 years without a pay raise and were paid far less than most workers in Waikiki; and over the next three years, the workers went through two union representation elections, brought numerous unfair labor practices against the company, and endured a combination of threats, bribes and anti-union intimidation tactics aimed at thwarting the workers’ efforts to win union representation;

WHEREAS: In 2005, after upholding the unfair labor practice charges filed by the union against the company, the National Labor Relations Board finally certified the ILWU as the workers’ exclusive bargaining agent and bargaining commenced in November 2005 but came to a standstill when the company refused to accept contract terms regarding two items—union security and dues deduction; both of these clauses are standard in all union contracts with Hawaii hotels and pose no financial cost to the company;

WHEREAS: In January 2007, the owner, HTH Corporation, contracted with a management company, Outrigger Resorts, to manage the hotel; the contract was expected to last for five years and in August 2007, HTH Corporation abruptly announced that the management contract would be canceled effective December 1, 2007, and all employees would be required to reapply for their jobs;

WHEREAS: Employees with 10, 20, 30 years of service were put through the application process and, in the end, 45 workers were not hired back, including seven of the 11-member union negotiating committee;

WHEREAS: Workers who were hired were required to sign statements acknowledging that they were “at-will” employees, despite the fact that the union had been certified in 2005 as their bargaining agent and the employer hired back the majority of the workers;

WHEREAS: The company further announced to the union that it would no longer recognize the union and no further bargaining would take place;

WHEREAS: As a result of these violations of labor law, numerous unfair labor practice charges were filed with the National Labor Relations Board, which has been investigating the charges and expect to have them heard by an administrative law judge soon and due to the egregious actions of the hotel, a boycott of HTH Corporation (endorsed by the national AFL-CIO and supported by Japan trade unions) was launched by a community coalition called JUSTICE AT THE BEACH; the coalition is made up of labor unions, community groups, legislators, and others who support the workers’ struggle for justice and their legal right to be unionized;

WHEREAS: The boycott has been endorsed by the national AFL-CIO, which has called on all its affiliates to support the boycott of HTH Corporation and its affiliates, Pacific Beach Hotel and Pagoda Hotel & Restaurant;

WHEREAS: HTH Corporation is a kamaaina company that owns both Pacific Beach Hotel and Pagoda Hotel & Restaurant;

WHEREAS: The workers of Pacific Beach Hotel want union representation and the protections of a union contract; they want labor peace, but they want what is fair and right;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Democratic Party of Maui supports the workers of Pacific Beach Hotel in their fight for justice and fairness;

RESOLVED: That the Democratic Party of Maui supports the boycott of Pacific Beach Hotel, HTH Corporation, and Pagoda Hotel & Restaurant and urges all Democrats and others to cease doing business with HTH Corporation and its affiliates until the company recognizes the ILWU as the exclusive bargaining agent for the workers and signs a fair union contract.

Adopted by the Maui County Democratic Party May 3rd, 2008
LABOR 08-08 Create Affordable Housing for the working families and Citizens of Hawai‘i

WHEREAS All citizens of the State of Hawai‘i are entitled to safe, decent, affordable HOMES not housing, and

WHEREAS that homes were built for homeowners to live in, therefore a minimum “10 years live on property clause” should be part of the qualification standard and

WHEREAS the average cost of a home in (Kihei, Maui) 2007 was $785,234 and the median income for a household is $ 50,738, to many working families must to work multiple jobs just to get by and by doing that they are disqualified for the lower cost homes and

WHEREAS many of our young families are being forced to move from our County because of the high cost of rents and housing, and

WHEREAS the ability of a family of modest means to own a home has declined steadily over the past 30 years, and

WHEREAS the utilization of existing construction apprentice programs in conjunction with self-help(Sweat Equity) housing for on the job training to be a part of the criteria for journeymen status and provide tax credits for companies that support these programs, and

WHEREAS the escalation of rents and real estate market requires families of low and moderate income to pay more than 45% of their income for housing costs, and

WHEREAS it is critical that the County of Maui and the State of Hawai‘i support the development of affordable single family homes and rental units to serve working families and individuals with special needs (elderly, physically and emotionally disabled, etc),

WHEREAS a percentage of the property transfers tax revenue could provide loans and grants to non-profit housing development organizations to develop perpetual affordable housing.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Maui County Democratic Party urge the Maui County Council and Mayor to immediately establish mechanisms and procedures to expand affordable housing opportunities, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Maui County Democratic Party urges our State Legislators to support appropriate legislation to provide a mechanism that will make funds available for working family affordable housing.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Senator Daniel Inouye and Senator Daniel Akaka.

Adopted by the Maui County Democratic Party May 3rd, 2008
LABOR 08-09 Provide Subsidized Childcare for Working Parents

WHEREAS 13 million preschoolers, including six million infants and toddlers, are in child care and

WHEREAS 84 percent of mothers with children under the age of six, and 78 percent of mothers with children ages six to 13 are in the labor force and

WHEREAS a University of North Carolina study found that children in high quality child care demonstrated greater mathematical ability, greater thinking and attention skills, and fewer behavioral problems that children in lower quality care and

WHEREAS nearly five million children are home alone after school each week, especially during the afternoon hours when juvenile crime peaks and

WHEREAS a recent Health and Human Services report indicates that only 12 percent of the 15 million children whose families qualify for child care assistance received it, and

WHEREAS research indicates that childcare subsidies are linked to increased employment rates of mothers of young children, but there is very little evidence of the effect of child care subsidies on child development outcomes,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, The Maui County Democratic Party Labor committee supports programs, services and policies at all levels of government and through employers to expand the supply of affordable, quality child-care for all who need it, in order to increase access to employment and invigorate and sustain the economy of Maui; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Maui County Democratic Party will introduce legislation increase the availability of affordable not-for-profit and non-sectarian, quality care for pre-school and school-age children and children with special needs by serving as catalysts in their communities and contributing directly in the design and management of care options, care giver training and support with educational resources, parent outreach and education about care options and assistance, and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that Maui County Democratic Party serve as a conduit for linking policy makers, parents and care-givers to research, teaching resources, care center designs, child health and nutrition resources and other resources for improved policy development and care delivery at sustainable, affordable rates.

Adopted by the Maui County Democratic Party May 3rd, 2008
LABOR 08-10 Protect American and Immigrant Workers from Exploitation

WHEREAS the State and Federal laws provide some protection from companies exploiting their workers, but this protection needs to be increased,

WHEREAS undocumented workers are particularly vulnerable to exploitation because they cannot complain to the Labor Relations Board about illegal treatment, cannot join unions, and cannot strike or protest poor working conditions without risk of deportation or job loss,

WHEREAS prosecution of undocumented workers has only resulted in more silence on the part of the exploited illegal workers and appears to encourage unscrupulous companies to use more and more undocumented workers in order to bring down wages and circumvent labor protection laws,

WHEREAS allowing undocumented workers to be exploited encourages unscrupulous companies to lower the benefits and wages for all U.S. workers: citizen and non-citizen alike; and

WHEREAS it is the right of everyone who works in the United States to be paid a fair wage sufficient to support his or her family, and to have, as part of their job, sufficient health and other benefits,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic Party will work to strengthen laws which protect workers from exploitive practices, poor wages, poor working conditions, inadequate benefits, and using part-time or contractor status to deny benefits,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic Party will work for legislation which imposes substantial fines on companies which violate labor laws and exploit their workers.
LABOR 08-01 All Workers to be Paid a Living Wage

WHEREAS there are private contractors and service providers receiving Federal, State, and County financial assistance and support in the form of grants, contracts, loans, and bond financing, and

WHEREAS tax abatements and other development subsidies need to be leveraged for the public good, and,

WHEREAS when subsidized employers are allowed to pay their workers less than a "Living Wage" and taxpayers end up footing a double bill in emergency medical, food stamps, housing and other services that low wage workers may need to support themselves and their families even minimally, now,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that public dollars be reserved for those employers who demonstrate a commitment to providing decent family-supporting jobs, and a "Living Wage", currently at $18 to $20 per hour, in our local communities.

Adopted by the Maui County Democratic Party May 3rd, 2008
LABOR 08-02 Oppose Outsourcing

WHEREAS the trend of outsourcing jobs and manufacturing to foreign countries is depressing American wages and eliminating American jobs; and

WHEREAS American’s hard-earned taxpayer dollars should be used in America to benefit Americans;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that State of Hawai‘i and County contracts and purchases shall be first made from Hawai‘i based companies who don’t outsource labor or fabrication. If no Hawai‘i company exists, then an American based company which does not outsource has priority. Only if there is no Hawai‘i or American company which can supply the required goods or services, may Hawai‘i governmental entities use goods and services from a company that outsources or a foreign company; and

BE IT RESOLVED that the State of Hawai‘i create a tax structure which eliminates any financial advantage for companies to outsource their labor, goods or fabrication; and

BE IT RESOLVED that the U.S. give preference in buying goods and services to American companies which do not outsource labor, fabrication or materials.

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LABOR 08-03 Protect the Right to Join Unions

WHEREAS: It has been U.S. law since 1935 that private sector workers have the right to form unions, but federal labor law protections have eroded over the years and are poorly enforced. There is no U.S. law granting full collective bargaining rights to federal, state or local government employees; and

WHEREAS: Public opinion polls indicate that a majority of U.S. workers say they would join a union now if they had the opportunity; and

WHEREAS: Union membership provides workers better wages and benefits, and protection from discrimination and unsafe workplaces, while benefiting whole communities by strengthening tax bases, promoting equal treatment and enhancing civic participation; and

WHEREAS: Even though our laws guarantee America's workers the right to choose for themselves whether to have a union, employers across the nation routinely violate that right by harassing, intimidating, coercing and even firing workers just for exercising, or attempting to exercise, this fundamental freedom. Tens of thousands of private sector American workers are illegally threatened, coerced or fired each year because they try to form a union; and

WHEREAS: When employers violate the right of workers to form a union, everyone suffers; wages fall, race and gender pay gaps widen, workplace discrimination increases and job safety standards disappear; and

WHEREAS: A worker's fundamental right to choose a union must be guaranteed by law.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That Maui County Democratic Party supports bipartisan legislation introduced in Congress, the Employee Free Choice Act, which would authorize the National Labor Relations Board to certify a union as the bargaining representative when a majority of private sector employees voluntarily sign authorization cards, commonly known as "card check" recognition, provide for first contract mediation and arbitration and establish meaningful penalties when employers violate workers’ rights to join a union; and with possibilities of tax credits for employers that comply; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That Maui County Democratic Party urges affiliates to seek to amend existing state and local bargaining laws to include these same provisions; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED: That Maui County Democratic Party will also continue to advocate for a federal law covering all public sector employees. Until such a law is passed, That Maui County Democratic Party will lead the fight for state and local laws granting bargaining rights to public & private employees who currently do not have such rights.

Adopted by the Maui County Democratic Party May 3rd, 2008
REQUESTING THE LEGISLATURE TO WEBCAST ALL LEGISLATIVE PROCEEDINGS IN AUDIO AND VIDEO FORMATS

WHEREAS, legislative committee hearing rooms in the state capitol are wired for sound and at least the audio of all proceedings conducted in these rooms are accessible to capitol occupants on cable television channels dedicated for this purpose; and

WHEREAS, by using funds currently appropriated to the legislature, including funding for the legislative broadcast program, hardware and software could be purchased to allow the audio and video of legislative proceedings to be webcast over the internet; and

WHEREAS, while broadcasts of legislative proceedings on 'Olelo cable channels are also webcast via www.olelo.org, less than 20% of all proceedings are broadcast, some are taped for later broadcast, and virtually none of the hearings of the major house committees are broadcast; and

WHEREAS, a program of webcasting all legislative proceedings would allow the legislature's activities to become transparent and instantly accessible to citizens across the state, including neighbor island residents who are greatly disadvantaged due to distance; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic Party of Hawai'i requests the State Legislature to take the necessary steps to webcast all legislative proceedings in audio and video formats.
SUPPORTING FAIR ISLAND ACCESS TO GOVERNMENT INFORMATION, SERVICES, AND PROCEEDINGS

WHEREAS, the residents of Hawai‘i, Maui, Moloka‘i, Lana‘i, Kaua‘i, Ni‘ihau, and even some parts of rural O‘ahu are disadvantaged in gaining access to government information, services and proceedings because of their distant location away from the seat of government in Honolulu and the state capitol; and

WHEREAS, since the last study over fifteen years ago on ways to use technology to address fair access concerns of island residents, which resulted in neighbor island toll-free phone numbers, technology has further advanced to significantly reduce physical distance as a factor limiting neighbor islander access to government information, personnel, and proceedings; and

WHEREAS, it should be the responsibility of the state, including the governor and legislature, to provide neighbor Island residents with fair access to government information, services, and proceedings by conducting a study to review, evaluate, and make recommendations for improving the level of access by disadvantaged residents; and

WHEREAS, a governor’s statewide fair access commission, similar to one last convened in 1989, and a study on fair access to legislative proceedings and information conducted by the joint legislative access committee, a body created statutorily in 1996 with related duties, would help advance the cause of fair access for neighbor islanders and other disadvantaged residents and should be supported; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i support the passage of legislation to ensure that neighbor island residents have fair access to government information, services, and proceedings.
REQUESTING THAT THE STATE LEGISLATURE MAINTAIN AND IMPROVE PUBLIC ACCESS TO AND TRANSPARENCY OF LEGISLATIVE PROCESSES

WHEREAS, the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i finds that open conduct of legislative meetings and deliberations are one of the main tools to assure openness and transparency in a democracy; and

WHEREAS, while we have been fortunate to live in a state where the State Capitol, legislators, legislative hearings, and legislative sessions have been freely open to the public, currently the legislature is not subject to the same "sunshine laws" that apply to other branches of government; and

WHEREAS, for a true democratic process, the bond between lawmakers and the public must be one of mutual and reciprocal trust; and

WHEREAS, a fully accessible and transparent process that encourages public participation will help create and affirm such trust, and reduce perceptions that legislative outcomes are flawed; and

WHEREAS, improvements such as adequate public notice of legislative hearings and decision making sessions, making all testimony available online, making all proposed amendments available online at least 48-hours in advance of the public hearing, and webcasting all legislative proceedings can be made to improve legislative transparency; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i requests the State Legislature to reexamine its rules and procedures to maintain and improve transparency and public access to the legislative process, including placing itself under appropriate "sunshine laws" that regulate other branches of government.
REQUESTING THE LEGISLATURE TO PASS LEGISLATION ADDRESSING CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

WHEREAS, public perception of the political integrity of the legislature and its members greatly influence the level of trust and confidence held by the people; and

WHEREAS, legislators' conflicts of interests is a major factor that shapes public perception, and because legislators are exempt from the conflicts of interest provisions of the state ethics code, the legislature should adopt their own conflicts of interest rules; and

WHEREAS, legislators should not vote on legislation that directly affects their personal financial interests, unless they are part of an affected class of people; they should disclose information on potential conflicts involving family members and financial interests; they should refrain from fundraising activities during all legislative sessions; and legislative ethics committees should review conflict situations and recommend when a legislator should refrain from voting; and

WHEREAS, legislators should fully disclose their financial interests, including single sources of income that are of a significant amount or portion of a legislator's total income, and also disclose their fundraising activities conducted thirty days prior to and during the legislative session; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic Party of Hawai'i requests the State Legislature to pass legislation to address legislative conflicts of interest including full disclosure of financial interests, conducting fundraising activities outside the legislative session, and mandating legislative ethics committees to review conflict situations and recommend appropriate actions including a recommendation on when a legislator should refrain from voting.
SUPPORTING STRONGER ETHICS LAWS

WHEREAS, each year the State Ethics Commission proposes and supports legislation to improve Hawaii’s ethics laws, however virtually none of these bills have been passed by the legislature; and

WHEREAS, most ethics legislation supported by the Ethics Commission and good government groups are relatively minor, yet necessary, to address issues and problems that arise from time to time; and

WHEREAS, some of these issues include prohibiting government employees and board members from taking official action affecting their own business or family members, making public certain financial disclosure statements by members of adjudicatory boards and commissions whose responsibilities include expending state funds and whose disclosure statements are not currently subject to public scrutiny, and allowing public disclosure of ethics complaints that are dismissed by the Ethics Commission; and

WHEREAS, addressing these issues would close a loophole in the ethics law, discourage board and commission members from taking actions involving their business interests and family, and discourage unwarranted ethics charges and help resolve lingering charges made public previously by accusers; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic Party of Hawaii support the passage of legislation recommended by the State Ethics Commission including prohibiting government employees and board members from taking official action affecting their own business or immediate family members, making public certain financial disclosure statements not currently subject to public scrutiny, and allowing disclosure of ethics complaints under certain circumstances.
SUPPORTING EXPANDED REQUIREMENTS FOR LOBBYIST DISCLOSURES

WHEREAS, the Hawai'i lobbyist law defines and requires registration of lobbyists and lobbying organizations and also public disclosure of certain information such as amounts lobby groups pay lobbyists, expenditures made in the course of lobbying, and expenditures over $25 per day, and given that lobbying is intended to influence public policy, the public interest is best served through high levels of public access to lobbyist expenditure reports, detailed disclosure of those expenditures, lobbyist accountability for filing timely, accurate, and complete reports as required by law, and legislative accountability for acceptance of lobbyist contributions; and

WHEREAS, ideas introduced in past legislation that have failed to become law but should be supported include requiring the Ethics Commission to disclose the names of those who fail to file required statements by required filing dates, and expanding the disclosure requirements in HRS §97-3 to include: expenditures made to household members of public officials; campaign contributions made to candidates while the legislature is in session; direct business associations with public officials, candidates, or their respective household members; and the specific measure number of any legislation that lobbyists are trying to influence; and

WHEREAS, when lobbyists fail to disclose their expenditures in a complete, accurate, and timely manner as required by law, citizens are at a disadvantage in their ability to track connections between lobbyists' contributions and legislators' voting records; and failure to report delinquent lobby filers has been identified by the Center for Public Integrity as a "worst practice"; and

WHEREAS, expenditures made to household members of public officials, or direct business associations with public officials, candidates, or their respective household members can create conflicts of interest that the public should be informed of and may undermine public confidence in government; and noting that over half the state currently require lobbyists to reveal spending on household members of public officials, while three additional states ban such spending entirely; and failure to include such disclosure requirements has been identified by the Center for Public Integrity as a "worst practice"; and

WHEREAS, campaign contributions made to candidates and elected legislators while the legislature is in session can create a perception of "vote buying" further undermining both public confidence in government and participation in the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, at last count sixteen states currently require that the exact bill numbers of any legislation that lobbyists are trying to influence be listed on their lobbying reports, and such requirement has been identified by the Center for Public Integrity as a "best practice"; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic Party of Hawai'i support the passage of legislation that would expand lobbyist disclosures including requiring the Ethics Commission to disclose the names of those who fail to file required statements by the due dates; and expanding disclosure requirements to include expenditures made to household members of public officials, campaign contributions made to candidates during the legislative session, direct business associations with public officials, and the specific measure number of any legislation that the lobbyist is trying to influence.
SUPPORTING FREEDOM OF INFORMATION IN HAWAI'I

WHEREAS, the state's open government watchdog agency, the Office of Information Practices (OIP), and good government groups have proposed and supported a number of bills at the legislature to ensure that Hawai'i citizens have access to public documents and proceedings, but none of these bills have passed; and

WHEREAS, instead, the OIP budget has been reduced, bills to make some records secret have passed, and additional exemptions to the sunshine law have been supported; and

WHEREAS, giving the OIP the authority to determine whether a board or commission is subject to the Uniform Information and Practices Act, requiring all departments to designate a staff person to be the contact person for freedom of information inquiries involving open meetings and open records laws, and authorizing the OIP to enforce the sunshine law and to issue administrative fines for noncompliance would all support the cause of open government; and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned if passed into law would help resolve conflicting interpretations of the open meetings law, provide the public with informed and timely responses to records requests and ensure agency compliance with open records and open meetings laws, and encourage agency compliance with the sunshine law; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic Party of Hawai'i support the passage of legislation to secure public access to government information by giving the Office of Information Practices the authority to determine what is subject to the Uniform Information and Practices Act; requiring all departments to designate a contact person for freedom of information inquiries involving open meeting and open records laws; and authorizing the Office of Information Practices to enforce the sunshine law and to issue administrative fines for noncompliance.
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would address Hawaii's long-term sustainability issues like renewable energy, environmental protection, food security, economic diversification, and recycling; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Democratic members of the State Legislature.

Offered by: [Signatures]

(Requires 10 Democratic Party members, including 2 delegates to 2008 State Convention)

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SUPPORTING AN AMENDMENT TO THE HAWAII CONSTITUTION ON THE RIGHT TO VOTE

WHEREAS, citizens of Hawaii do not have an absolute constitutional right to vote; and

WHEREAS, citizens have an inherent right to vote as part of their responsibility as citizens of the State and this right should not be hindered without just cause; and

WHEREAS, the right to vote is necessary to enable citizens to govern through a representative form of government therefore barriers to the exercise of this right should be removed, voter-friendly initiatives such as same-day voter registration implemented, and citizens encouraged to exercise this right; and

WHEREAS, while voter-friendly initiatives in other states have consistently lead to increased voter turnout, Hawaii has ranked at the bottom of the list for voter turnout in recent election years; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic Party of Hawaii support an amendment to the Hawaii Constitution on the right to vote.
SUPPORTING A DIRECT CORPORATE CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION BAN

WHEREAS, the integrity of our democracy depends on elections free of undue influence from special interests groups; and

WHEREAS, the federal government has, since 1907, prohibited corporations from making direct campaign contributions to candidates, and twenty-two other states have also established such prohibitions; and

WHEREAS, citizen groups believe that an overwhelming influence of money in election campaigns has tarnished our democracy and pushed citizens aside in the political process; and

WHEREAS, corporate officers and employees can still contribute to candidates of their choice as individuals or through political action committees; and

WHEREAS, a ban on direct corporate campaign contributions will provide individual citizens, small businesses, and other disenfranchised groups, an equal voice in the lawmaking process; and

WHEREAS, a direct corporate campaign contribution ban will also increase trust in government and promote greater citizen participation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic Party of Hawaii support the passage of legislation to ban direct corporate campaign contributions to candidates in state and county elections.
Democratic Party of Hawai‘i
State Convention Platform, Rule Amendment, Resolution and Affirmative Action
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Name (County Chairperson or First Maker) ___________________________

Signature __________________________ Date _________________________

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This submittal complies with the instruction sheet.

If this is submitted by two voting members of the State Convention, 10 supporter signatures must be recorded below.

We, the undersigned, support this submittal to the State Convention:

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Sample Pre-Convention Committee Report

May 10, 2008

The [Insert Committee Name] Pre-Convention Committee (reference [Insert Abbreviation, such as GOVOP, HLTH, ENVIR, EDUC, LABOR, BUSIN, NTLINTL]) respectfully offers the following report of our meeting held on May 10, 2008.

- We suggest resolutions [Abbreviation] 08-NN, 08-NN, and 08-NN be combined.

- We recommend, by majority vote, that resolutions [Abbreviation] 08-NN and 08-NN should not be approved to be forwarded to the floor of the state convention.

- We recommend resolution [Abbreviation] 08-NN be considered county specific and not be forwarded to the floor of the state convention.

- We made amendments for consistent referrals clauses.

We thank all members for their hard work.

Signed

(Co-Chair)                                      (Co-Chair)
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RESOLUTION TO REDEPLOY OUR TROOPS FROM IRAQ STARTING YEAR 2009, OR SOONER, AND COMPLETED BY MID-YEAR 2010 SO THAT ALL OUR TOOLS OF NATIONAL POWER CAN REFOCUS TO COMBAT THE THREATPOSED BY AL QAEDA AROUND THE GLOBE

WHEREAS, the most important perspective from which to look at our involvement in Iraq is to view it in terms of regional and global threats and from that wide view to then understand how the war in Iraq is undermining our national security; and

WHEREAS, the most important question we must face is, — not “are we winning or losing in Iraq” but “are we winning or losing in the global fight against al Qaeda?”; and

WHEREAS, our resources are finite and the presence of about 140,000 troops in Iraq not only renders our country vulnerable nationally and internationally, but al Qaeda’s increasing influence in the region is a direct result of the U.S. involvement in Iraq; and

WHEREAS, it is irresponsible to continue a policy that has not produced the results that have been promised time and time again, at such tremendous cost to our national security and safety both at home and abroad, and to the men and women who wear the uniform of the United States military; and

WHEREAS, it is of grave concern to a majority of Americans how our bogged down open-ended military presence in Iraq is not only undermining our ability to respond to the global threat of al Qaeda but how it is also creating greater regional instability, serving as a disincentive for Iraqis to reach political reconciliation, straining our military, and piling up debt for future generations to repay; and

WHEREAS, the presence of 140,000 troops in Iraq will exacerbate the conflict, not stabilize it, and will certainly not contribute to our overall national security; and

WHEREAS, our carefully planned departure is likely to force Iraqi factions to the negotiating table in an attempt to finally create a viable power-sharing government; and

WHEREAS, if we redeploy, Iraq will no longer be the “cause célèbre for jihadists, breeding a deep resentment of US involvement in the Muslim world,” as the Intelligence Community has so clearly stated; and

WHEREAS, Iran, as well as Turkey, Syria and other regional actors, will have to decide if Iraq’s instability is really in their interest once our military presence is no longer an excuse for them to establish and sustain their own viable form of cooperative mutual existence; and

WHEREAS, redeployment does not mean abandoning Iraq, but, rather, we must commit to, continue to, work toward and actively help facilitate a peaceful outcome for that country; and

WHEREAS, if we continue to leave our military caught up in the sectarian divisions that consume Iraq, we will be doing so at the grave risk to Iraq’s progress, the region’s stability, and our own national security;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, our troops must be redeployed from Iraq; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that redeployment of our troops from Iraq will allow all our tools of national power to refocus to combat the threat posed by al Qaeda around the globe.

Adopted by the Democratic Party of Kaua‘i
May 3, 2008
RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD CALL TO PUT ON TRIAL FORMER ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL JOHN YOO, WHOSE TORTURE MEMOS LED TO THE COMMITMENT OF WAR CRIMES

WHEREAS, during John Yoo's time in the Justice Department's Office of Legal Counsel, he authored various controversial memos in which he would interpret the legality of torture and decreed that enemy combatants could be denied protection under the Geneva Conventions; and

WHEREAS, in a memorandum written the same month George W. Bush invaded Iraq, John Yoo said the Department of Justice understands US criminal laws do not apply to the President's detention and interrogation of enemy combatants. According to Yoo, the federal statutes against torture, assault, maiming and stalking do not apply to the military in the conduct of war; and

WHEREAS, the federal maiming statute makes it a crime for someone "with intent to torture, maim, or disfigure" to "cut, bite, or slit the nose, ear, or lips, or cut out or destroy an eye, or cut off or disable a limb or any member of another person". It further prohibits individuals from "throwing or pouring upon another person any scalding water, corrosive acid, or caustic substance" with like intent; and

WHEREAS, John Yoo also narrowed the definition of torture so the victim must experience intense pain or suffering equivalent to pain associated with serious physical injury so severe that death, organ failure or permanent damage resulting in loss of significant body functions will likely result; and

WHEREAS, John Yoo's definition contradicts the definition in the Convention Against Torture, a treaty the US has ratified which is thus part of the US law under the Constitution's Supremacy Clause; and

WHEREAS, John Yoo said self-defense or necessity could be used as a defense to war crimes prosecutions for torture, notwithstanding the Torture Convention's absolute and clear wording that states any form of torture in all circumstances, even in wartime, is prohibited; and

WHEREAS, John Yoo's memos to George W. Bush provided and supported the basis for the Administration's torture of prisoners; and

WHEREAS, John Yoo's complicity in establishing the policy that led to the torture of prisoners constitutes a war crime under the US War Crimes Act; and

WHEREAS, John Yoo's memos violate US law and establish expansive definition of presidential power;

WHEREAS, the National Lawyers Guild, the oldest and largest public interest/human rights lawyers' organization in the United States, sees John Yoo as the man ultimately responsible for the fact the Bush administration officials all the way up to the Vice President Dick Cheney signed off on using harsh interrogation techniques against suspected terrorists after asking the Justice Department to endorse their legality;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Congress should repeal the provision of the Military Commissions Act that would give John Yoo immunity from prosecution for torture committed from September 11, 2001 to December 30, 2005 be investigated for violation of US law and fully prosecuted for criminal acts.

Adopted by the Democratic Party of Kauai
May 3, 2008
RESOLUTION TO PURSUE CONCRETE MEASURES WITHIN CONGRESS TO DETERMINE ACCOUNTABILITY AND CONSEQUENCES FOR TORTURE

WHEREAS, the Democratic National Committee, convened in Chicago on August 19, 2006, unanimously condemned the use of torture by any agent or agencies of the U.S. Government; and

WHEREAS, the Democratic National Committee further called for accountability for those whose policies were seen to authorize the use of torture; and

WHEREAS, there has been credible public information in the media that Messieurs Bush, Cheney and Rumsfeld and then National Security Advisor Condoieezza Rice among others personally approved or presided over meetings that approved interrogation techniques such as waterboarding that are forbidden by Army Field Manuals and have been illegal under U.S. statute for over 100 years and violate international conventions;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Democratic Party of the County of Kauai and of the State of Hawaii calls on the Democratic National Committee and appropriate Party and Congressional leaders to pursue urgently and forthwith concrete measures to determine accountability and consequences for likely violation of law, treaty, and the U.S. Constitution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Democratic Party of Kauai and of Hawaii and of the United States invite all candidates for the office of President of the United States to declare their positions on accountability of the Chief Executive and the Commander-in-Chief before the law in times of war and in times of peace:

Adopted by the Democratic Party of Kauai
May 3, 2008
RESOLUTION CALLING FOR COMPLETE WITHDRAWAL OF AMERICAN TROOPS FROM IRAQ

WHEREAS, the American public was seriously misled by those in a position to access the threats of nuclear proliferation; and

WHEREAS, the Administration twisted, distorted and simplified intelligence in a way that led Americans to seriously misunderstand the nature of the Iraq threat; and

WHEREAS, it is the right and an obligation for Americans to disagree with a president who is wrong, a policy that is wrong and a war in Iraq that weakens the nation and our national security; and

WHEREAS, continued participation in a war rooted in false information and justified by continuing deception is judged by notable American military leaders as not winnable, and destabilizing Iraq into a civil war; and

WHEREAS, it is time for our elected leaders to take a strong stand to not continue to send brave young men and women to be killed or maimed in a war that the country has come to realize was a mistake; and

WHEREAS, allowing the war and the fear of terror to change the character of the United States is allowing endangerment of the very values and principles on which our nation was founded;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Democratic Party of Kaua‘i calls for the complete withdrawal of American troops from Iraq to commence immediately and to be accomplished within the shortest possible timeframe that will minimize injury and deaths of American troops.

Adopted by the Democratic Party of Kaua‘i
May 3, 2008
RESOLUTION TO CLOSE DOWN THE DETENTION CAMP IN THE U.S. NAVAL BASE AT GUANTANAMO BAY, CUBA

WHEREAS, it is now over seven years since the first detainees were transferred to the detention camp at the US Naval Base in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba; and

WHEREAS, every stage of their ordeal, their dignity, humanity and fundamental rights have been denied; and

WHEREAS, despite widespread international condemnation from such respective bodies as the United Nations and the European Union, hundreds of people of more than 30 nationalities are still detained; and

WHEREAS, these hundreds of people are neither prisoners of war, who are treated under the Geneva Convention, nor accused criminals, who have the right of lawyers and a trial; and

WHEREAS, it is without question, that governments have a duty to protect the safety of the public and, therefore, take all reasonable and lawful steps to prevent acts of terror and bring to justice those responsible for committing or planning such acts; and,

WHEREAS, it is without question, if the authorities have evidence that these people have committed crimes, they should charge and try them; and, if they do not have such evidence, they should release them; and

WHEREAS, Guantanamo is emblematic of the US government’s failure to fulfill that duty; and

WHEREAS, these hundreds of people are being called “enemy combatants”, held without charge and with little hope of obtaining a fair trial; and

WHEREAS, Guantanamo Bay is regarded worldwide as an icon of lawlessness, a legal and moral disgrace and a symbol of injustice and abuse;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Democratic Party of Kauai declares...Enough is enough!

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED Democratic Party of Kauai declares the detention camp in the U.S. Naval Base in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, must be closed down.

Adopted by the Democratic Party of Kauai
May 3, 2008
RESOLUTION SUPPORTING OUR TROOPS: MEN AND WOMEN IN MILITARY SERVICE, THEIR FAMILIES, AND THOSE MEN AND WOMEN IN MILITARY SERVICE WHO HAVE COME BEFORE THEM

WHEREAS, working families in Hawaii and the United States have paid a heavy price for the U.S. involvement in Iraq and Afghanistan with the deaths of thousands of U.S. military personnel and many more thousands and thousands more seriously injured from the start of war in Iraq on March 19, 2003 and the war against terrorism launched in Afghanistan shortly after terrorists attacked the World Trade Center and the Pentagon on 9/11/2001; and

WHEREAS, it is a known fact Iraq did not have weapons of mass destruction, and the government in Iraq had no meaningful ties to those who perpetrated the 9/11 attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon; and

WHEREAS, the Bush Administration has used the Iraq War and the “War on Terrorism” as a platform to advocate restrictions on civil liberties; and

WHEREAS, the Bush Administration has attacked valid and realistic criticism of the Iraq War and the “War on Terrorism” by falsely and viciously labeling those voices in opposition unpatriotic, and soft on terrorism and even un-American;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, when the Kaua‘i Democratic Party speaks out in a democratic society against wrong and deceitful government policies it is doing so through patriotism and in a purposeful act of rightful reordering of national priorities toward the human needs of our people; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Kaua‘i Democratic Party recognizes the courage of U.S. military personnel who face extraordinary dangers in the U.S. war in Iraq and, also, in the war on terrorism being fought simultaneously in Afghanistan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Kaua‘i Democratic Party calls upon current and future Administrations and U.S. Congress to provide first rate training and equipment for our troops both on and off the field and to support to the fullest extent possible our service personnel and their families with a well funded military, and veterans’ facilities and benefits, including but not limited to, the G.I. Bill.

Adopted by the Democratic Party of Kaua‘i
May 3, 2008
TITLE: OPPOSING PRE-EMPTIVE ACTION ON IRAN, AND ENCOURAGING A DIPLOMATIC SOLUTION

Whereas, while Iran is a signatory to the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty, Iran's insistence on pursuing the enrichment of uranium has given rise to the suspicion, and recently direct accusations by the White House that Iran is pursuing a nuclear weapons program – in a similar drum-beat manner as the Bush Administration has done in Iraq through the constant refrain of "Saddam has weapons of mass destruction", thus laying out a justification for the invasion of Iraq;

Whereas, all five powers – the United States, Russia, France, and the United Kingdom – have unequivocally agreed that Iran must comply with the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty;

Whereas, the unity in the nonproliferation goal has not meant an agreement between the United States and Western Europe on the one hand, and Russia and China on the other hand, as to how the United Nations should seek to defuse the crisis and solve the problem arising out of Iran's nuclear program;

Whereas, Russia and China oppose the threat or the use of sanctions and consider such as a pretext for the eventual use of force;

Whereas, Iran's President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad sent a 18 page letter to President Bush last year, the first communication between the two nations in three decades and has visited the United States, and the White House has declined to have direct talks with Iran's President, and has continued to voice that Iran is a threat to the United States;

Whereas, President Bush has stated that the United States will continue to seek a solution through diplomatic means, the President has refused to rule out sanctions and the use of force;

Whereas, national media are again quoting unnamed "sources" daily on Iran and heightened tensions in the Persian Gulf, that illustrate potential Iranian aggression to US presence there – thus leading to potentially justifying the use of force. Recently the Washington Post reported that the Joint Chiefs Chairman stated that the US is preparing military options against Iran;

Whereas, the Administration and the Congress are now cognizant that the use of force did not solve the Iraqi problem, and that the expansion of the US Iraqi military operation into Iran will likely trigger a regional conflict of dire consequences, that will go beyond the mere interruption of oil production, economic disruptions, large numbers of civilian casualties and global instability, and other unknown calamities, now, therefore

Be it resolved that the Democratic Party of the Hawaii urges President Bush and our leaders in Congress to pursue a diplomatic solution through the United Nations, and we urge the President to commence direct talks with the Iranian Government to avoid any further escalation of US military presence in the Persian Gulf.

Offered by: Progressive Democrats of Hawaii
Multidisciplinary Research on Lake Shoreline

Introduction

Lake ecosystems are highly diverse and provide important services, such as habitat for fish and wildlife, water purification, and recreation. However, they are vulnerable to changes in climate, hydrology, and human activities. Understanding the complex interactions between these factors is crucial for effective conservation and management.

Methodology

The research will involve field surveys, laboratory analyses, and modeling to evaluate the impacts of climate change on lake ecosystems. The study will focus on lakes in the Great Lakes region, where climate change is expected to have significant impacts.

Results

Initial findings indicate that changes in temperature and precipitation patterns are already affecting lake levels and water quality. For example, increased temperatures are leading to decreased oxygen levels in some areas, affecting fish populations.

Discussion

These results highlight the need for adaptive management strategies to mitigate the effects of climate change on lake ecosystems. Further research is needed to develop effective conservation measures.

Conclusion

The multidisciplinary approach of this research will enhance our understanding of the complex interactions between climate change and lake ecosystems. The findings will provide a solid basis for developing effective conservation strategies in the future.

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OCC Resolution 2008-11
TITLE: URGING THE EXPANSION OF SOLAR TAX CREDITS

Whereas, solar tax credits have promoted the use of solar equipment in the State of Hawai‘i; and

Whereas, the increased use of solar equipment in the State of Hawai‘i has saved thousands of barrels of oil and has reduced the cost of heating water; and

Whereas, there are over hundreds of condominium associations within the State of Hawai‘i who cannot participate and appreciate the solar tax credits; now, therefore

Be It Resolved that the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i urges the Hawai‘i State Legislature and United States Congress to include Condominium Associations as part of the Solar Tax credit program; and

Be It Further Resolved that this resolution be transmitted to members of the Hawai‘i State Legislature, members of Hawai‘i’s Congressional Delegation, the Governor, the county councils, and the Mayors of all counties.
OCC Resolution 2008-12
TITLE: SUPPORTING THE REDUCTION OF OUR DEPENDENCY ON FOSSIL FUELS

Whereas, the need to reduce our dependency on fossil fuels and associated products; and

Whereas, energy cost has skyrocketed in the past year to over $100 a barrel for oil; and

Whereas, the U.S. Energy Information Administration, in November 2007 confirmed that the average cost of electricity in the State of Hawai‘i is 270 percent higher than the national average; and

Whereas, the search for alternative means of clean and affordable energy is first and foremost in Hawai‘i; and

Whereas, the use of Hawai‘i’s most natural resource, the sea, which provides a viable alternative and clean energy source; now, therefore

Be It Resolved that the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i supports legislation to provide initial funding and tax credits equal to or greater than solar tax credits of the Federal and State government for companies that build and install sea water to energy conversion technology in the State of Hawai‘i.

Be It Further Resolved that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the State Legislature, the County Councils, the County Mayors and the Governor.
OCC Resolution 2008-10
Title: STRONGLY URGING A COMMUNITY-DRIVEN AND HAWAIIAN CULTURALLY APPROPRIATE 'INTEGRATED MASTER PLAN' BY THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION TO MOVE HAWAI'I AWAY FROM OIL DEPENDENCY AND TOWARD ENERGY INDEPENDENCE AND SELF-RELIANCE BY THE YEAR 2020

Whereas, the aina, kai, and wai are integral parts of Hawaiian cosmology and are essential to how Hawaiians understand themselves in the context of the world, and

Whereas, A Hawaiian conservation ethic requires us all to observe and minimize our impact on aina, kai, and wai, and thus lighten our footprint on these natural resources at the same time that we care for them, and

Whereas, Hawaiians and residents of Hawaii have concern about how exploitation of our natural resources contributes to climate change and global warming, and

Whereas, Hawai'i's oil-produced energy use contributes to climate change; and

Whereas, the loss of most existing beaches, the flooding of most resorts, and the rising costs of oil for air transport costs will threaten Hawaii's economy, and

Whereas, Hawaii has the ability to meet all of our energy needs, which may include electrical, heating, cooling, and non-air-transport energy needs from local renewable energy resources and tap into numerous ecosystem-sensitive energy storage systems, and

Whereas, Hawaii can 1) meet all of its energy needs without oil dependency, being mindful of the need to conserve Hawaii's natural resources and to malama aina, kai, and wai in the process, and 2) at the same time, export abundant amounts of hydrogen energy through its wise use of local resources, and

Whereas, Hawaii's independent island grids offer the opportunity to test different renewable and safe energy systems, in effect leading the world in developing and testing these systems, and

Whereas, Hawaii can play a vital role in finding solutions to the planet's climate change crisis by lessening its contribution to global warming, minimizing oil dependency, and caring for Hawaii's natural resources, serving as a role model for others, and

Whereas, Hawaii has the local talent and interested investors who seek ways to dramatically increase safe and culturally sensitive renewable energy penetration levels, and

Whereas, the Democratic Party of Hawaii Platform states: "We support energy independence, self-sufficiency, affordability, and reliability for Hawaii through the urgent development of renewable alternative energy sources. We commit to conservation and to independence from petroleum and coal by 2020"; now, therefore

Be It Resolved that the Democratic Party of Hawaii commit to strongly urging a community-driven and Hawaiian culturally appropriate "Integrated Master Plan" by the Public Utilities Commission to move Hawaii away from oil dependency and toward energy independence and self-reliance by the year 2020.
OCC Resolution 2008-17
TITLE: SUPPORTING THE BUILDING OF MODULAR AND FACTORY MANUFACTURED HOMES IN HAWAI'I

Whereas, Hawai'i's housing costs are too expensive and infrastructure like roads, electrical, water and sewage has stopped contractors and land owners from building in rural areas; and

Whereas, water catchments and solar power can be built into modular homes, thus allowing home construction in rural areas that have little infrastructure; and

Whereas, the use of steel framing in modular homes prevents problems with subterranean termites and also makes them resistant to hurricanes and earthquake damage; and

Whereas, homes that are built with factory construction can be moved, thus making them ideal for people who live on leasehold land; and

Whereas, by setting aside rural land banked areas, modular homes can be moved to safe areas if the property is in danger of a lava flow. By doing this, banks or insurance companies can allow mortgages or insurance on homes that are in lava or flood inundation areas; and

Whereas, back in 2002, O'ahu had a steel framed housing factory that built all sizes of homes at $60 per square foot. Pricing of on site-built housing at that time range from $120 to $180 per square foot. This shows that a factory built home can have a cost savings of over 50%; now, therefore

Be It Resolved that the Democratic Party of Hawai'i asks the Governor, City and County Representatives, and the Hawai'i State Legislature to pass laws and change building ordinances to allow for local factory built modular homes in Hawai'i; and

Be It Further Resolved that copies of this resolution be transmitted to Democratic members of the Hawai'i State Legislature, and members of Hawai'i's Congressional Delegation.
OCC Resolution 2008-20

TITLE: STRONGLY URGING LEGISLATORS TO INTRODUCE LEGISLATION REQUIRING A COMPLETE ARCHAEOLOGICAL INVENTORY SURVEY OF LANDS SCHEDULED FOR DEVELOPMENT PRIOR TO DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION

Whereas, the State Historic Preservation Division and the various Island Burial Councils have a strong policy of leaving *Iwi Kupuna* buried in place unless *Iwi Kupuna* are endangered by leaving them in place; and

Whereas, this policy has been circumvented by the discovery of *Iwi kupuna* in development projects that have not undergone a complete archaeological inventory survey; and

Whereas, it is in the best interests of developers to be made aware of potential and actual burials located on their properties before design and planning are completed; and

Whereas, advance notice of locations of potential and actual burials could result in avoiding expensive delays and additional costs to redesign; and

Whereas, advance notice before design could incorporate the protection of *Iwi Kupuna* in place, resulting in stronger protection for *Iwi Kupuna* and a more financially secure development project; and

Whereas, a more proactive approach incorporating a complete archaeological inventory survey could protect the sanctity of the burials and avoid cultural harm to the deceased and their descendants; now, therefore

Be It Resolved that the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i strongly urges legislators to introduce legislation requiring a complete archaeological inventory survey of lands scheduled for development prior to design and construction; now, therefore

Be It Further Resolved that copies of this resolution be sent to the Governor, the State Senate, the State House, the Mayors and the County Councils of Kaua‘i, Maui, Hawai‘i and the City and County of Honolulu.
OCC Resolution 2008-23
TITLE: SUPPORTING A COMMUNICATIONS HUB OF THE PACIFIC - FTTH

Whereas, Hawai‘i is the focal point where East meets West in the Pacific; and

Whereas, communications is the most important between the Pacific area and Hawai‘i’s World-Wide family and business partners; and

Whereas, in order to encourage new business investment, the State of Hawai‘i must become the communication hub of the Pacific; and

Whereas, fiber optic cable to the home (FTTH) is the best way to bring the global experience of broadband technology to Hawaii consumers; and

Whereas, FTTH benefits Hawai‘i consumers by bringing them the best new essential services like teledmedicine, distance learning and entertainment; and

Whereas, FTTH benefits Hawai‘i communities because broadband technology help communities attract better wages and better jobs; and

Whereas, only FTTH offers consumers the fastest internet and TV connections with no limitations; now, therefore

Be It Resolved that the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i supports the installation of FTTH cable for all citizens of the State of Hawaii; and

Be It Further Resolved that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the State Legislature, the County Councils, the County Mayors, and the Governor.
OCC Resolution 2008-05

TITLE: URGING THE HAWAI‘I DEMOCRATIC PARTY TO SUPPORT ASSET-BUILDING POLICIES FOR HAWAI‘I FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES

Whereas, the Women’s Caucus of the Hawai‘i State Democratic Party believes that Hawai‘i needs a comprehensive public policy to help people build assets; and

Whereas, a comprehensive asset-building policy includes a package of programs, tax incentives, regulatory changes, and other mechanisms to help people earn more, save more, protect hard earned assets, start businesses and become homeowners; and

Whereas, one in five households in Hawai‘i have zero or negative net worth, the 6th worst ranking among the states; and

Whereas, one in four households do not have enough assets to subsist at the poverty level for three months if their income were disrupted; and

Whereas, 69% of jobs in Hawai‘i do not pay a living wage making it difficult for many families to make ends meet, let alone pay off debt, build savings accounts, start businesses, or buy homes; and

Whereas, assets are essential for three reasons: to have financial security against difficult times, to create economic opportunities for oneself, and to leave a legacy for future generations to have a better life; and

Whereas, the wealthy benefit the most from existing asset-building policies—deductions for mortgage interest and property taxes, tax deferred retirement and education savings, lower taxes on long-term capital gains, etc.; and

Whereas, the State of Hawai‘i can level the playing field by creating more asset-building opportunities for low- and middle-income households that will: 1) Make Work Pay (EITC, establish a self-sufficiency standard); 2) Teach Asset-Building (financial literacy education); 3) Break Down Barriers to Asset-Building (eliminate asset limits on Medicaid, conduct analysis on predatory lending practices, enact State Auditor’s recommendations on payday lending); 4) Help People Save (expand Hawai‘i’s Individual Development Account programs, create a universal children’s saving account program; allow “refund splitting” of state tax refunds to place a portion of a refund into a savings vehicle); 5) Help People Start Businesses (create a tax credit to stimulate private funding, create a self-employment assistance program); and 6) Help People Buy Homes (provide grants or forgivable loans for down payment assistance, increase outreach to low-income households to access federal resources, provide funding for increased administrative supports for the locally operated housing programs, assist families to build assets for homeownership, provide matching grants and forgivable loans for families in the Section 8 homeownership program; exempt family self-sufficiency escrow accounts from asset tests); and

Whereas, asset-building is a critical economic development tool to build the human capital needed to fuel the modern economy—also known as the “knowledge economy,” “new economy,” or the “innovation, science, and technology economy”; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i that it shall support asset-building policies that help Hawai‘i families and communities save, build their assets and reach self-sufficiency; and

Be It Further Resolved that copies of this resolution be transmitted to members of Hawai‘i’s Congressional Delegation, the Democratic members of the Hawai‘i State Legislature.
OCC Resolution 2008-06
TITLE: SUPPORTING HAWAII TOURISM MARKETING TO INCLUDE THE GLBT POPULATION

Whereas, tourism remains the top industry in Hawai‘i; and

Whereas, studies released in 2006 by the National Tour Association (NTA), and in 2007 by Community Marketing, Inc. (CMI) - the Gay, Lesbian, Bi-Sexual and Transgender (GLBT) population takes two to three times as many vacation trips annually as other segments of the population; and

Whereas, the annual economic impact of GLBT travelers as identified by the US Department of Commerce in 2006 was approximately $64.5 billion in the US alone; and

Whereas, 84.8% of gay male and 83.6% of lesbian consumers traveled in the last year (spent $500 or more) according to CMI; and

Whereas, no location in Hawai‘i is currently identified within the top 15 as a “Most-Visited US Destination” location in GLBT travel research studies; and

Whereas, in April 2007 government authorities in over 75 destinations targeted the GLBT traveler with their marketing efforts, but a search in 2008 of “gohawaii.com” (the official Hawai‘i Tourism Site) produced one reference to a bed and breakfast; of “hvcb.com” (the Hawai‘i Visitors and Convention Bureau) produced no references at all; and of “oahu.com” (the official tourism site for the island of Oahu) produced a reference to a restaurant and a broken link to a Bed and Breakfast; and

Whereas, research indicates that selection of a vacation destination by the GLBT communities is motivated by recommendations, unique attractions, and a reputation for GLBT friendliness - and that the availability of on-line information is highly important when getting the necessary information to the GLBT tourist market; now, therefore

Be It Resolved that the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i request the four Counties of the State of Hawai‘i develop and implement GLBT focused marketing to include on-line electronic information with links to resources valuable to the GLBT communities; and print, radio and television marketing in media focusing on the GLBT communities; and

Be It Further Resolved that such focused marketing should receive a significant, specifically identified segment of the marketing budgets of the Tourism and Visitors authorities of the City and County of Honolulu and the State of Hawai‘i; and

Be It Further Resolved that copies of this resolution be given to all candidates for office identifying as Democrats; the Democratic members of the Legislature, the Mayors and Councilmembers of the four Counties; the Hawai‘i Visitors and Convention Bureau; the Hawai‘i Tourism Authority; and the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism.
RESOLUTION ON FOOD SUSTAINABILITY – HCC 7

WHEREAS, the state of Hawai‘i currently imports over 85% of the food consumed by visitors and residents alike on a daily basis;

WHEREAS, as recently as the early 1960’s the state of Hawai‘i was producing almost 50% of the food consumed in the state;

WHEREAS, the Island of Hawai‘i with its fertile soils and diverse agricultural zones, created by difference in elevation as well as annual precipitation differences in relation to prevailing winds, has the capability of producing a broad variety of crops. Fruit trees such as apples can be grown at the 6,000 level on the windward slopes of Mauna Kea, cool weather crops such as broccoli and cabbage in Volcano, and tropical fruits and vegetables can be produces at lower elevations. Much of the land once occupied by the sugar industry can also be used for ranching;

WHEREAS, the Island of Hawai‘i is losing its last egg producer and is down to only two dairy farms;

WHEREAS, the state of Hawai‘i in its Sustainability 2050 Plan has stated the need for greater food self sufficiency with 85% of all fruits and vegetables locally produced;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the state and county create incentives to give a competitive advantage to diverse agricultural producers on Hawai‘i Island. These incentives can include but not be limited to; zoning enforcement to keep agricultural land in agriculture, low cost leases on state and county land to farmers growing locally consumed foods, rebates on imported feeds for the local livestock industry, increased visibility for labeling to let consumers know where the foods in local super markets are grown, and marketing plans to increase public demand for locally produced foods.
RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE IDENTITY OF HAWAII'-GROWN SPECIALTY AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS – HCC 4

WHEREAS specialty agricultural crops such as coffee, tropical fruit, macadamia nuts, chocolate and vanilla constitute the fastest expanding area of agricultural production on the Hawaii' Island and in the rest of the state;

WHEREAS the care, skill and cultivation practices of Hawaii' specialty crop farmers, most of whom operate small family-owned farms, have built a reputation for quality among consumers of specialty agricultural products;

WHEREAS loopholes in certain Hawaii' statutes allow unfair and deceptive business practices which are used to deceive consumers into believing non-Hawaii' agriculture products have been grown in Hawaii'--to the damage of the reputation for quality of Hawaii'-grown specialty crops;

WHEREAS, by way of example, HRS 486-119 permits the deceptive labeling of foreign-grown macadamia nuts and non-Hawaiian fruit juices as "Made in Hawaii" if 51% or more of the value is added by in-state processing—even though none of the food products have been grown here;

WHEREAS, by way of further example, HRS 486-120.6 permits the use of the "Kona" name on packaging of a "coffee blend" having as little as 10% coffee from Kona and 90% coffee from unidentified foreign countries;

WHEREAS, by way of still further example, in their December 2004 edition the writers of Consumer Reports confused "Kona coffee blends" with "Kona coffee" and concluded that Kona coffee can be "second rate" on the basis of a mistaken belief that "Kona blends" are "Kona coffee";

WHEREAS the State of Hawaii' should provide the same type of protections to its specialty crop farmers as the State of California has provided to Napa Valley grape growers in Cal. Bus. and Prof. Code, Section 25241 ("Napa Truth-In-Labeling Law");

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Hawaii' County Democrats urge our state legislators to amend HRS 486-119 and HRS 486-120.6 to prevent this deceptive misuse of the identity of Hawaii' specialty agricultural products and to prevent the resulting damage to the reputation of Hawaii'-grown agricultural products from continuing.
RESOLUTION CALLING FOR TRUTH-IN-LABELING FOR KONA COFFEE – HCC 2

WHEREAS, The unique climatic and soil conditions of the Kona region on the Island of Hawai‘i are ideal for the cultivation of coffee; and

WHEREAS, the care, skill and cultivation practices of Kona coffee farmers, most of whom operate small family-owned farms, have resulted in recognition of Kona coffee as one of the world’s premier specialty coffees; and

WHEREAS, existing Hawai‘i statutes allow unfair and deceptive business practices which are used to deceive consumers into believing that packages containing 90% foreign coffee are “Kona coffee”—thereby damaging the reputation for quality which Kona coffee farmers have built over generations of growing this heritage crop; and

WHEREAS, by way of example, HRS 486-120.6 permits the use of the “Kona” name on packaging of a coffee blend having as little as 10% coffee from Kona and 90% coffee from unidentified foreign countries; and

WHEREAS, by way of further example, in their December 2004 edition the writers of Consumer Reports confused “Kona coffee blends” with “Kona coffee” and concluded that Kona coffee can be “second rate” on the basis of a mistaken belief that “Kona blends” are “Kona coffee”; and

WHEREAS, the State of Hawai‘i should provide the same type of protections to its specialty crop farmers, specifically including Kona coffee farmers, as the State of California has provided to Napa Valley grape growers in Cal. Bus. and Prof. Code, Section 25241 (“Napa Truth-in-Labeling law”); and

WHEREAS, the State Legislature made a factual finding in Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 102 (2007) that “existing labeling requirements for Kona coffee causes consumer fraud and confusion and degrades the ‘Kona coffee’ name”; and

WHEREAS, no other region anywhere in the world (other than Hawai‘i) permits the use of the name of one of its specialty agricultural crops with as little as 50% (let alone 10%) genuine content; and

WHEREAS, the Hawai‘i County Council has adopted two resolutions (Resolution No. 18-06 of December 20, 2006, and Resolution 417-07 of November 20, 2007) requesting the Legislature to amend current law to require any coffee labeled “Kona Coffee Blend” to have a minimum 75% Kona Coffee; and

WHEREAS, the 2006 Hawai‘i County Democratic Party Convention (Resolutions #06-02, May 6, 2006) and the 2008 Hawai‘i State Democratic Convention (Resolution # 37, May 26, 2006) both adopted resolutions urging state legislators to amend HRS 486-120.6 to end the damage being done to the Kona coffee reputation by deceptive labeling and business practices; and

WHEREAS, ignoring the requests of Kona’s coffee farmers, the requests of the Hawai‘i County Council, the request of the Hawai‘i County Democratic Party, and the request of the Hawai‘i State Democratic Party, the State Legislature in the last 3 legislative sessions has failed to provide a single committee hearing for open and democratic consideration of pending bills for Truth-in-Labeling for Kona coffee;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Hawai‘i County Democrats express their deep disappointment in the State Legislature’s failure in the last 3 sessions to provide committee hearings for, and failure to enact, pending Truth-in-Labeling bills for Kona coffee; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawai‘i County Democrats urge members of the Hawai‘i County delegation in the State Legislature to support Kona’s coffee farmers by introducing and vigorously working for adoption of Truth-in-Labeling legislation for Kona coffee, including a minimum of 75% Kona coffee in any coffee package labeled as a “Kona coffee blend” and prominent identification on labels of the country or region of origin of the non-Kona portion in such blends; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawai‘i County Democrats urge the State Legislature to enact, in the 2009 legislative session, Truth-in-Labeling legislation as described in the preceding paragraph; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the secretary of the Hawai‘i County Democratic party shall cause to be mailed to each Democratic Party member of the State Legislature a copy of this Resolution within 20 days after the 2008 County Convention.
Revoke Corporate Constitutional Privileges

BE IT RESOLVED that the Maui Democratic Party endorses and supports the following proposed Constitutional Amendment:

SECTION 1. The U.S. Constitution protects only the rights of living human beings.

SECTION 2. Corporations and other institutions granted the privilege to exist shall be subordinate to any and all laws enacted by citizens and their elected governments.

SECTION 3. Corporations and other for-profit institutions are prohibited from attempting to influence the outcome of elections, legislation or government policy through the use of aggregate resources or by rewarding or repaying employees or directors to exert such influence.

SECTION 4. Congress shall have power to implement this article by appropriate legislation.

Adopted by the Maui County Democratic Party May 3rd, 2008
Corporations Should Not Have the Same Rights as Human Beings

WHEREAS the Democratic Party of Maui believes that democracy is dependent upon local grassroots economies for our communities where families live,

WHEREAS we believe our democracy is controlled and threatened by mega-enterprises and propose to put an end to this consolidation of power.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic Party of Maui hereby: Opposes corporate welfare which is defined as any action by local, state or federal government that gives corporations or an entire industry a benefit not offered to others, be it a grant, subsidy, real estate, low interest rate loan or tax breaks in the form of a credit, exemption, deferral, deduction or a tax rate lower than what others pay. Megacorporations are the major beneficiaries of corporate welfare to the disadvantage of smaller companies.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED Democratic Party of Maui that the strongly advocates legislation to strengthen controls and to increase penalties for businesses that violate the public trust. We will initiate and promote the following actions:

- End the legal fiction that corporations are entitled to rights as persons
- Exclude corporations from political participation
- Implement serious political campaign reform to reduce the influence of money in politics
- Eliminate corporate welfare, direct or indirect
- Recover other externalized costs through fees and taxes
- Implement mechanisms to regulate international corporations and finance
- Provide economic parity small, locally-owned enterprises so they will flourish at the grassroots of our communities where our families are
- Community reinvestment to promote local business and home ownership
- Businesses that build, employ, and invest in the United States and do not engage in income tax avoidance by establishing offshore companies.

Adopted by the Maui County Democratic Party May 3rd, 2008
Support Sustainable Food Production for Hawai’i

WHEREAS the people of Hawai’i are dependent on imports of food – an estimated range being between 65% & 85% of all food consumed coming from out of state; and

WHEREAS the presence of tourists in Hawai’i, which averages close to 160,000 per day (2001), increases the need for sustainable local food production should an event cause visitors to be stranded here for an indeterminate period of time; and

WHEREAS Hawaii’s geographic isolation makes it especially important to move toward greater self-sufficiency in food production; and

WHEREAS Hawaii’s climate allows for several growing seasons and multiple cropping cycles, and has nearly every climatic zone making possible cultivation of a wide variety of foods; and

WHEREAS with increased number of diverse, sustainable, and organic cropping systems, many new jobs will be created for the planning, development, production, and maintenance of food processing and delivery (in fact, for all farm-related activity), and

WHEREAS prime agricultural land is identified and available to provide for the basic nutritional needs of Hawaii’s people, the amount needed being only one half acre per person for a complete diet; and

WHEREAS overseas shipping costs are only going to rise owing to increasing fuel prices based on falling reserves; and

WHEREAS Hawai’i, being a military stronghold of the United States, is potentially subject to terrorist attack, as well other man-made and natural disasters in these uncertain times, all which can greatly effect the arrival of food shipments for an indeterminate period of time; and

WHEREAS the aquifer and aquatic food sources are therefore best protected through organic and sustainable land care practices; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the 2006 Maui Democratic Convention asks the Maui County, the Hawai’i State, and the US federal government, to support, – through County, State, and Federal legislation and funding for enforcement, – Hawaii’s reaching self-sustainability in food production by meeting no less than 50% of all its nutritional requirements by the year 2010 and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that organic land care practices be encouraged through farm grants and tax incentives; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a necessary percentage of agricultural lands be designated for sustainable-only (as opposed to export-oriented) food production.

Adopted by the Maui County Democratic Party May 3rd, 2008
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This is submitted by: √ Two Members O‘ahu County Maui County
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Attached are our proposal and a CD-ROM (if not e-mailed) with only this resolution or proposal on it. Floppy disks will not be accepted. This submittal complies with the instruction sheet.

If this is submitted by two voting members of the State Convention, 10 supporter signatures must be recorded below.

We, the undersigned, support this submittal to the State Convention:

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OCC Resolution 2008-22
Title: URGING THE MEMBERS OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF HAWAI'I TO ADOPT THE PARTY'S HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS CAUCUS' STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES TO ADD TO THE DEMOCRATIC EXISTING GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Whereas, the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i’s guiding principles, as listed on the party website, include the following:

We Democrats abide by these guiding principles: 1) Our responsibility for our ethical, economic, environmental and educational legacy; 2) Education, jobs and economic opportunity for all; 3) Accessible and affordable health care for everyone in Hawai‘i and our nation; 4) Diversity strengthens our state and our nation; 5) Security for all citizens; 6) Reversal of the erosion of civil liberties in our country; 7) Rebuilding of our reputation in the world as a cooperative and just country, and

Whereas, except for the word "Hawai‘i" in principle number 3, these guiding principles can be attributed to any other state of the union; and

Whereas, Hawai‘i is not like any other state of the union, rather the multi-cultural aspect, a result of numerous immigrants from throughout the world moving to Hawai‘i, combined with Hawaiian cultural values, calls for a different kind of sensitivity that empowers communities to work together in iōkahi to effect change; and

Whereas, Hawaiians have a distinct advantage in bringing together people from other places of the world through the practice of aloha; and

Whereas, the Hawaiian Affairs Caucus, since 2003, has developed a statement of principles that guide caucus work, specifically building on Hawaiian concepts of pono, malama aina, hookipa, and kuleana; and

Whereas, the work of the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i is community and ohana based, and thus those identified Hawaiian values serve to create and maintain relationships over time and contribute to the cohesiveness of the broader community; and

Whereas, Our kuleana as Hawaiians engaged in the political process is to 1) malama aina as the aina malama us, 2) protect ALL of Hawai‘i’s natural resources (on the aina and in the kai), 3) malama na kūpuna, regardless of ethnicity, and 4) educate others on Hawaiian values; and

Whereas, from our relationship to the aina springs forth our relationship to one another, and we acknowledge that the aina teaches us how to express aloha, malama aina and kuleana, and to hookipa, by providing space for others who believe and behave likewise; and

Whereas, accountability is built into such a system, thus, as the aina holds us accountable for her well-being (the people will thrive as the aina thrives), so are we required to hold ourselves and others accountable for the well-being of our society; and

Whereas, adoption of Hawaiian cultural principles encourages members of the Democratic Party to do what is pono, and to hold themselves accountable to the mission, goals and (expanded) guiding principles of the Democratic Party; now, therefore

Be it Resolved, that the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i urge its members to adopt the Hawaiian Affairs Caucus' Statement of Principles to add to the Democratic Party’s existing Guiding Principles.
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OCC Resolution 2008-24
TITLE: SUPPORTING THE HONOLULU SYMPHONY

Whereas the 108-year-old Honolulu Symphony is a gem of the Pacific, a world-class orchestra that brings honor and international recognition to Hawai‘i, and is a vital part of Hawai‘i’s cultural, social, educational, and economic fabric; and

Whereas the Honolulu Symphony, like all of Hawai‘i’s resident arts, perennially enriches the lives of virtually all our citizens, enhancing the efforts of educational institutions, health and human services and social services providers, and other arts organizations such as the Hawai‘i Opera Theatre and Ballet Hawai‘i; and

Whereas the Honolulu Symphony serves as a repository for and stimulator of Hawai‘i’s own unique arts and culture, presenting Hawai‘i’s arts to today’s audiences and preserving it for future generations; and

Whereas Hawai‘i’s geographical isolation makes the Honolulu Symphony the only professional orchestra for 2400 miles in any direction, and thus its existence is essential to meeting the needs of Hawai‘i’s resident population; the services that the Honolulu Symphony provides cannot be duplicated by any other existing organization in Hawai‘i and would simply go away if the Honolulu Symphony ceased operations; and

Whereas the Honolulu Symphony is good for Hawai‘i’s economy, creating good jobs for Hawai‘i’s people, reinvesting its revenue in the local economy and attracting new money into the state, increasing Hawai‘i’s wealth; and

Whereas arts and entertainment are among the leading U.S. exports and play a major role in reducing the U. S. trade deficit; and

Whereas many studies in Hawai‘i and nationally have shown that the arts are a good investment, generating positive economic activity and returning to government in tax revenue as much as seven times the amount of government subsidies to the arts; and

Whereas in most communities the resident symphony orchestra is the flagship arts organization with the most visibility, the largest budget, and the greatest economic multiplier effect; and

Whereas the Honolulu Symphony lifts the spirit of our people, fosters their creativity, illuminates their heritage, and enhances the quality of life of each and every citizen of Hawai‘i; now therefore

Be It Resolved that the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i urges all branches of government to unequivocally commit to guaranteeing the survival and ongoing health of the Honolulu Symphony; and

Be It Further Resolved that copies of this resolution be transmitted to all of the Hawai‘i Democratic Party candidates for State Senate and State House of Representatives.
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OCC Resolution 2008-09
TITLE: STRONGLY URGING LEGISLATIVE SUPPORT FOR COMPREHENSIVE PUBLIC FUNDING FOR ELECTIONS

Whereas, a democratic government derives its power from the consent of its citizens, and citizen participation in the political process is essential to the continuity of democracy; and

Whereas, corporate and other special interest donations account for the vast majority of campaign donations, both locally and nationally; and

Whereas, publicly funded elections hold politicians accountable to community interests rather than to special interests; and

Whereas, a comprehensive publicly funded campaign finance system such as voter-owned elections has opened up elections to fair competition and spiked voter participation in Maine, Arizona, North Carolina, and as many as four other states; and

Whereas, pono use of public resources, such as through a publicly funded campaign system, serves to include large numbers of citizens, particularly underrepresented constituencies, in the political process; and

Whereas, the Democratic Party of the State of Hawai‘i promotes itself as being the "party of the people"; and

Whereas, the Hawaiian Affairs Caucus of the Democratic Party of the State of Hawai‘i promotes this concept further by including Hawaiian values as the connecting link between what is said and what is practiced in the political process; and

Whereas, these values are the basis for our Statement of Principles: aloha, kuleana, malama aina, hookipa, and pono-values that guide personal and professional conduct when in service to the community; and

Whereas, such values resonate with the concept of publicly funded campaigns, political accountability to the community, pono use of resources, and greater participation by underrepresented constituencies in the political process; now, therefore

Be it Resolved by the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i that our State Legislators be urged to strongly support comprehensive public funding for elections; and

Be it Further Resolved that copies of this resolution be transmitted to member of Hawai‘i’s Congressional Delegation, the members of the Hawai‘i State Legislature, the Governor, and the County Councils of Hawai‘i, Maui, Kaua‘i, and Honolulu.
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OCC Resolution 2008-07
TITLE: STRONGLY URGING THE STATE OF HAWAI'I TO PROVIDE EQUAL AND TIMELY FUNDING TO ALL PUBLIC SCHOOLS, INCLUDING CHARTER SCHOOLS, TO INSURE THE WELL BEING OF ALL CHILDREN IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM

Whereas, the Hawai'i Charter School law promotes innovative, community-based education for Hawai'i's children that allows them to thrive in an alternative school setting with alternative teaching methods; and

Whereas, Hawai'i's Charter Schools are gaining in popularity with parents who appreciate choices in public education and who see their children excelling in ways that they did not within the standard public school setting; and

Whereas, Charter Schools are subject to the same teaching and learning standards as public schools; and

Whereas, Hawai'i's taxpayers pay into a system to support all public schools, including Charter Schools; and

Whereas, Charter Schools have been repeatedly denied funds needed to acquire, create, or expand operational facilities for their students and faculty, a practice inconsistent with DOE standards for public schools; and

Whereas, transparency and equity in funding are foremost in how the state spends tax money directed at all Hawai'i public school students; and

Whereas, the State's Democratic Party Platform states, "Recognizing that education is a key component to our island's economic opportunities and successes, we pledge to pursue excellence in public education through a publicly funded school system. Our public educational system is one of our most valuable resources to prepare our children to become responsible citizens and to provide the means for them to succeed in their career choices"; and

Whereas, preparing children to become responsible citizens and to succeed is often done through example as the State promotes the pursuit of excellence through a publicly funded school system, Charter Schools, which are also public, require equal treatment; and

Whereas, denying Charter Schools equal treatment also denies Charter School students equal treatment; now, therefore

Be It Resolved that the Democratic Party of Hawai'i strongly urges the State of Hawai'i to provide equal and timely funding to all public schools, including Charter Schools, to insure the well being of all children in the public school system; and

Be It Further Resolved that copies of this resolution is sent to the Governor, and all State Legislators.
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OCC Resolution 2008-08
TITLE: SUPPORTING EDUCATION THROUGH ACCESS TO LIBRARY SERVICES

Whereas, an informed citizenry is the foundation of democracy; and

Whereas, since Benjamin Franklin formed the first public library as a part of the contribution of the founding fathers, public libraries, which are open to all people regardless of age, race, gender, social condition, and religion have since that time been a major component of informing the public in all aspects of the informational spectrum; and

Whereas, the Hawai‘i State Library system has been mandated to supply all the people of Hawai‘i with access to information, educational, and recreational material; and

Whereas, the Hawai‘i State Library system has been heavily impacted by both an increase in population in under-served areas and the heavy expenses of updating and supporting current informational technologies; and

Whereas, budgetary constraints have forced shortages of approximately seventy-eight positions out of approximately 584 positions, and we are now facing a three percent budget cut; and

Whereas, adequate resources to correct this situation to supply the people of Hawai‘i with the library and information services necessary to maintain the basic standard of service are not available; and

Whereas, this creates an inequity of service to the people of the state; now, therefore

Be It Resolved by the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i that the State Librarian shall be directed to assemble a task force composed of public and private organizations, philanthropic and commercial organizations, governmental and nongovernmental organizations, and representatives from communities both cultural and geographic, to explore the library services needed in under-served communities, what resources they can develop, what facilities, collections, staffing, and services will be needed, and to supply this information to the legislature ninety days prior to the 2010 legislative session or as soon as this information may be assembled and the report accepted by the chairman of the task force; and

Be It Further Resolved that this task force become a permanent part of the Hawai‘i State Library long range master plan; and

Be It Further Resolved that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Hawai‘i State Librarian, and the Hawai‘i State Legislature.
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Title of Submission: Non-Violent Conflict Resolution

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ATTN: Lynne Matusow, Convention Co-Chair

Dear Lynne,

Enclosed please find a resolution Fritz Fritschel and I wish to submit for consideration at the State Convention. Also attached is the submission form with signatures of ten Democrats.

If you have any questions, please e-mail at jbickel15@yahoo.com or call me at 728-9682.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

John W. Bickel

Enc.
Non-violent Conflict Resolution

WHEREAS: Non-violent Conflict Resolution and Peace Education is relevant to individuals, groups, and nations.

WHEREAS: Non-violent Conflict Resolution and Peace Education includes conflict resolution that decreases violence in schools and in communities.

WHEREAS: Non-violent Conflict Resolution and Peace Education increases the awareness of citizens to peaceful means of resolving disputes at multiple levels.

WHEREAS: War has plagued our earth throughout time but especially in the last century.

WHEREAS: No Child Left Behind and other policies have squeezed curricula that is not math, reading, writing, and test-taking.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: The Democratic Party of Hawai‘i is on record as supporting peace education in general and in specific supports the allocation of staff at the University Hawaii College of Education and in the State Department of Education to increase peace education in public schools within the existing curriculum.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Copies of this resolution be sent to the Regents of the University of Hawaii and the State Board of Education.
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Title of Submission: Protecting Hawaii High School Students from Invasion of Student and Family Privacy By Military Recruiting in Hawaii High Schools (NCLB)
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RESOLUTION

Protecting Hawaii High School Students From Invasion of Student and Family Privacy By Military Recruiting in Hawaii High Schools (NCLB)

Submitted by Diana Bethel

Whereas, Sec. 9528, ARMED FORCES RECRUITER ACCESS TO STUDENTS AND STUDENT RECRUITING PROVISION of the Federal Elementary and Secondary Education ACT (ESEA), now known as the “No Child Left Behind Act,” requires high school administrators to give students’ private contact information to military recruiters, and

Whereas, due to protracted foreign wars, military recruiters have become pressured to fill military recruiting quotas, leading to an increase in military recruiter abuses and fraudulent practices, and

Whereas, it is the responsibility of the state Department of Education and high school administrators to protect students’ privacy and safety, and

Whereas, the OPT-OUT provision permits the student or parent of the student to request that the student’s contact information not be released without prior written parental or student consent, but the process is flawed because: 1) the lack of accountability to students and legal guardians who may not understand the provision or their rights, especially in the case of non-native English speakers; and also 2) there is no provision to ensure that the information has reached and been understood by the parent, and

Whereas, the Hawaii State Constitution guarantees the right to privacy, and this extends to the protection of the right to privacy of minors as well, and

Whereas, the difficulty of developing the OPT-OUT information and conveying it to all students and their guardians in a way that addresses students’ and parental right to privacy concerns has imposed a difficult and time-consuming task on the Hawaii State Department of Education and Hawaii High School administrators, and

Whereas, Sec. 9528, ARMED FORCES RECRUITER ACCESS TO STUDENTS AND STUDENT RECRUITING INFORMATION provision is an unfunded mandate, as are the rest of NCLB provisions, draining resources and placing an unreasonable financial cost and burden on personnel of the Hawaii State Department of Education and Hawaii High Schools, and

Now therefore be it resolved that the Hawaii Department of Education shall institute an OPT-IN system that will guarantee the privacy of students and parents while also allowing those interested in military service to authorize release of their contact information to military recruiters, and

Be it Further Resolved that the OPT-IN informational materials and form, developed by the Hawaii Department of Education, be written in easy to understand English and that translations be provided for ESL students and their parents, and

Be it further resolved that the cost of creating the OPT-IN form and informational materials be covered by the military Recruiting Commands that are requesting access to Hawaii high school students’ contact information records.
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Title of Submission: Establish Peace Education and Moral Intelligence Standards-based Curriculum in Hawai‘i Public Schools for Pre-School through Grade 12

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Establish Peace Education and Moral Intelligence Standards-based Curriculum in Hawai'i Public Schools for Pre-School through Grade 12

WHEREAS a 2003 Hawai'i State Department of Health, Alcohol and Drug Abuse Division, Hawaii Student Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drug Use Study reported that, statewide, 36.5% of 10th-graders reported poor family supervision and in the same 2003 study, only 51.7% of 10th-graders reported secure family attachment, and

WHEREAS a 20-member Safe Schools Community Advisory Committee in 2005 advised State Superintendent of Schools Patricia Hamamoto that, statewide, 38% of middle school and 22% of high school students reported, on a student survey, as being assaulted, at school, at least once in the previous month, and

WHEREAS the statewide 2007 School Quality Survey showed that only 52% of all students surveyed had a positive perception of their safety and well being at school, and

WHEREAS in this same report, it is shown that only 51% of all teachers, statewide, have spent more than five years at the same school, and there are many military, immigrant, and “snowbird” families with students enrolled in Hawai'i public schools, there is a large number of transient members of the student population, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic Party of Maui supports a Peace Education and Moral Intelligence standards-based curriculum in Hawai'i's Public Schools for Pre-School through Grade 12, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that through this curriculum students will develop fundamental competencies to realize empathy for others, manage emotions, build tolerance and respect for differences, make responsible life decisions, create positive relationships, manage confrontation with peaceable, constructive solutions, learn affirmative problem-solving skills, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Democratic Party of Maui supports in-servicing of every DOE teacher, Educational Assistant, Counselor, Support Staff, Athletic Coach, and Administrator, with follow-up workshops at the start of each academic year for those who participate in the original in-servicing, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Democratic Party of Maui supports in-servicing of every newly hired member of the school staff before the beginning of each academic year, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Democratic Party of Maui supports an orientation program be presented for each newly enrolled student at any point during the academic year upon first day of school attendance, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Democratic Party of Maui supports the encouragement of private Pre-schools to incorporate the curriculum of the Hawai'i Department of Education for Peace Education and Moral Intelligence program into their curriculum at no cost to the private enterprise.

Adopted by Maui County Democratic Party on May 3rd, 2008
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Streamline Substitute Teacher Certification

WHEREAS certain areas of Maui County do not have enough substitute teachers to fulfill all the County’s needs,

WHEREAS the existing procedures for certifying substitute teachers are needlessly burdensome and expensive to prospective teachers; and

WHEREAS it will save the Department of Education thousands of dollars if they can recruit and train substitute teachers from Maui County rather than spending thousands of dollars to recruit permanent teachers from the mainland, trained substitutes are more likely to become fully certified teachers once they are working for the Department of Education; and

WHEREAS prospective teachers are now required to attend 60 hours of training and pay at $100 for the training; and

WHEREAS the trainings are not readily and frequently available in Maui County, and prospective teachers should not be required to pay for the training and to travel long distances to obtain the required training; and

WHEREAS the Department of Education is depriving many areas of Maui County of needed substitute teachers due to the inconvenience and expenses;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Maui County Democratic Party calls upon the Hawai‘i Democratic Party and the Hawai‘i Department of Education to assist in streamlining training, making classes available via television and reducing the costs and inconvenience connected with certification of substitute teachers.

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Provide Free Public Education to Undergraduate Level

WHEREAS many industrial nations with tax revenues far lower than that of the United States provide universal free education for all its residents to the Undergraduate level; and

WHEREAS the cost of higher education has become prohibitively expensive in recent years and beyond the means of the average middle class family; and

WHEREAS having an educated work force is key to the continued prosperity of American society,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Maui Democratic Party calls upon the Hawai‘i Democratic Party and all Hawaiian and U.S. legislators to enact legislation to provide for free university tuition for all American residents to the university level.

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Provide Job Training Through a Civilian Conservation Corp

WHEREAS many young Americans feel that they need to join the military in order to obtain job skills; and

WHEREAS there are many public areas in which the availability of low cost labor would improve community and environmental resources; and

WHEREAS the experience of participating in a civilian job corps program which is providing needed services to the community would be extremely valuable to both the participants and the communities being served;

THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Maui Democratic Party calls on the Hawai‘i and National Democratic Parties as well as our Hawaiian and U.S. legislators to provide a two year civilian conservation corps for all persons over the age of 16, whether high school graduates or not, wherein will be provided job skills and academic training sufficient to prepare our young people for gainful employment upon completion of the civilian conservation corps.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that successfully serving the in the Civilian Job Corps shall entitle one to the same educational benefits as serving in the military.

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Title of Submission: Support a Four Year University in Maui

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Improve Public Education

WHEREAS students achievement is aligned to factors such as teacher quality, small schools, small class sizes, a challenging curriculum, family involvement, adequate funding, and community support, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic Party of Maui supports streamlining and simplifying the existing governance system, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Democratic Party of Maui supports creating greater parent and community support for schools, education and learning, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Democratic Party of Maui supports reduced class sizes, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Democratic Party of Maui supports measures to insure each student is safe from intimidation, harassment and violence, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Democratic Party of Maui supports full and consistent state funding for basic education, including appropriately compensated staff and state-of-the-art facilities, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Democratic Party of Maui supports ending the teacher shortage, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Democratic Party of Maui opposes unfunded mandates and supports requiring that all laws (federal, state or local) which mandate an action or program, be funded by the body which passed the law, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Democratic Party of Maui supports Federal or state funded student loan repayment programs to assist those in any profession in repaying their student loans while working in public interest sector jobs, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Democratic Party of Maui opposes using schools to instill consumerism and commercial values in our youth with for-profit advertising in our schools and buses, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Democratic Party of Maui supports repealing the unfunded "No Child Left Behind" Act, which is unworkable and damaging to public education

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Democratic Party of Maui opposes mandatory or officially sanctioned led prayer in public schools.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Democratic Party of Maui opposes mandatory mental health screening in public schools, whose purpose is to increase prescription psychoactive drug use by students and teachers.

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TITLE: SUPPORTING A NEW BUILDING FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAIʻI AT MANOA COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Whereas, improvement of P-20 education is a major goal of Hawaiʻi's legislators and citizens;

Whereas, the University of Hawaiʻi at Mānoa College of Education is the major preparer of teachers and other school personnel in the State;

Whereas, the College of Education is accredited by the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education and ranked by U.S. News & World Report as one of "America's Best Graduate Schools" in their 2009 edition;

Whereas, there is a serious shortage of classrooms and office space for faculty and grants staff who bring funds and renown to the College and State;

Whereas, many students and faculty have classes in old wooden portables which are fire hazards and likely health hazards due to vermin, dust and other pollutants.

Whereas, these dilapidated facilities, with their limited access to technology may (a) discourage much needed new teachers from entering the field and (b) limit the College's ability to attract the best possible faculty to conduct teaching, research and service for the needs of our State;

Whereas, a promised College of Education building was never built even though a blessing and groundbreaking took place nearly 20 years ago;

Whereas, a July, 2006 fire destroyed a building used by the COE;

Whereas, land is available for such a building and preliminary planning has been done;

Whereas, UHM Chancellor Virginia Hinshaw has expressed that her priority is repair and maintenance of the neglected campus, making it unlikely the College will receive funding for new construction or to improve our facilities to the extent needed; now, therefore

Be it resolved that the Democratic Party of Hawaiʻi supports funding the planning and building of a new College of Education facility for the purposes of preparing world class educators and furthering educational research and outreach to Hawaiʻi's schools; and

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to State legislators and the Governor.

First Maker: Andrea Bartlett
Second Maker: Gerald Chang

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