

- Draft and have introduced laws addressing Hawaiian issues
- Network with political leaders
- Develop leadership skills
- Enhance communication skills
- Utilize planning and organizing skills
- Attend Native Hawaiian Educational Forums
- Participate in annual DPH state convention and other Party activities



Democratic Party of Hawai'i

Founded April 30, 1900 by supporters of Queen Liliuokalani: John H. Wilson, John S. McGrew, Charles J. McCarthy, David Kawānanakoa and Delbert Evener Metzger. The Party promoted the Jeffersonian philosophy and home rule. The first convention was held on May 16, 1900 and attended by 500 people. The party's platform is based on the values of liberty and social justice, with compassion and respect towards the individual.

Prince David Kawānanakoa attended the 1900 Democratic National Convention in Kansas City, becoming the first royal attendee. At the convention, Kawānanakoa formed an affiliation between the Democratic Party of Hawaii and the Democratic Party of the United States. Further, Hawaiian nationalism has been one of the Party's founding principles and the DPH was founded, in part, to bring Hawaiian representation to government.

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Join Us!

Complete and mail the Hawaiian Affairs Caucus membership form to the address below. A copy of the enrollment form can be found at the Caucus web site: hawaiianaffairs.org.



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Hawaiian Affairs Caucus



Membership

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Party of Hawai'i**

Mission

Founded in 2006, the Hawaiian Affairs Caucus is one of seven caucuses established by the Democratic Party of Hawaii to represent historically disempowered or under-represented constituencies due to current or past inequality under law. The intent of the Party was to ensure constituents of Caucuses and our causes of civil rights and equality kept a high profile in the Party, and that our traditionally disenfranchised or underrepresented constituencies had a voice at the table of Party leadership.

The Hawaiian Affairs Caucus supports and promotes cultural values of aloha, malama aina, ho'okipa, kuleana and, above all, pono. It seeks to address issues of self-determination and rights, including protection of Hawaiian cultural practices and sacred sites, pono economic development, distribution of wealth to those segments of society most in need, protection of Hawai'i's natural resources (on the 'āina and in the kai), and accountability of public servants identified as Democrats to the mission and goals of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i with regard to the above objectives.

Platform

- Elect democrats to the U.S. Congress, Hawaii State Legislature, and City Government leadership positions who understand Hawaiian history and concerns, and introduce and support laws addressing these concerns.
- Improve upon the representation of Native Hawaiians in leadership positions in political and governmental positions
- Support the rights of native Hawaiians and the preservation of native Hawaiian culture

- Support Native Hawaiian rights to self-determination in the formation of their chosen governmental entity.
- Support recognition of Native Hawaiians as indigenous people as provided by the U.S. Constitution determination.
- Support the international rights of the Native Hawaiian people.



- Support the continued engagement and empowerment of the Native Hawaiian community in decisions related to county and state affairs.
- Support the growth of Native Hawaiian farming, agricultural and healing practices. We value and wish to foster the preservation of our host culture.
- Support Hawaiian language immersion schools that contribute to the revitalization and continuation of the Hawaiian language and appropriate



assessments that accurately reflect Hawaiian language immersion students' progress and support the Hawaiian language immersion program.

- Support Hawaiian-focused schools and courses that provide culturally-based education in order to maximize choices in life and work.
- Support educational programming and efforts that embody Hawaiian values, language, culture and history as a foundation to prepare students for success in college, career and communities.

Membership Types

• Permanent Membership Eligibility:

- Is a registered voter in the State of Hawai'i;
- Is a member of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i;
- Supports the Caucus and its specific purpose and mission as set forth in its constitution and bylaws and the goals and objectives set by the general membership of the Caucus, and
- Has completed a Caucus Membership Form

• Associate Membership Eligibility:

- At the time of application to join the Caucus, is an Associate Member of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i as defined in Article I, Section 1 of the Party Bylaws;
- Is a member of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i;
- Has completed a Caucus Membership Form

Benefits

- Influence the election of government and political leaders who have demonstrated their understanding and commitment to Native Hawaiian programs and issues
- Advocate for laws that address Native Hawaiian issues

Hawaiian Affairs Caucus

Welcomes New Members