

The Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii

CHAMBER COMMITTEES

Armed Services Committee

Under the auspices of the Military Affairs Committee, has the mission of developing an environment that fosters effective civil-military communication, understanding and issue resolution in order to strengthen the ties and improve cooperation between both communities for the purpose of fostering better business and community growth opportunities.

Chair: Ken Bailey

Education Committee

Promotes excellence in all sectors of Hawaii's education system: public, private, primary, secondary, and postsecondary. The Committee advocates for meaningful, long-term educational reform, encourages public/private partnerships, and embraces the creative use of resources to enhance student learning and achievement.

Chair: Bruce Coppa Vice Chair: John Morton

Environmental Affairs Committee

Identifies environmental issues that are of concern to Chamber members; promotes awareness of these issues among The Chamber, the community, and government; and articulates and advocates positions that represent the interests of members while serving to protect Hawaii's environment.

Chair: James Maskrey

Health Issues Committee

Identifies healthcare issues that are of concern to member organizations, analyzes healthcare legislation as it affects business, and develops and articulates positions on these issues.

Chair: Ginny Pressler Vice Chair: Mark Yamakawa

Human Resources Committee

Comprised of individuals from the public and private sectors who are committed to working with government to promote sound human resources management. To that end, the Committee is dedicated to the following tasks: 1) Educating lawmakers and the media with regard to problems facing Hawaii employers in human resource management; 2) Promoting legislation which strikes a balance between the need for fairness to employees and the employer's need to run its business efficiently and effectively; and 3) Advocating against government initiatives which undermine employers' legitimate needs to manage and run their businesses and institutions.

Chair: John Knorek Vice Chair: Heather Rickenbrode

Land Use and Land Transportation Committee

Emphasizes the importance of enhancing the 'quality of life' for the citizens of Hawaii. The committee focuses on issues that will balance the need for growth with the need to preserve our fragile environment, while providing opportunities for the next generation to live and work in Hawaii.

Chair: Dean Uchida Vice Chair: Joe Fadrowsky

Maritime Committee

Develops and encourages Chamber participation in maritime related matters. The Committee serves as a liaison between all private maritime business sectors, the legislature, and the government agencies and departments that manage and develop maritime lands and facilities for maritime use.

Chair: Kraig Kennedy Vice Chair: William Anonsen

Small Business Committee

Represents the interests of small business in legislative and regulatory matters, and to provide opportunities for the establishment, growth and development of small business and to benefit small business Chamber membership through participation.

Chair: Shelley Wilson

Tax Committee

Promotes an equitable tax system that will encourage the orderly economic growth of Hawaii by creating an environment that will attract new business, stimulate expansion of the private sector and provide increased employment opportunities.

Chair: Ryan Wilson

Tourism & Air Transportation Committee

Encourages a broad base of understanding, support, and appreciation of tourism within the business community, legislature, and general public; supports visitor industry growth and improvement while working to enhance the visitor experience.

Co-chair(s): Al Hoffman

For additional information or if you are interested in joining a committee, please contact the Business Advocacy Department at:

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