

FROM THE OFFICE OF

SENATOR STANLEY CHANG

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AG'S OFFICE BRIEFS SENATE JUDICIARY ON LAWSUITS AGAINST TRUMP ADMINISTRATION

On August 13, 2025, the Hawai'i Senate Judiciary Committee hosted an informational briefing with the Department of the Attorney General (AG) regarding the lawsuits that the State of Hawai'i is a part of against President Trump's administration. Senator Chang is one of five members of the influential Judiciary Committee. In attendance for the Attorney General's office was Attorney General Anne Lopez, Solicitor General Kaliko'onālani Fernandes, and Special Assistant to the Attorney General Dave Day.

Currently, there are 27 cases against the Trump administration—5 on immigration, 10 related to funding freezes and grant terminations, 7 regarding dismantling of federal agencies and 5 cases related to protecting elections, health, and safety. Attorney General Anne Lopez said, "These cases are a part of a coordinated multistate response to protect federal programs and ensure that Congress's intent and statutory authority are respected." She added, the AG's office "has joined or led several of these actions to defend the rule of law and safeguard the people of Hawai'i from unlawful or politically motivated policy shifts."

Some of the most notable cases include the State of Hawai'i:

- Seeking to protect birthright citizenship under the 14th amendment of the U.S. Constitution in response to President Trump's attempt requiring the U.S. government not to recognize this form of citizenship.
- Ordering the Trump administration to unfreeze over \$1 billion in federal funds granted to the State of Hawai'i for disbursement to non-profit organizations for agricultural and climate change projects.
- Protecting the U.S. Department of Education from being dismantled by the Trump administration and prohibiting the elimination of nearly half of the DOE's workforce.

Senator Chang said, "The Department of the Attorney General is leading the fight in our State to uphold and protect the rule of law from the unreasonable and disruptive behavior of the Trump administration. The AG's office is working to protect the U.S. Constitution and unfreeze much needed funding for the communities that need it the most. I thank the Department for all of their hard and important work."

You can view a recording of the hearing on the State Senate's [YouTube Channel](#). For more information, please contact the Office of Hawai'i State Senator Stanley Chang at (808) 586-8420.



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THE HAWAI'I STATE SENATE IS HIRING FOR THE 2026 LEGISLATIVE SESSION!

Have you ever been interested in learning the inner workings of State Government? Do you want to help make your State a better place to live and work? Would you like to assist your neighbors when they have questions or concerns and help guide them in resolving issues?

Applications are now open for positions in the Hawai'i State Senate for the 2026 Legislative Session. Job opportunities are available beginning December 2025 and ending May 2026. Full-time and part-time positions are available. The opportunities include working in a Senator's office, Committee Chair's Office, or support office. Some of the job responsibilities involve assisting with office administration, operations, constituent services, communications, research, policy writing, and IT, among other duties. No legislative experience is required!

Available positions include: Budget Analyst, Legislative Research Attorney, Legislative Researcher, Legislative Assistant, and Video Support Technician.

The Legislature is a fast-paced environment filled with many important deadlines, daily hearings, and long hours. Professionalism is a must, working closely with government officials, business leaders and the public. Serving the House also requires a lot of energy and the drive to get the job done and serve the public well.

For more information, please call the Hawai'i State Senate at **(808) 586-6720**. To apply, please visit [Senate Jobs](#). The Hawai'i State House of Representatives is also hiring for similar positions. For more information about job opportunities in the House, please visit [Employment Opportunities with the Hawai'i House of Representatives](#).

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DONATE FOOD FOR THE HOLIDAY SEASON

This holiday season, the Hawai'i Foodbank, Aloha Harvest, and the Rotary Club of East Honolulu are requesting food donations for local families.

The Hawai'i Foodbank is happy to receive your donations at their O'ahu warehouse located on [2611 Kilihaui Street](#) in Honolulu. Their hours of operation are **Monday through Friday from 8am to 4pm**. For more information, please call **(808) 836-3600**. Donations contribute to its ongoing mission of collecting and redistributing millions of pounds of food to vulnerable residents of Hawai'i.

Aloha Harvest and the Rotary Club of East Honolulu are also celebrating the holidays by assembling food harvest boxes for families in need. You can contribute to this important work in several ways: (1) **hosting a food drive**, (2) **purchasing a holiday harvest box**, or (3) **volunteering at a holiday harvest boxing event**.

To host a food drive, Aloha Harvest can pick up collected items free of charge at your location. You can also make a monetary donation of \$30 to fund a holiday box. If you can volunteer, holiday harvest box assemblers are needed on November 21, 2025 and December 17, 2025. For more information, please visit [Harvesting Aloha for the Holidays | Help Feed Hawai'i's Hungry!](#)

Promote the spirit of Aloha by contributing to these important local food drives.

Celebrate the Holiday Season at the Waikīkī and Hawai‘i Kai Holiday Parades

Enjoy Thanksgiving weekend by attending the 2025 Waikīkī and Hawai‘i Kai Holiday Parades! The Waikīkī Parade will take place on November 28, 2025 at 6:30pm and the Hawai‘i Kai Holiday Parade is will be held on November 29 from 11am–12pm. Following the Hawai‘i Kai Parade, there will be a Christmas Carnival Celebration in the Koko Marina Courtyard. There will be an estimated 1200 marchers, 30 vehicles, and 3 bands in attendance. This includes schools and organizations such as the Royal Hawaiian Band, Kaiser High School Band, Cub Scouts, soccer and baseball teams, Niu Valley Middle School, and KCAA Kuapa. The parade will start at Kamilo‘iki Park, then go to Lunalilo Home Drive, ending at Koko Marina Shopping Center.

Every year since 1998, the Waikīkī Parade ushers in the holiday season for locals by commemorating Pearl Harbor Survivors and the attacks that took place on December 7, 1941—while also preserving Polynesian culture. Thousands of spectators, residents, and visitors will be able to view local bands, marching bands from the mainland, Pearl Harbor Survivors, service bands, military units,

local officials, dignitaries, and entertainers.

The parade begins with warm-up and step-off from Fort DeRussy Park and ends at Queen Kapi‘olani Park. The torch-lit parade route travels approximately 1.5 miles along Waikīkī’s main thoroughfare, Kalākaua Avenue, with the festive scenery of Waikīkī Beach as the backdrop.

The parade was founded in 1998 by Jake Peppers. Through his experiences operating the Hula Bowl, Jake realized the need for a holiday parade. It was his passion for connecting with people that inspired and drove him to build the Waikīkī Holiday Parade, a ‘Hui Ana’ (gathering) of bands. Jake first connected with marching bands and parades in the 1990’s through his work with the University of Hawai‘i’s Hula Bowl, incorporating outrigger canoe regattas and races, golf and tennis tournaments and a parade.

For more information about the Hawai‘i Kai Parade, please contact Ken Nishibun at (808) 754-6605. For more information about the Waikīkī Holiday Parade, please visit [Waikīkī Holiday Parade—Commemorating Pearl Harbor](#).



Image Credit: Waikiki Holiday Parade

HAWAII RESIDENTS NOW ABLE TO CLAIM UNCLAIMED LIFE INSURANCE BENEFITS

Every year millions of dollars in life insurance benefits go unclaimed because beneficiaries are unable to locate the necessary information to claim the benefits or they are uninformed about the process. In response, the Hawai'i Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (DCCA) Insurance Division is featuring a free resource.

Through the Life Insurance Policy Locator, consumers can now locate insurance policies and annuity contracts of deceased loved ones. This service is offered by the National Association of Insurance

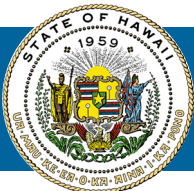
Commissioners (NAIC), a free, online tool designed to assist individuals in searching for lost or forgotten insurance policies. If the policy is located, the annuity company or insurer will reach out directly to inform the beneficiary about benefits.

Hawai'i Insurance Commissioner Scott Saiki said, "The loss of a loved one can create a heavy financial burden on families, but life insurance is meant to ease that burden. Using this tool can help ensure those benefits are rightfully received." The locator has already made a positive impact. Over \$5.7 million in benefits are being claimed and more than 234 policies were recovered and returned to Hawai'i residents through the use of this tool.

Access the [Life Insurance Policy Locator](#) on visit the NAIC website. For questions, consumers can contact the DCCA Insurance Division at 808-586-2790. Don't miss out on benefits you may be entitled to—check the Life Insurance Policy Locator today!



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