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ACLU OF HAWAI'I CAMPAIGNS

- DECRIMINALIZING POVERTY

- End the use of houseless “sweeps”
- Eliminate cash bail in favor of alternatives that do not lock folks up for lack of resources
- Decriminalize low-level and quality of life offenses.

- REIMAGINING POLICING

- Educate the public about policing in Hawai'i and why it needs to change.
- Redirect funding to non-law enforcement solutions.
- Increase police accountability and curb police abuse of power
- Build a coalition of individuals, organizations, and directly impacted people.
- Create state cause of action against police for constitutional violations.

- SMART JUSTICE

- Achieve categorical use of the Governor's clemency power in order to release:
 - people who would serve a lesser sentence, if convicted under current laws;
 - people convicted of drug distribution/possession offenses, regardless of underlying substance;
 - people incarcerated for technical probation or parole violations;
 - kupuna
- Create pathways and expand access to real, meaningful, successful, reentry support

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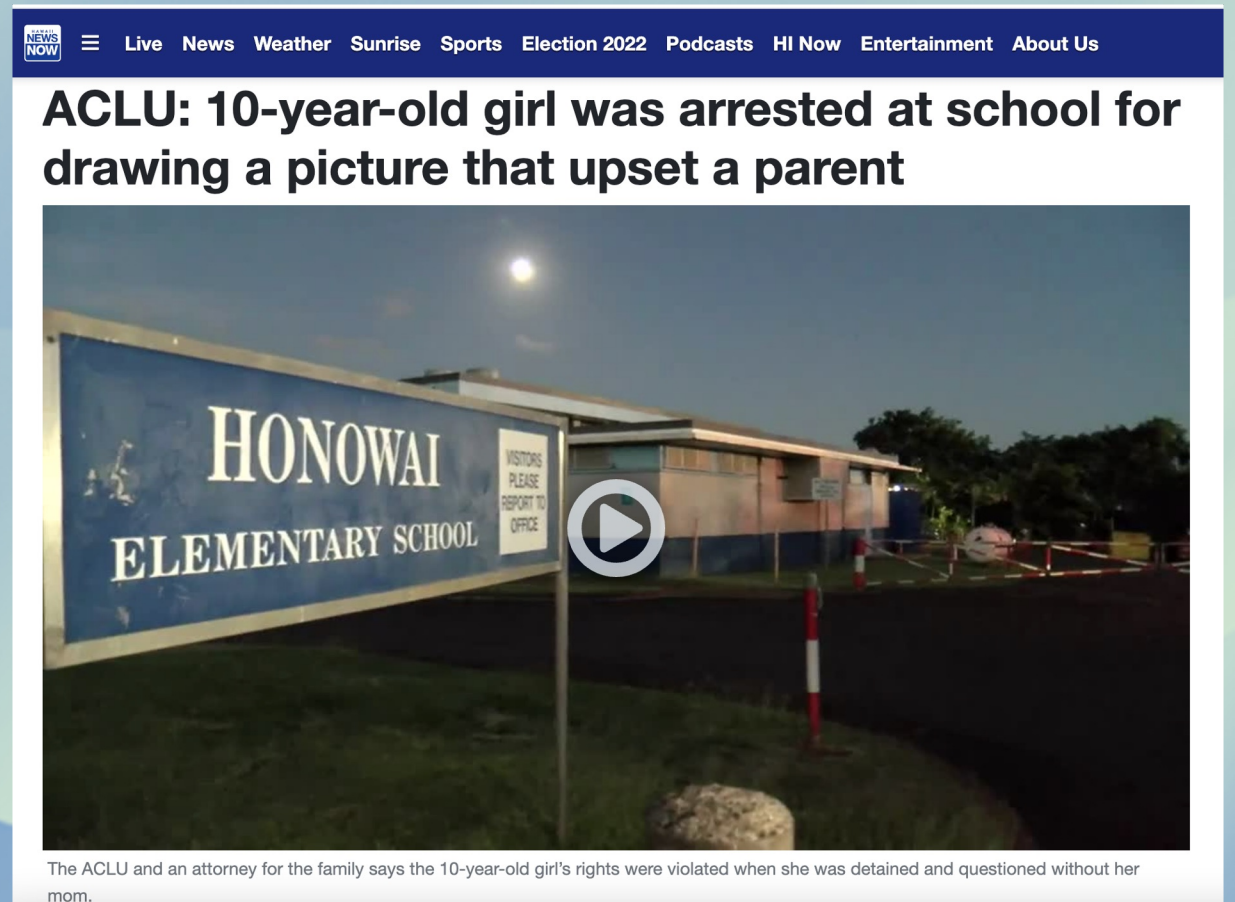
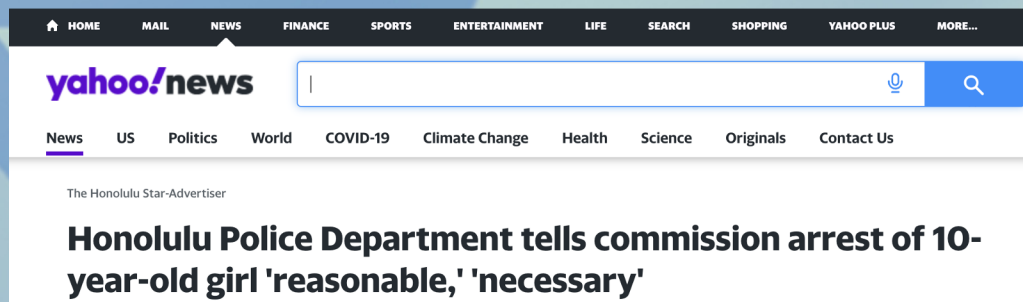
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LEGAL:

Tamara Taylor vs. City and County of Honolulu, et al.



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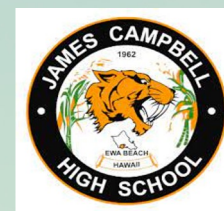
A.B., et al., vs. HI DOE and Oahu Interscholastic Association



Sex Discrimination Case in Hawaii Could Change High School Sports Across the U.S.

It is rare for Title IX cases to go to trial. In Hawaii, a looming case could be a landmark stress test for the 50-year-old law.

Ashley Badis played water polo at James Campbell High School, but her team's season was jeopardized because the school didn't hire a coach. Her dad stepped in. Marie Eriel Hobro for The New York Times



POLICY

- Introductions
- Legislative 2022 Wrap-Up
- Legislative Priorities 2023
- Building Relationships, Community Empowerment and Transformation

Public Policy Advocacy Goals

- Work with law and policy makers to ensure the necessary statutes exist to protect our civil rights and civil liberties
- Co-build and sustain a movement to shift power and advance civil rights and liberties
- Long term relationship building, community empowerment and transformation

Legislative Priorities 2022

- Bail Reform (HB 1567)
- Probation and Parole Reform
- Clean Slate
- Appropriations for diversion, rehabilitation and re-entry
- Moratorium on building new jails and prisons
 - Budget Strategy

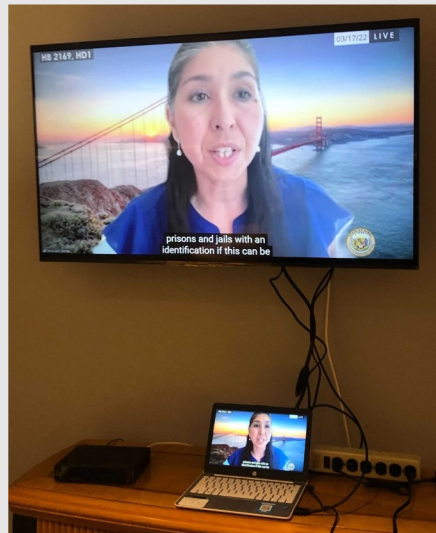




Planning for new Oahu jail hits snag over state funding

<https://tinyurl.com/starad>

“Criminal justice reform continues to be a priority for the House,” Luke said in her speech.



2022 Legislative Victories

- Reentry – Diversion funding, Limited IDs, Restorative Justice Reentry Planning Circles, Minimum Release date, etc.
- SB206 Relating to Rentals - Housing Discrimination Source of Income
- SB 2115 - Room Confinement for Youth
- ***Other:*** Department of Hawaiian Homelands \$600 million in funding, menstrual equity bill, LGTBQ+ Commission, and defeated bad bills



Legislative Priorities 2023

POLICING DATA COLLECTION

Police departments in all counties will be required to submit an annual report to the State Legislature and to each police departments' website. Data collected will include: traffic and pedestrian stops, arrests, use of force, misconduct, demographic information and other data points. Comprehensive and uniform data is integral towards advancing effective, transparent and accountable policing responsive to communities served.

PRETRIAL FAIRNESS

The proposed measure creates a presumption that a person charged with a crime will be released without conditions unless the State proves by clear and convincing evidence that detention is necessary to prevent flight from jurisdiction, specific danger to other individuals and/or obstruction of justice.

CLEAN SLATE

This measure will expand eligibility for expungement beyond arrests and limited number of offenses. It would require the State to create a system that automates record clearance and requires automatic clearance upon eligibility of the record. This would also include arrest records, misdemeanor records, and eligibility of limited felony records.

WE ALSO SUPPORT:

- Abortion Access
- Cannabis Decriminalization
- Driving Without a License
- Elimination of Fines and Fees for Youth in the Juvenile System

Building Relationships

- Lawmakers and staff & state officials
- Hawai'i Correctional Systems Oversight Commission
- Transformative Justice Partners



The Power of Coalitions

**ABORTION IS
SAFE, LEGAL
AND AVAILABLE
IN HAWAII**



**WHO TO
CALL AND
TRUST:**

Women's Options Center:
(808) 686-4690

Planned Parenthood Hawaii:
(800) 769-0045

www.HawaiiAbortionCollective.com

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**SERHENETEE'S
CASH BAIL
STORY**

**MAKE IT
HAPPEN**

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What: Cash Bail Coalition Statement
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – JUNE 10, 2022

COALITION OF ORGANIZATIONS RELEASE STATEMENT AFFIRMING NEED FOR CASH BAIL REFORMS

HONOLULU – The call for Governor Ige's veto of HB 1567, a modest bail reform bill that passed the legislature last month, by the four county mayors, Prosecuting Attorney Alm and opponents of bail reform is based on misinformation and false claims about cash bail. In response to the misinformation, Faith Action for Community Equity in coalition with 30 organizations across the State, including Hawai'i Health & Harm Reduction Center, Community Alliance on Prisons, ACLU of Hawai'i, Papa Ola Lōkahi, League of Women Voters, Americans for Democratic Action, Maui Economic Opportunity, Going Home Hawai'i and others, have released a joint statement that clarifies the facts about the bail system, bail reform, and its impact on public safety.

"We came together as a coalition to counter the dissemination of misinformation and harmful narratives about cash bail and the people it impacts," said Lee Curran, Vice President of Laity at Faith Action. "We are committed to transformative justice for the long term, including bail reform and putting community supports and accountability in place to best facilitate the safety and well being of all members of our communities."

"Many public officials and opponents calling for a veto had months to engage in the legislative process, yet failed to do so," said Carrie Ann Shiota, Policy Director at the ACLU of Hawai'i. "More puzzling is that representatives from the Police, Prosecutors, and Attorney General's office participated in the [Hawai'i Criminal Pretrial Task Force](#) and jointly recommended expanding alternatives to pretrial detention and eliminating the use of money bail for low-level offenses, yet now they oppose this modest measure to challenge an unequal pretrial system." Shiota also noted an [analysis of HB1567](#) released by ACLU Hawai'i that highlights the minimal impact of the bill on pretrial populations due to the long list of exemptions.

"Investing time and resources into proven community-based solutions is what will keep our communities safe," said Kylie Akiona, a co-facilitator of Faith Action's Transformative Justice Taskforce. Serhenetee Tonumaipea, a member of the Faith Action Taskforce who also participates in the Bail Reform Project at University of Hawai'i at Mānoa echoed this sentiment, adding, "The broad support for this coalition statement speaks to the change we all agree is needed in the cash bail system."

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WHY BAIL REFORM?

Approximately 1,000 community members are currently locked up in Hawai'i's overcrowded jails despite being legally innocent.

Our current pretrial system is badly broken. It sends poor people to jail while they await trial simply because they can't afford to post bail.

It is unconstitutional to let the size of someone's wallet determine their right to freedom.

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MYTH:
Cash bail keeps us safe.

FACT:
Research shows that
money bail has no correlation
with public safety.*

*Sources: Hawai'i State Legislature's HCRI34 Taskforce, Harvard Law Review, National Press Foundation

Community Empowerment & Transformation

- Road to Restoration Clinic on Maui (Act 59)
- Partner with Maui County Bar Association, African American Lawyers Association, Speak Out & Up Law Firm, & Maui Reentry Hui



ROAD TO RESTORATION

Do you have a driver license or car registration "stopper"? You may be able to clear it!

SCAN ME

REGISTER NOW TO BEGIN THE PROCESS TO RESTORE YOUR DRIVER'S LICENSE

Traffic "stoppers" or administrative holds on a driver's license or car registration after a person is unable to pay a traffic or parking ticket. Act 59 ended this harmful and counterproductive practice but too many people don't know how to clear their record.

J. WALTER CAMERON CENTER
(95 Mahalani Street Wailuku, HI 96793)
NOVEMBER 19, 2022
10:00AM - 2:00PM

REQUIREMENTS

- Register by Monday, November 14th at tinyurl.com/MCBARestoration
- Driver's License Number
- Current and previous vehicles registered

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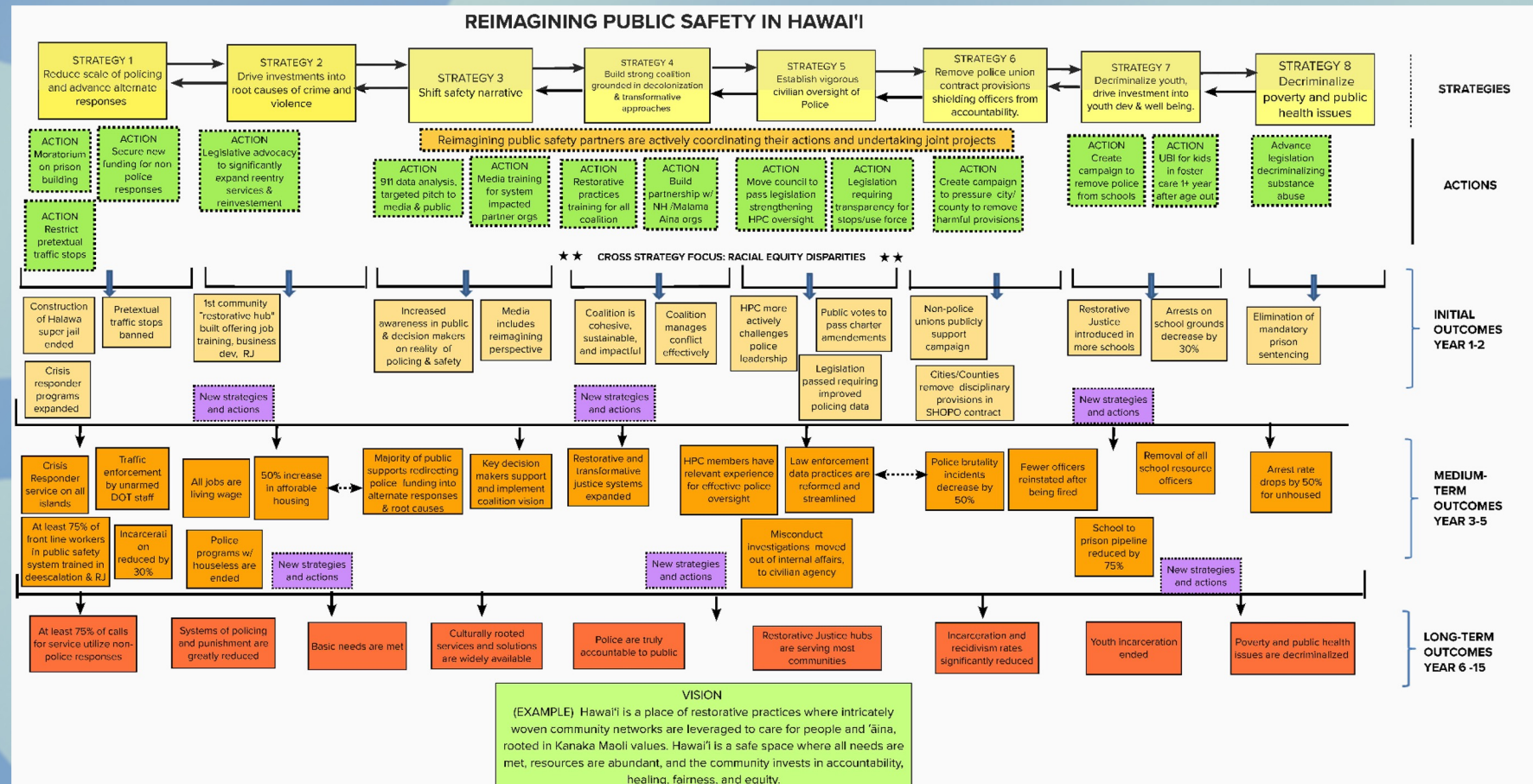
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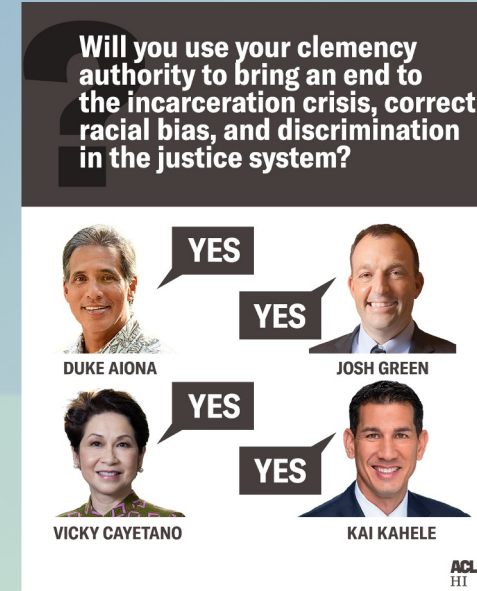
Maui County Bar Association
Maui Reentry Hui
Speak Out & Up Law
ACLU Hawaii

Community Consultation & Engagement

Policy Consultants - Dr. RaeDeen Keahiolalo and Liam Chinn



Community Education



FIELD ORGANIZING



What is Field's Purpose?

- People Power
- Volunteer Action Network
- Centering Impacted People

FIELD:

2022 Legislative Highlights

- 650+ calls into target districts
- 8800+ texts sent
- 1000+ action forms submitted = thousands of emails to lawmakers
- These efforts led to some major wins: we blocked the release of \$15 million for a new jail and helped secure funding for community-based organizations providing diversion, rehabilitation, and reentry support services

FIELD: Re-Entry Summit



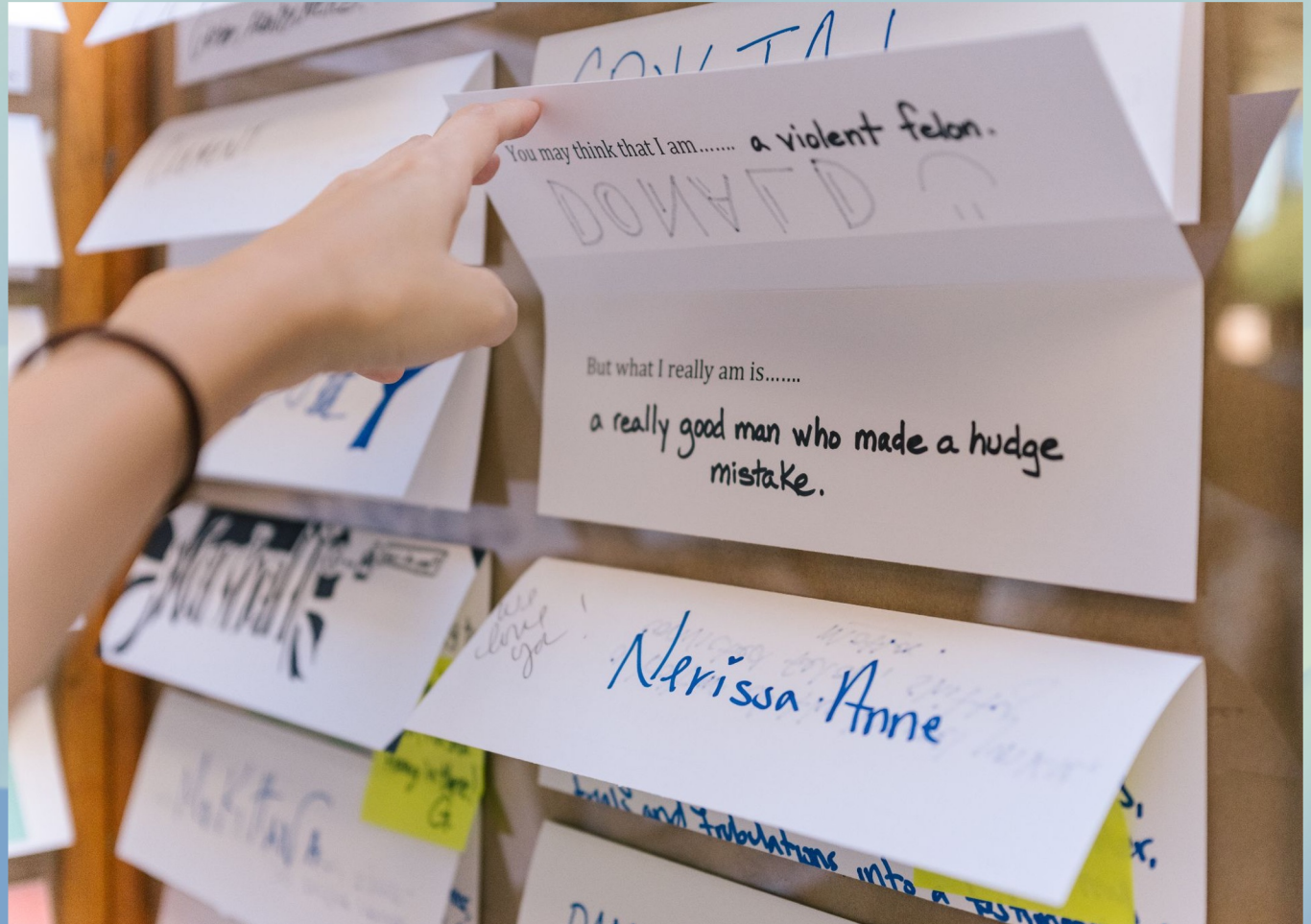
HUI HO'IWAI REENTRY SUMMIT

ho'i: to signify return
ho'iwai: the part of the lo'i system
where the diverted water
returns to where it belongs



Hui Ho'iwai

A working group of advocacy and reentry organizations striving to empower our communities and fighting to end the dehumanization of incarcerated people.





HUI HO'IWAI 2022 REENTRY SUMMIT DAY 1 PILLAR

Mohala i ka wai ka maka o ka pua.

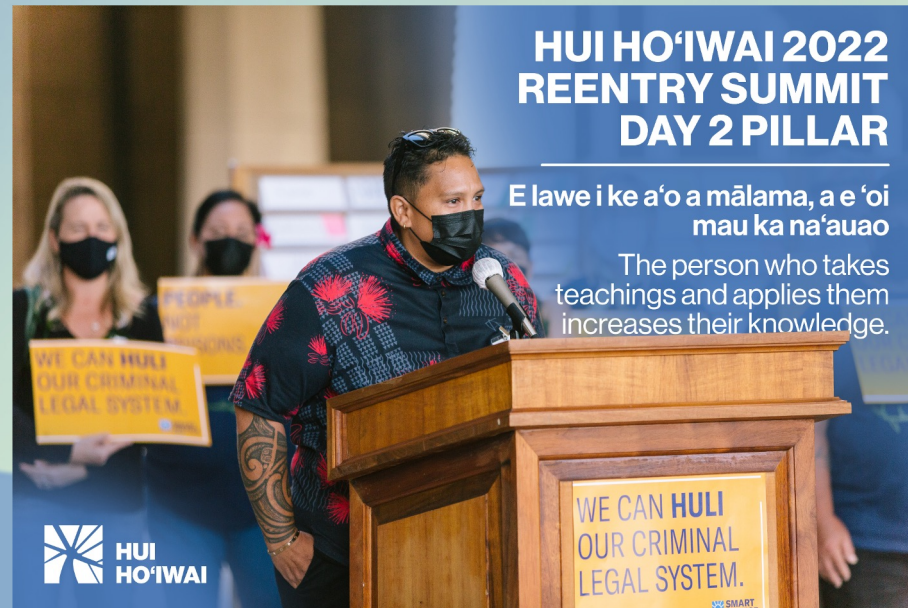
Unfolded by the water are the faces of the flowers, flowers thrive where there is water as thriving people are found where living conditions are good.



HUI HO'IWAI 2022 REENTRY SUMMIT DAY 2 PILLAR

E lawe i ke a'ō a mālama, a e 'oi mau ka na'auao

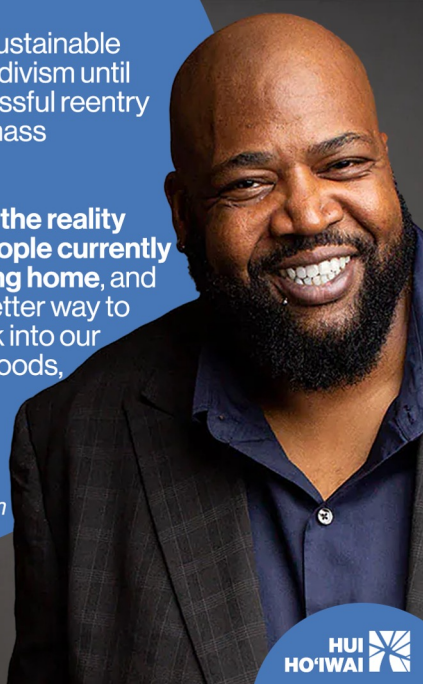
The person who takes teachings and applies them increases their knowledge.



“There can be no sustainable drop in rates of recidivism until we embrace successful reentry as an antidote for mass incarceration.

We must embrace the reality that 95% of the people currently in prison are coming home, and we have to find a better way to onboard them back into our families, neighborhoods, and communities.”

Lewis Conway Jr.,
ACLU National
Communities & Coalition
Storyteller





FIELD: Redemption Campaign



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