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ACLU OF HAWAI‘I CAMPAIGNS

DECRIMINALIZING POVERTY

- End the use of houseless “sweeps”
- Eliminate cash bail
- Decriminalize low-level and quality of life offenses.

SMART JUSTICE

- Reduce the number and rate of incarcerated people in Hawai‘i by 50%
- Reduce and eliminate racial disparities
- Achieve categorical use of the Governor’s clemency power to release:
 - people who would serve lesser sentences under current laws;
 - people convicted of drug distribution/possession offenses, regardless of underlying substance;
 - people incarcerated for technical violations;
 - kupuna
- Create pathways and expand access to real, meaningful, successful, reentry support

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.

LEGAL

In 2023, the Legal Team



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BREAKING

ACLU Hawai'i demands Hawai'i County to stop the sweeps of houseless communities




PLAN C FILM SCREENING

September 14, 2023 5:30-8:00pm
Hub Coworking Hawai'i
RSVP at bit.ly/hiplanc23


A documentary following the grassroots fight for abortion pill access across the United States, keeping hope alive during a global pandemic and following the overturn of *Roe v. Wade*.



The Massie Trials



Race, Honor, and Justice in Depression-Era Hawaii



United States District Courthouse
District of Hawai'i, Thursday, May 11, 2023 at 1:30 p.m.

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BREAKING

ACLU HAWAI'I DEMANDS MAUI COUNTY STOP PLANNED SWEEPS OF UNHOUSED LAHAINA FIRE SURVIVORS



Mahelona v. C&C of HNL

- Complaint challenging the constitutionality of sweeps on state law grounds filed on July 26, 2023.
- Evidentiary hearing on preliminary injunction held on October 4, 2023.
- Trial scheduled for September 30, 2024.
- Discovery is ongoing.



Davis v. Michael P. Victorino, et al.

- We are currently defending against Maui County's appeal of a Second Circuit Court Order that affirmed houseless residents' constitutional due process rights over their personal property.

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**JOIN US TO SUPPORT OUR
HOUSELESS NEIGHBORS!**

WHAT: Oral arguments for case challenging houseless sweeps in Maui

WHEN: December 14, 2023
2-3pm HST

WHERE: Hawai'i Supreme Court
(Ali'iōlani Hale)
417 S King St.

CONTACT: action@acluhawaii.org
(808) 380-5422

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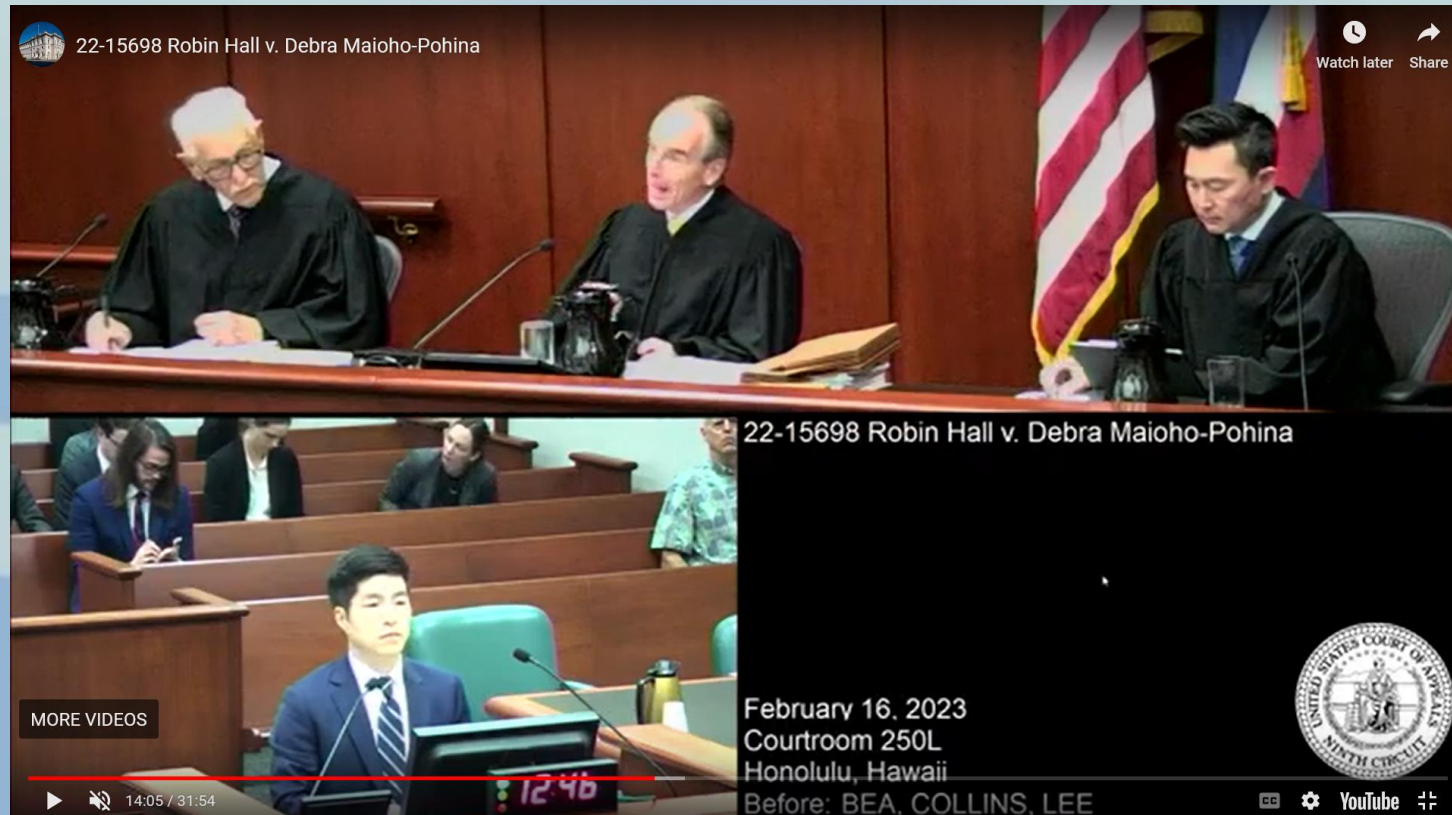
A.B., et al., vs. HI DOE and Oahu Interscholastic Association

- Congratulations to Ashley Badis for receiving the ESPN Billie Jean King Youth Leadership Award
- Settlement reached!
- Monitoring ongoing.



Hall v. C&C of HNL, et al.

- 9th Circuit Oral Arguments defending the Federal District Court's denial of qualified immunity.
- Trial is currently scheduled for October 21, 2024.
- Discovery is ongoing.



POLICY

Legislative Victories

ACLU OF HAWAII

2023

LEGISLATIVE WRAP-UP REPORT

Abortion &
Reproductive
Rights

Clemency &
Expungement

Policing Use of
Force

LGTBQ+
Rights

Pay Equity
Transparency

Death in
Custody
Reporting

Defeated &
Amended bad
bills

Budget Justice 101: Why Care About Government Budgets

HONOLULU CIVIL BEAT SUPPORT US

Legislature 2023

Hawaii Governor Axes \$71M For First Responders Campus

A billion dollar drop in tax collections prompts Gov. Josh Green to prioritize homeless initiatives, affordable housing, health care and environment in the state budget.

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By Chad Blair

June 14, 2023

"Hawai'i continues to spend millions of taxpayer dollars on corrections. We spend nearly \$80,000 per year to incarcerate one adult but less than \$10,000 to educate a keiki in our public schools. Even with the high dollar amount spent on incarceration, we still have a 40-60% (and increasing) recidivism rate."

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WHERE OUR MONEY GOES MATTERS.

Why Hawai'i needs a true peoples' budget...

SWIPE →

Photo: Honolulu Magazine

Cannabis Clemency Program (H.C.R. 51)

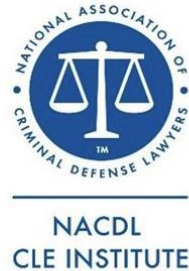
Community Voice

Hawaii's Governor Should Ramp Up Cannabis Clemency Efforts

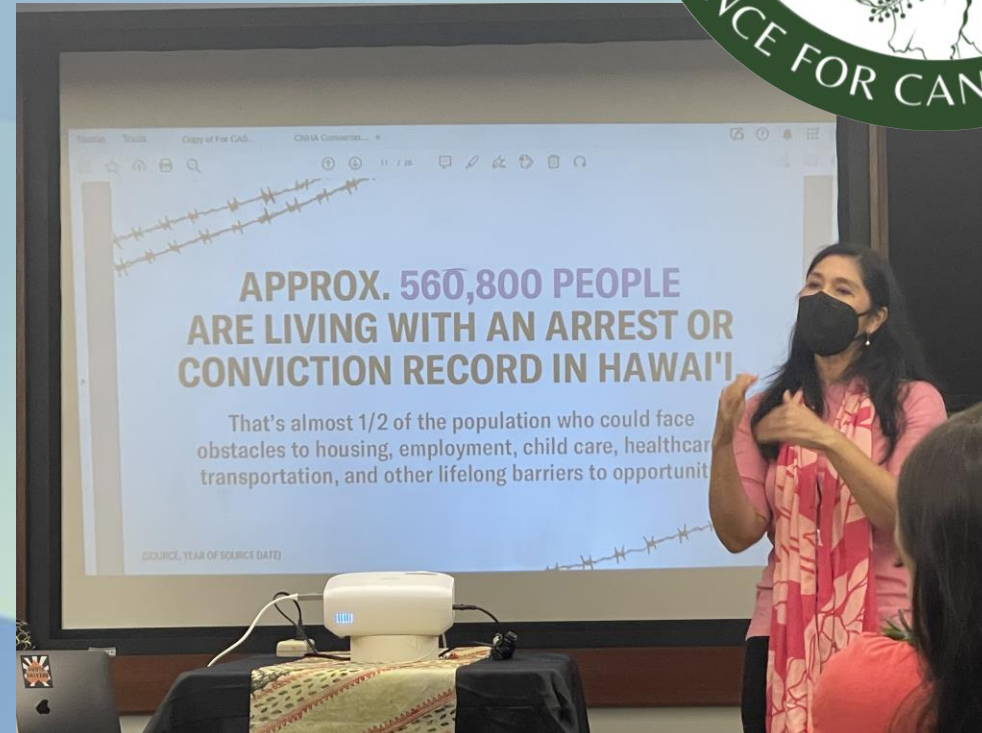
Josh Green has it in his power to serve as a model for other state leaders.

By Carrie Ann Shirota, Frank Stiefel

July 5, 2023 · 4 min read



The Power of Collaboration: Building Coalitions & Partnerships



Community Education

Shifting Narratives - Reimagining Public Safety



HAWAII NEWS NOW

Live News

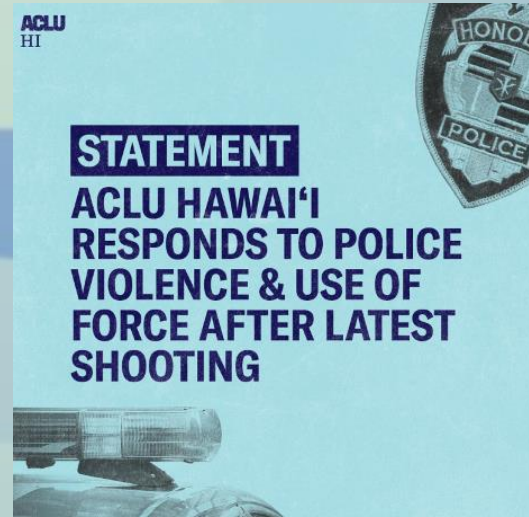
Prison reform advocates outraged over \$10M allocated for new OCCC

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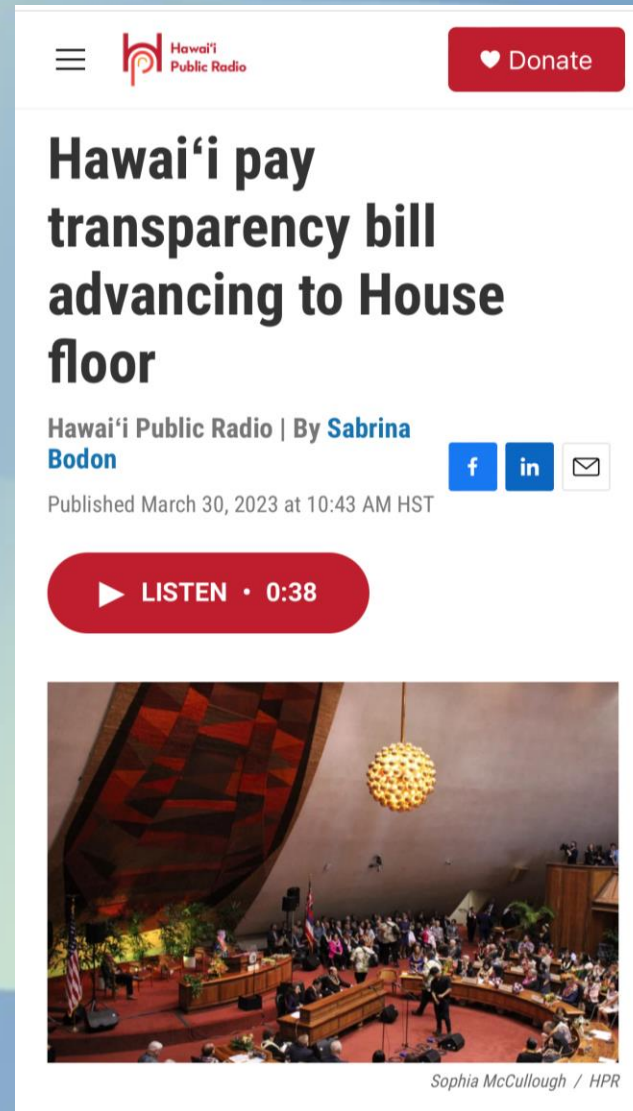
This screenshot shows a news article from Hawaii News Now. The headline is "Prison reform advocates outraged over \$10M allocated for new OCCC" with a sub-headline "Critics say the money can be better spent." Below the text is a video player showing a news anchor at a desk with the Hawaii News Now logo.



STATEMENT
ACLU HAWAII
RESPONDS TO POLICE
VIOLENCE & USE OF
FORCE AFTER LATEST
SHOOTING

This graphic features the ACLU HI logo, a Honolulu Police Department badge, and a police light bar. The text reads: "STATEMENT ACLU HAWAII RESPONDS TO POLICE VIOLENCE & USE OF FORCE AFTER LATEST SHOOTING".

"The system is not working, we just have a revolving door, and we need to get to the root pathways to crime, and that's not just by warehousing people locking them up and throwing away the key."



Hawai'i Public Radio


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Hawai'i pay transparency bill advancing to House floor

Hawai'i Public Radio | By [Sabrina Bodon](#)

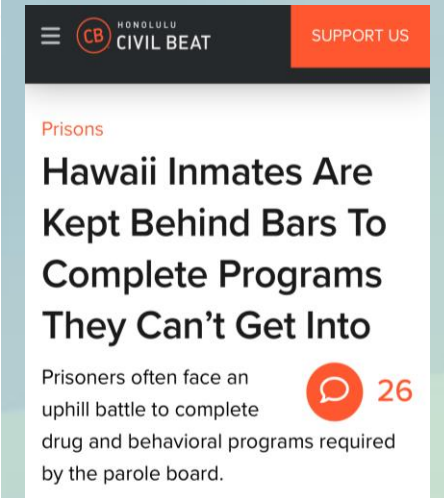
Published March 30, 2023 at 10:43 AM HST

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Sophia McCullough / HPR

This screenshot shows a news article from Hawaii Public Radio. The headline is "Hawai'i pay transparency bill advancing to House floor" by Sabrina Bodon. It includes a "LISTEN • 0:38" button and a photo of a legislative session in the Hawaii House of Representatives.



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SUPPORT US

Prisons

Hawaii Inmates Are Kept Behind Bars To Complete Programs They Can't Get Into

Prisoners often face an uphill battle to complete drug and behavioral programs required by the parole board.

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This screenshot shows an article from Honolulu Civil Beat. The headline is "Hawaii Inmates Are Kept Behind Bars To Complete Programs They Can't Get Into" with a sub-headline "Prisoners often face an uphill battle to complete drug and behavioral programs required by the parole board." It features a comment count of 26.

"We are far too reliant on law enforcement and the criminal legal system in responding to domestic disturbances and public health crises, including mental illness, substance use, and poverty," – Carrie Ann Shiota.

Legislative & Policy Priorities 2024

Cannabis Legalization

Clean Slate

Pretrial Fairness

Reimagining Public Safety – Shifting the Public Narrative!

Change 23 in 24

CHANGE 23 IN 24 CAMPAIGN

Introduction

- **Goal** – Amend the Hawai'i State Constitution to remove discriminatory language restricting the right to marriage.
- Article I, Section 23 currently says: The legislature shall have the power to reserve marriage to opposite-sex couples. [HB (1997) and election Nov 3, 1998]”
- Why now? **Dobbs** decision and it's the right thing to do!



CHANGE 23 IN 24 CAMPAIGN Coalition Steering Committee

- Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement
- Hawai'i Health & Harm Reduction
- Hawai'i LGBT Legacy Foundation
- Papa Ola Lōkahi
- ACLU of Hawai'i



MORE TO COME!

CHANGE 23 IN 24 CAMPAIGN

Historical Background

- **1993** – Hawai ‘i Supreme Court's Baehr v. Lewin ruling that refusing to grant marriage licenses to same-sex couples was discriminatory under the state’s constitution.
- **1997** - Hawai ‘i State Legislature passed a proposed constitutional amendment to overrule the Court's decision.
- **1998** - Hawai ‘i voters approved the amendment granting the Legislature the power to reserve marriage to opposite-sex couples by 69.2%.
- **2013** - 20 years later, the legislature legalized same-sex marriage with the Hawai ‘i Marriage Equality Act.

CHANGE 23 IN 24 CAMPAIGN

Hawai'i Constitutional Amendment Process

- 1. The legislature may propose amendments to the constitution by adopting the same, in the manner required for legislation, by a two-thirds vote of each chamber on final reading at any session.**
- 2. The amendment shall be effective only if approved at a general election by a 51% majority of all the votes tallied.**

BLANK VOTES ON THE QUESTION = NO VOTES

CHANGE 23 IN 24 CAMPAIGN Voter Engagement Strategy

- Question placed on the ballot for the General Election.
- Once the legislative session ends, efforts will shift to voter engagement and education.
- All communications and materials should remind voters about blank votes.



CHANGE 23 IN 24 CAMPAIGN

Get Out the Vote & Education

- Canvassing & literature drops in high turn-out districts.
- Media buys (radio ads, digital ads, streaming ads, social media ads)
- Sign waving
- Tabling at selected events
- Phone banking
- Donations welcomed!



To learn more about this campaign,
visit <https://change23.org/>

FIELD ORGANIZING



What is Field's Purpose?

- People Power!
- Build relationships and/in community
- Center Impacted People
- **Nothing that's won in courtrooms or legislatures stays won without community organizing to build people power.**

FIELD HIGHLIGHTS

- 550+ calls into target districts
- 1000+ action forms submitted = thousands of emails to lawmakers
- 21 targeted emails
- These efforts led to some major wins: we stopped the funding for the building of a “Cop City”, advanced reproductive rights, and more!

BUILDING & BROADENING OUR AUDIENCE

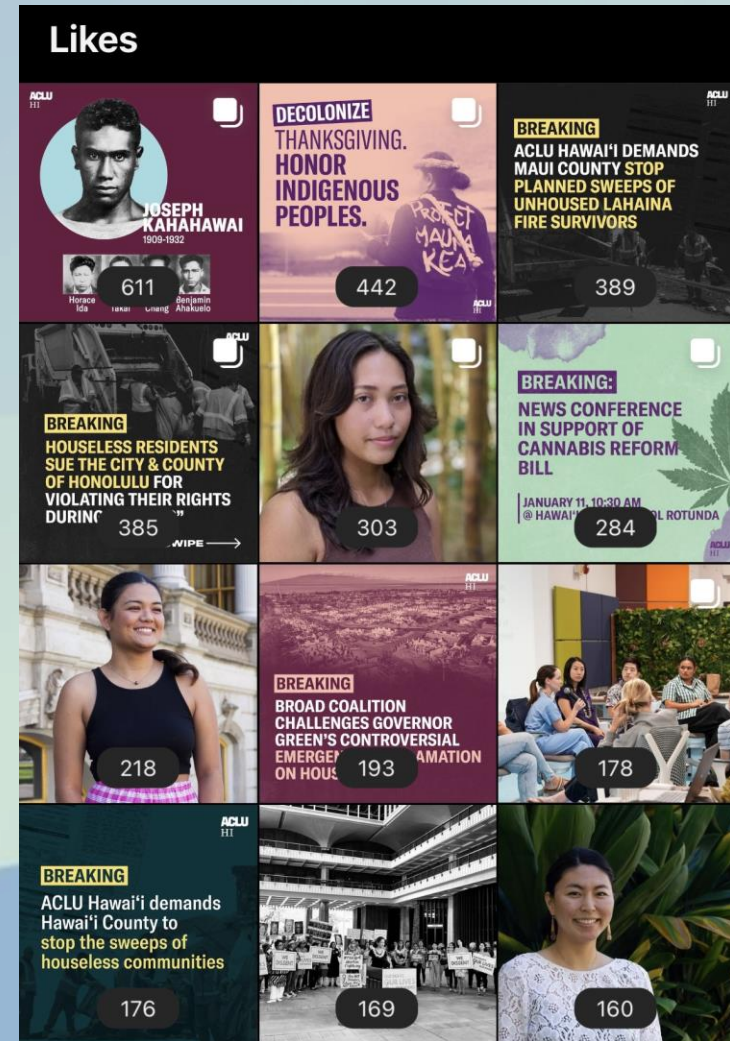
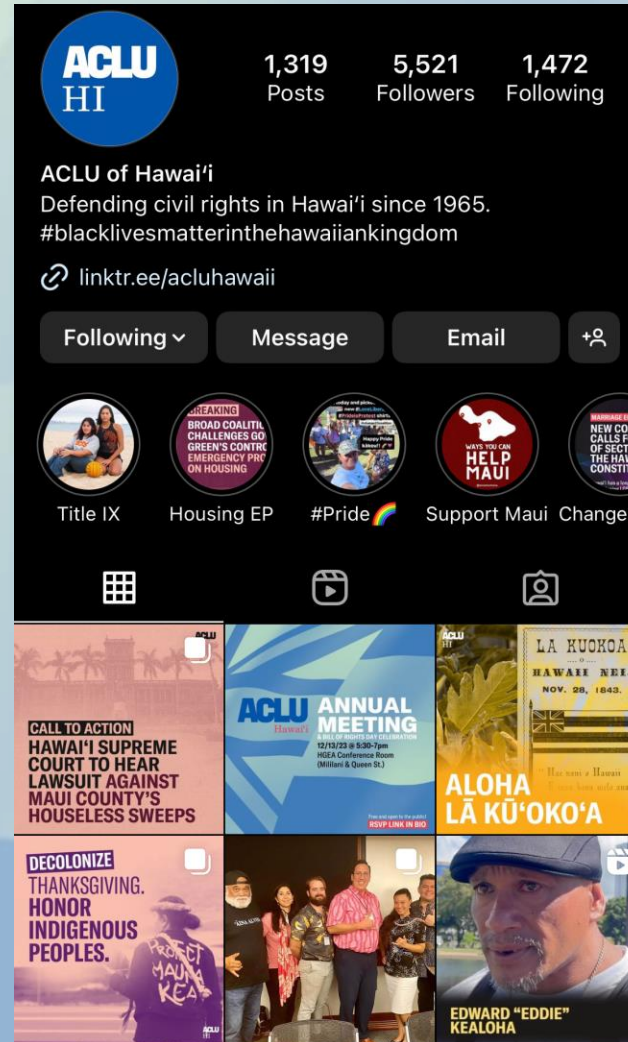
Instagram (@acluhawaii)

58 posts

5.5k followers

8,435 likes

84.6k accounts reached



COMMUNITY OUTREACH & ENGAGEMENT EVENTS

- Legislative Advocacy Training
- "It Takes A Village" Hawai 'i Island Prosecutor & Hawai 'i [Island] County
- Going Home Hawai 'i Reentry Summit
- "PLAN C" Film Screening
- Hālawā Correctional Facility (HCF) Reentry Hui & He Alo a He Alo
- Honolulu Pride Parade & Festival
- Presentations:
UH Mānoa Classes, 2023 Ho 'iwai Summit, St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Hawai 'i Community College, Island School (Kaua 'i), Wai 'anae Moku Kūpuna Council

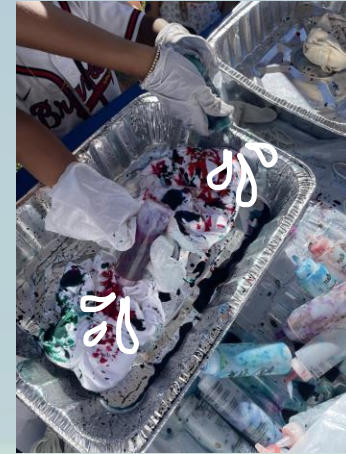
PLAN C FILM SCREENING



2023 GHH HO / IWAI REENTRY SUMMIT



HONOLULU PRIDE





COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Community Members!!

Community Alliance on Prisons

Change 23 Coalition

Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement (CNHA)

‘Ekolu Mea Nui

Generation Action Hawai ‘i

Going Home Hawai ‘i

Going Home Hawai ‘i Consortium

Hawai ‘i Abortion Collective (HAC)

Hawai ‘i Alliance for Cannabis Reform

Hawai ‘i Alliance for Progressive Action (HAPA)

Hawai ‘i Appleseed Center for Law and Economic Justice

Hawai ‘i Friends of Restorative Justice

Hawai ‘i Health & Harm Reduction Center (HHHRC)

Hawai ‘i Innocence Project (HIP)

Hawai ‘i LGBTQ Foundation

Hawai ‘i Women in Filmmaking

Hawai ‘i Workers Center

Honolulu Pride

Honolulu Tenants Union

HPC Task Force

Hui Ho ‘iwai

Ke Ola Mamo

Lāhui Foundation

Last Prisoner Project

Marijuana Policy Project

Native Hawaiian Legal Corporation

Papa Ola Lōkahi

Pouhana O Nā Wāhine

Planned Parenthood Hawai ‘i

Planned Parenthood Great Northwest, Hawai ‘i, Alaska, Indiana, Kentucky (PPGNHAIK)

Planned Parenthood Teen Counsel

Reentry Coalition

Reimagining Public Safety Coalition

River St. Community

SAG-AFTRA

Sustainable Chamber of Commerce

The Legal Clinic (Immigration Law & Justice Network Hawai ‘i)

University of Hawai ‘i Community Design Center

University of Hawai ‘i Mānoa Faculty

Wai ‘anae Moku Kūpuna Council

William S. Richardson School of Law

Wisdom Circles Oceania

Worth Rises

TAKE ACTION: Join our Community

- **Become a Member**
- **Donate to the ACLU of
Hawai'i Foundation**
- **Volunteer with us**
- **Follow us on social media**
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