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2023 YEAR IN REVIEW

Mahalo a nui for supporting the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU of Hawai'i) in 2023! We faced many challenges, but with your support, we also saw some major victories towards a more equitable and just Hawai'i!

DECRIMINALIZING POVERTY

We cannot criminalize our way out of houselessness. That's why we're suing Honolulu and Maui counties for their harmful "sweeps" of houseless communities and their belongings via [Mahelona v. C&C of HNL](#) and [Davis v. Michael P. Victorino, et al.](#)

We continue to advocate for the elimination of cash bail, decriminalizing low-level and quality of life offenses, and measures that help ensure everyone's needs are met regardless of wealth.



SMART JUSTICE

We are still committed to the national ACLU's Smart Justice campaign with two deeply intersectional goals: to reduce the number and rate of incarcerated people in Hawai'i by 50%, and to eliminate racial disparities.

We successfully stopped the funding of a "Cop City," advocated for cannabis clemency and legalization as a partner in the Hawai'i Alliance for Cannabis Reform, partnered in Going Home Hawai'i's Reentry Summit, and advocated for a true peoples' state budget that invests in #PeopleNotPrisons.

Now and always, we advocate for safer communities, fewer people behind bars, categorical clemency, meaningful reentry support, and fewer taxpayer dollars wasted on unnecessary incarceration.

To learn more about our active legal matters, visit: <https://www.acluhi.org/en/cases>

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REIMAGINING POLICING

The guiding principles of this work acknowledge that policing does not address the root causes of crime and calls for reinvestment in genuine public safety: housing, healthcare, education, food, job security, and more.

We continue to move forward towards trial in Taylor vs. C&C of HNL, HI DOE, et al. and Hall v. C&C of HNL, et al. as part of our campaign to defend the constitutional rights of people harmed by police misconduct.

We also helped to pass two measures, SB151 and SB372, that required police departments to be transparent, accountable, and responsible to the communities that they claim to serve.



ABORTION ACCESS & LGBTQIA+ RIGHTS

Since 1965, our affiliate has continued to champion bodily autonomy, equitable access to healthcare, and marriage equality for everyone.

Our landmark Title IX lawsuit, A.B., et al., vs. HI DOE and OIA reached a settlement agreement ensuring girls at the school have the same athletic opportunities, access, treatment, and benefits in high school sports as boys.

We celebrated the passing of abortion access rights bill SB1 into law and are working in coalition with other partners on the Change 23 Campaign to constitutionally defend marriage equality! To learn more, visit: www.change23.org

We also took part in the 2023 Honolulu Pride Parade and Festival and hosted a film screening of the film PLAN C highlighting the work on the continent to make abortion equitable and accessible!

To learn more about our work this past legislative session, please check out our recently updated 2023 Legislative Wrap-Up Report: <https://bit.ly/leg2023wrap>

WE NEED YOU!

All this work was possible because of you, our community of members, supporters, and donors who generously gave of yourself. Together, we can make this immense impact. Please remain a part of this critical work, by donating to the ACLU of Hawai'i Foundation and/or volunteering with us for next legislative session! We need everyone to create the change we want to see!

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