

Statewide Independent Living Council of Hawaii (SILC)

September Annual Meeting Agenda

Date: September 17, 2026
Time: 10:00am - 1:00pm
Location (In Person): 1010 Richards St
Conference Room 210
Honolulu HI 96813

Location (Zoom):

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Oral testimony - Members of the public may present comments or testimony on each agenda item.

Written testimony: Written testimony may be submitted by one of the methods listed below:

- a. By email to info@hawaiiisilc.org
- b. By U.S. Postal Mail: Hawaii SILC, 643 Ilalo St, Suite 1000, Honolulu HI 96813

Meeting Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call & Establishment of Quorum
3. Review Independent Living Philosophy
4. Public reaffirmation by the Statewide Independent Living Council to the goals of the Independent Living Network
5. Approval of Today's Agenda

6. Approval of Minutes from August 6, 2026
7. Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC) Financial Report: quarterly review of SILC finances
8. Center for Independent Living (CIL) Reports
 - a. Quarterly update from Access to Independence
 - b. Quarterly update Aloha Independent Living Hawaii Community Reports
 - c. Quarterly update on activities from Division of Vocational Rehabilitation
 - d. Quarterly update on activities from Hawaii Disability Rights Center
 - e. Quarterly update on activities from State Council on Developmental Disabilities
 - f. Quarterly update on activities from Citizens for a Fair Americans with Disabilities Act Ride
 - g. Quarterly update on activities from Disability Communication Access Board
 - h. Quarterly update on activities from Center on Disability Studies
 - i. Update on activities from State Rehabilitation Council
9. Statewide Independent Living Council of Hawaii Quarterly Reports
 - a. Annual Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC) Activities Report: review of SILC activities aligned with the four goals of the Statewide Plan for Independent Living
10. Statewide Independent Living Council Votes:
 - a. Vote on changes to Policy and Procedures Manual
 - i. Section 4, number 4: add "on the State Plan for Independent Living": Proposed amendment adds the phrase "on the State Plan for Independent Living" to the Council member commitment regarding oversight.
 1. Current text: "I will fulfill my responsibilities without interfering in day-to-day operations of Centers for Independent Living or SILC staff, while collaborating with fellow Council members to provide appropriate oversight and guidance."
 2. Proposed text: "I will fulfill my responsibilities without interfering in day-to-day operations of Centers for Independent Living or SILC staff, while collaborating with fellow Council members to provide appropriate oversight and guidance on the State Plan for Independent Living."

- ii. Adopt a new Eligible Funds and Investment Policy and Procedures, to be contained within Section 1, establishing which Council funds are eligible for investment, a minimum liquidity requirement, permitted and prohibited investments, insurance and custody requirements, authorization of accounts and transfers, and oversight and reporting requirements.
 - b. Vote on adoption of the Community Needs Assessment: The survey instrument will be used by the Hawaii Independent Living Network to collect information from people with disabilities, their families, and service providers statewide about unmet needs, service gaps, and priorities for independent living. The data gathered will inform development of the next State Plan for Independent Living.
 - c. Vote on the Statewide Independent Living Council Executive Committee Slate for Fiscal Year 2027. Proposed slate: Patrick Gartside, Chairperson; Philip Ana, Vice Chairperson; Donald Sakamoto, Secretary; Annette Tashiro, Treasurer; Judy Guajardo, Executive Committee Member At-Large
- 11. Fiscal Year 2027 Statewide Independent Living Council Committee Overview and Statewide Independent Living Council Member Sign-Up for Committees
 - a. Executive Committee
 - b. Nominations Committee
 - c. Fiscal Committee
 - d. Advocacy Committee
 - e. Transportation Committee
 - f. State Plan for Independent Living Committee
 - g. Emergency Preparedness Committee
 - h. Engagement Committee
 - i. Survey Committee
- 12. Unfinished Business
 - a. Update on Dillingham Boulevard Access: pedestrian and sidewalk accessibility along Dillingham Boulevard during and after construction.
- 13. New Business
 - a. Updates on upcoming federal election accessibility issues.

- b. Update on a possible amendment to the State Plan for Independent Living, as recommended by the State Plan for Independent Living Committee. The proposed amendment would (1) strike Indicator 1.4.3, which provides that Centers for Independent Living will provide resource reports on the availability and services in each zip code, recommended for removal as duplicative of the quarterly reporting already required under Indicator 1.4.4; and (2) amend the Statewide Independent Living Council Resource Plan from the currently approved amount of \$101,615.00 to \$204,488.00 for fiscal year 2027, an increase of \$102,833.00. Informational update only; no action will be taken at this meeting. Council action and public testimony on the proposed amendment are anticipated at a future meeting.
- c. Discussion on timing of FY 2027 Statewide Independent Living Council meetings

14. Upcoming Community Events

- a. Young at Heart, September 25 and 26, 2026
- b. Hawaii Falls Prevention Workshop (Maui), Sep 25, 2026
- c. 2nd Annual Communication Access Conference, September 26, 2026
- d. National Federation of the Blind State Convention, October 9 and 10, 2026
- e. White Cane Walk, October 16, 2026
- f. Association of Programs for Rural Independent Living, October 23 - 25, 2026
- g. Lana'i Health Fair, November 7, 2026

15. Community Voices: SILC invites members of the disability community, allies, and community stakeholders to share their experiences, challenges, and goals with independent living.

16. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items: The public may speak on matters not on this agenda.

17. Adjournment

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How to Share Your Comments (Public Testimony)

We welcome your thoughts! You can share them by speaking at the meeting or by sending them in writing. To make sure council members can read your comments before the meeting, please try to send them at least 24 hours ahead of time. Comments sent later will still be accepted and shared as soon as possible.

Speaking at the Meeting

- You will have 3 minutes to speak on each topic on the agenda.
- If you have a disability and would like to request additional time as an accommodation, please let us know.

Sending Written Comments

Email: info@HawaiiSILC.org

Mail or Hand-Deliver: Statewide Independent Living Center, Attention: Amanda Lowe, 643 Ilalo St, Honolulu, HI. 96813

Meeting Procedures

- This meeting will be recorded.
- A quorum of Board members is required to be visible on screen.
- If quorum is not achieved at the beginning of the meeting or quorum is lost, the meeting will be stopped and cancelled.
- If a Board member leaves the meeting, the Board member will need to notify the Chairperson.

- Raise hand to speak unless called upon.
- For our phone in participants, dial *9 to mute or unmute, and *7 to raise your hand.