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HPHA LEGISLATIVE & GOVERNMENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Moving public health efforts in Hawaii toward health equity and a health-in-all-policies perspective

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WHO WE ARE

The Hawaii Public Health Association (HPHA) is an affiliate of the American Public Health Association and an association of community members, public health professionals, and organizations dedicated to improving public health. HPHA represents a membership of over 650 practitioners, professionals, and students in the field of public health statewide. HPHA also serves as a voice for public health professionals and as a repository for information about public health in the Pacific through efforts such as providing leadership, promoting advocacy, supporting coalitions for healthy communities, fostering networks and offering training opportunities.

What does the HPHA Legislative & Government Relations Committee Do?

- Represent a public health perspective to legislators and the community
- Move public health efforts in Hawaii in the direction of health equity and a health in all policies perspective
- Improve key public health issues in Hawaii through the legislative process
- Provide evidence-based testimony on public health issues

Health equity is when everyone has the opportunity to attain their highest level of health.



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HPHA Legislative Committee & Government Relations Priorities for 2016

Childhood health promotion and prevention (e.g. school health programs, obesity prevention)

Reproductive health (e.g. OTC oral contraception access, HPV vaccination access)

Access to nutritious food and food security (e.g. school meal programs, food deserts, underserved populations)

Built environment development (e.g. access to optimal food options within surrounding areas, safe pathways to promote physical activity)