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## ILWU endorses candidates who defend the rights of working people

HONOLULU—ILWU Local 142 released the complete list of the union endorsed candidates for congressional, state and county races (See page 8). Endorsements were made only in the Democratic Party races. Hawaii conducts a single party primary election where voters select candidates from the party of their choice. Therefore, ILWU members, families and friends are urged to take a Democratic ballot in the Primary Election on Saturday, August 13, 2016.

Three levels of endorsements were made:

- An “endorsement” of a candidate means that the union and their families are urged to vote and support the candidate. The union and its officers may actively support the candidate.
- An “open endorsement” means that the union has no recommendation for the race and members are free to vote for any candidate. However, ILWU officers and stewards should not publicly support any candidate, as that can be seen to mean support by the union.
- A “no endorsement” means members are urged NOT to support or vote for any of the candidates in that race.

ILWU has endorsed the following candidates for Congress: Brian Schatz for U.S. Senate, Colleen Hanabusa for U.S. House District 1, and Tulsi Gabbard for U.S. House District 2.

Schatz, Hanabusa and Gabbard have a long history of defending the rights of working people. They share the same visions, goals and principles of the ILWU and have dedicated their public service as strong advocates for Hawaii’s middle-class families, seniors, and our veterans. We can depend on them to work hard to



**U.S. Representative District 1 candidate Colleen Hanabusa spent time with ILWU members’ and employees’ children when she participated in an Oahu Division Executive Board Family Night in 2014. Hanabusa has deep roots in Hawaii and shares the political and social views that have made the ILWU a progressive and forward looking union.**

maintain and fix our infrastructure (such as highways and bridges), stimulate job growth by investing in education, protect workers and the environment, and to preserve Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid.

### Get out the vote

Voting is an important right in our society. By voting, YOU are making your voice heard. Be sure to vote—either by absentee mail ballot or at the polls on August 13, 2016. If you need help getting to the polls, call your union office.

The last day to register to vote in the primary election is July 14, 2016. If you miss that deadline, you can still register to vote in the General Election which will be held on November 8, 2016. You must register by October 10, 2016 to vote in the General Election.

Get the new Wikiwiki Voter Registration and Permanent Absentee Application form (request for mail ballot) at [elections.hawaii.gov/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/VR-PAB-English.pdf](http://elections.hawaii.gov/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/VR-PAB-English.pdf) or call your Division office.

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## Bouslog Scholarships recipients announced

**ILWU family members encouraged to apply—16 more scholarships could have been given out**

The Harriet Bouslog Labor Scholarship Fund (HBLSF) has announced its 2016 class of scholarship awardees.

According to President of the Harriet Bouslog Scholarship Fund Mark Bernstein, scholarship recipients are currently attending UH Manoa, Hilo, Hawaii Community College and West Oahu. “We need applicants from Maui, Kauai, Leeward Oahu, Honolulu Community College (CC), Windward CC and Kapiolani CC,” Bernstein said.

### List of 2016 scholars

Big Island recipients include Xandia Akau, daughter of Ernette Akau from Hilton Waikoloa Village; Alexis Cabrera, granddaughter of Evelina Cabrera from

Hilton Waikoloa Village; Alanna L.K. Souza, granddaughter of Joseph R. Faisca, Sr. from Kohala Sugar Company; and Tiare Lee-Shibuya, niece of Jovena Moses from Punaluu Bake Shop.

Maui awardees are: Celina J. Hayashi, granddaughter of Pedro Sebastian Macadangdang from Wailuku Sugar Company; and Raymond Andrade, nephew of Michelle Takahama from Grand Wailea Resort.

There were three recipients from Oahu: Kapena K. Aveiro, nephew of Kapena Kanaiaupuni from Pacific Beach Hotel; Colleen Garrett, daughter of Brenda Jean Garrett from Kaiser Permanente Hawaii; and Kolton Pugay, son of Edward Pugay from Love’s Bakery.

“While we are grateful for the applications we received for this Fall, HBLSF still had 16 scholarships that should have been given away to family members of ILWU Local 142,” Bernstein

noted. “We find that many students and their families are paying 100% of the tuition at UH campuses when they could be receiving up to \$2,000 a semester depending on the campus. We also see that many students are coming in to the program as sophomores, juniors, seniors and graduate students. HBLSF would have loved to have distributed tuition to qualified ILWU 142 members.”

### About the Harriet Bouslog Labor Scholarship

Established in 1989 by Harriet Bouslog and her husband Stephen T. Sawyer, the HBLSF recognizes the historical achievements of the ILWU and the union’s economic, social, and political contributions to Hawaii. Harriet spent much of her life in service to ILWU members, starting with her first job as an attorney for the union—which was to defend sugar workers during the 1946

sugar strike. According the the HBLSF website, Harriet wrote:

I am proud of my work from November 1946 to December 31, 1978 because I feel my efforts as an attorney contributed to the great achievements of the ILWU accomplished in organizing the workers in Hawai’i on the vast sugar and pineapple plantations as well as the longshoremen. The conflict of forces led strikes to improve working and living conditions, and to put pressures on both law and custom effecting the social, civic, and political participation of the great non-white masses in the community life of the Islands.

For more information about the HBLSF please visit [harrietbouslog.com](http://harrietbouslog.com).

# News from The Dispatcher



The Coast Longshore Division held its caucus in Panama from April 18-22. The historic meeting demonstrated the strong bonds of solidarity between the newly formed Panama Canal Division of the ILWU and the Longshore Division. The event drew substantial media interest from Panamanian press.

## Coast Longshore Division Caucus convenes for historic meeting in Panama

The Coast Longshore Division Caucus convened from April 18-22 in Panama City, Panama. This historic meeting was the first Longshore Caucus to meet outside of the United States or Canada. More than 100 caucus delegates, fraternal delegates, and pensioners attended the Caucus.

“The Panama Canal Division is an important part of the ILWU family. We are here to show our support for the workers in this new division,” said ILWU International President Robert McEllrath.

The Panama Canal Division was formed by a unanimous motion at the 2012 ILWU Convention. Discussions about the possible affiliation began in 2002 when International Vice President Ray Familathe explored the issue. In 2010, President McEllrath and Vice President Familathe began talking about formal affiliation with Londor Rankin, General-Secretary of the Panama Canal Pilots Union.

Today, the Panama Canal Division includes 250 members of the Panama Canal Pilots and 2,580 dock workers from SINTRAPORSPA, the Union of Dockworkers in the Ports of Balboa and Cristobal.

### Warm welcome

On the first day of the Caucus, General-Secretary Rankin of the Panama Canal Division welcomed the delegates to Panama. Rankin introduced the vocal group “The Three Divas” who sang a cappella versions of the Panamanian and American national anthems.

“We gather here to strengthen the strategic alliance between our unions and to send a loud and clear message to our counterparts that we continue to be united and grow stronger regardless of our nationality,” said Rankin. “We know we are not alone in the struggle to improve the wages and conditions for all of our members. We are proud to be among you, and we are honored that you have chosen Panama as the place for your Caucus.”

Several Panamanian media outlets published articles about the historical significance of the ILWU Coast Longshore Division’s first Caucus in Panama. The publication, Panama On reported in Spanish, and the translation is: “This meeting, which is the first to take place in Panama, aims to reaffirm the existing strategic alliance between these two

unions, which is mainly based on the noble principle of international solidarity, which has come in handy in the struggles of workers around the world, in this case, in the maritime port sector.”

Later that night, the Panama Canal Pilots hosted a dinner for the delegates at their union hall, where caucus delegates had an opportunity to meet with members of the Panama Canal Division. Later in the week, the Panama Canal Pilots hosted a dinner at the Miraflores Locks, demonstrating the 103-year-old lock operations viewable from an outdoor deck reserved for ILWU Coast Longshore Division guests.

### Caucus dedications

The Caucus was dedicated in the memory of a number of individuals who have recently passed including Ralph Rooker (Local 10-retired), Hugh Hunter (Local 13-retired), Jesus Puga (Local 13-retired), Gordon Neely (Local 19), Robert Stevens (Local 19), Dale Martinis (Local 19), Jarrett Van Curen (Local 19), Richard Cavalli (Local 34-retired), Emile Lewis (Local 34), Donja Grant (Local 34), Jim Crest (Local 40-retired), Bill Hallet (Local 63), Anthony Harris, Jr. (Local 63), Domenick Miretti (Local 63-retired), John Vlaic (Local 94-retired), William Kendall (Local 98), and Oliver Pickford (Local 98-retired).

### Safety, technology, training, and political action

The Caucus dealt with a range of issues facing the industry and union members, including the impact of megaships on port congestion and port infrastructure, automation, registration, safety, training, contract administration and jurisdiction. As election season heats up for the US presidential and congressional races, political action was also a high priority for the Caucus. A resolution was passed to motivate members to contribute to the ILWU’s Political Action Fund, and money was allocated for the 2016 Political Action Program. PMA’s contract extension request in March 2016, the Pacific Maritime Association (PMA) sent President McEllrath a request to discuss an extension

of the 2014-2019 Longshore Contract. President McEllrath submitted this request to the ILWU Coast Longshore Division Caucus and the issue was discussed. In keeping with the ILWU Coast Longshore Division’s democratic process, the Caucus has submitted the matter to the membership for review and input before taking any official action.

### ILWU send off

The Caucus honored ILWU Canada President Mark Gordienko, who is retiring at the end of his current term. The Caucus also paid tribute to Southern California Coast Director and ADRP Representative Jackie Cummings, who is also retiring.

### SINTRAPORSPA members visit

Alberto Ochoa, Secretary General of SINTRAPORSPA, which represents more than 2,580 longshore workers in the Port of Balboa in Panama and is affiliated with the Panama Canal Division, spoke at the Caucus. “We are grateful to you because you played a key role in the organization of SINTRAPORSPA,” Ochoa said.

In keeping with the tradition of warm Latin American greetings, Ochoa said he brought a “fraternal hug” for all in attendance and said, “We are honored that you chose to have this meeting in Panama.”



Alberto Ochoa, Secretary General of SINTRAPORSPA.

### Interview with Londor Rankin, General Secretary, Panama Canal Division

#### What is the significance of holding this Longshore Caucus in Panama for the Panama Canal Division?

Having the Caucus here in Panama is historic. It means a lot to us. We are sending a strong message to our counterparts that we are not alone. We have big brothers—the ILWU—and that the ILWU can count on the little brothers from Panama. It also set an example for other unions in Panama.

We have learned a lot from the ILWU, and we hope that we can teach ILWU members something in return. We know that the ILWU is a union that has a lot of respect for the rank and file members and belongs to the members. That’s what I have witnessed and that’s the way we carry out our business as well.

#### Is there any news about the Panama Canal Pilots you can share with the readers of the Dispatcher?

It was a happy coincidence that this Caucus could be held in Panama so close to the opening of the new expansion. The pilots have some challenges with the new set of locks in the canal expansion. It’s a new way of taking the ships through the locks. They are bigger vessels. They are not going to use any locomotives to move from chamber to chamber. So that is going to be a learning process.

# Get to Know Your Divisions & Officers

## Hawaii Longshore Division

The Hawaii Longshore Division shares their phone number with the main switchboard of the Honolulu ILWU Hall. Longshore members should ask for the Longshore Division. Executive Secretary Lynette Mau will direct you to your business agent or take a message. You can also phone or email your business agent after hours. Your unit chair usually has the business agent's cell phone number and email. Business agents are required to carry their union supplied cell phone and to be available during reasonable hours seven days a week.

The Hawaii Longshore Division was established in 2009. Before that, longshore members were part of the Division of their respective island or county. The Longshore Division operates statewide and includes all longshore units and their members on all islands. The Division is still part of ILWU Local 142 but operates more independently under special provisions of the ILWU Local 142 Constitution and Bylaws.



**William "Baba" Haole IV**  
Division Director

This is Baba's first term as Longshore Division Director. He is a long-time ILWU member having worked at McCabe, Hamilton & Renny for 25 years and Matson Terminals since 2011 as a crane operator. Baba has served as the Unit 4201 overall chair, the Longshore Industrial Grouping Representative on the Local Executive Board and vice division director.



**Richard B. Kamoe**  
Vice Division Director

Richard has been employed at McCabe, Hamilton & Renny as a machine operator, since 2000. He has served as unit vice chair and International Convention delegate. Richard served a term on the Unit 4210 Executive Board before being elected to his first term as vice division director. "I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the members of the Longshore Division for their support and I'm looking forward to working with the membership."



**Drake Delaforce**  
Division Secretary-Treasurer

Drake is proud to be able to assist Hawaii's longshore workers. He was appointed division secretary-treasurer and elected to the position in a special election in 2014. Drake has been an ILWU member for 12 years as a machine operator at McCabe, Hamilton & Renny. He has served on the Longshore Executive Board and is the current Unit 4201 secretary.



**Tyrone Tahara**  
Business Agent

An ILWU longshoreman since 1988, Tyrone started at the entry level job as a laborer, then later promoted to a heavy equipment operator. He has served his unit as a shop steward and editor. Tyrone has been serving as business agent for the port of Honolulu since 1992.

"To all the Pensioners from the past we say again, Big Mahalos! Once again, thanks to all of you who fought a good fight and sacrificed for the cause. Thanks to all the past unit members & stewards who negotiated and built the foundation we stand on today. Thank you for shutting down the job operations on safety, job jurisdiction, & manning issues for the well-being of the membership & their families. Thanks for upholding the companies and shipping industry by putting in more than a fair day's work for a fair day's pay. Because of your actions we the younger generations have something to hold on to.

Once again, Big Mahalos to those old timers who planted the rich seeds which grew to be a strong rooted tree which now bear the fruits today we call medical & dental coverage, life insurance, pension benefits, vacations, sick leave, manning, working conditions, job jurisdiction, grievance procedures, wages etc.

We, the younger generation of unit leaders & members here in Hawaii and the West Coast just wanted to let you know in this recently completed 2014 & 2015 negotiations, we didn't forget the pensioners and their surviving spouses. We wanted to express our appreciations to all of you and especially the 1949 longshoremen who went out on strike for 6 months. We didn't forget those who planted the seeds, which bear the fruits, we feed our families. All of you deserve the best. Malama Pono on behalf of today's Longshore leaders & members. Imua!

'Save Your Money'  
2014, 2015, 2016, 2017,  
2018>proposals, 2019>negotiations"

### Questions about the ILWU Political Action Program?

### Want to volunteer to help?

### Contact your Division Coordinator:

- Hawaii (808) 935-3727
- Maui (808) 244-9191
- Kauai (808) 245-3374
- Oahu (808) 949-4161
- Hawaii Longshore (808) 949-4161



**Lynette Mau**  
Executive Secretary

Lynette has been the executive secretary for six years. She was a flight attendant at Aloha Airlines before working at the ILWU. "I enjoy and appreciate my job, but most of all I get to work with great people, especially our members." Lynette has two daughters and one grandchild.



**Dennis Morton**  
Business Agent

Dennis was a firefighter prior to being hired at Hawaii Stevedores, Inc. now known as Pasha. This is his third term as business agent and has been an ILWU member since 2001. Dennis served as a Unit Executive Board member. He is now responsible for servicing neighbor island members.

### Hawaii Longshore Division Office

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**The next Local 142 Executive Board (LEB) meeting is scheduled to start at 9:00 a.m. on September 16, 2016, in Honolulu at the ILWU building on 451 Atkinson Drive. ILWU members are welcome to attend as observers.**

## Laws can be made that take away our rights.

When the ILWU began organizing in Hawaii, a handful of wealthy families owned the sugar and pineapple plantations and the largest companies. Individuals from these families, their attorneys, or the managers and supervisors of their companies ran for elected office as Republicans. Workers were expected to vote for Republicans and could lose their jobs if they voiced any objections or supported Democrats. In this way, big business and their wealthy owners controlled the legislature and government. They used the government and passed laws to preserve their wealth and prevent workers from organizing unions.

They passed an Unlawful Assembly and Riot Act which was used to stop union meetings. Union leaders could be arrested for conspiracy and encouraging riots. It was illegal for workers to picket a business because it interfered with commerce and threatened profits of the business owner. The police, the national guard, and the courts were used to control workers. The University was primarily an agricultural school that trained graduates to work for the plantations.

When workers are not involved in political action, they risk losing their rights.

## Laws can provide benefits and extend our rights.

At the same time the ILWU was organizing sugar and pineapple workers, the union worked to elect candidates who were not connected to big business and supported a more just and democratic society. Most of these candidates identified with the Democratic Party.

In 1944, union supported candidates won 24 seats in the Territorial Legislature. In 1946, union political action elected 35 legislators and a majority in the lower house. Those elected included a number of union members who were encouraged to run for office. The Democratic majority in the legislature repealed many of the anti-labor laws and passed a law that gave agricultural workers the right to unionize. In 1954, Democrats won 55 of 76 elections, giving them a majority in the house and senate.

The plantations ran their own clinics and housing, but the population was growing and the plantations were mechanizing and cutting their workforce. The Democrats and unions shared many of the same political goals—they believed government

had to change to provide the services needed by the ordinary working people of Hawaii. They built public schools, community colleges, and expanded the education programs of the University of Hawaii. They built public hospitals to take the place of the private plantation clinics. They built parks, public housing, and started programs for the elderly. They changed the tax system to equalize the burden where people with higher incomes paid higher taxes.

The Democrats, with the support of the labor movement, passed laws to give public workers the right to collective bargaining, increase the minimum wage, provide unemployment insurance, improve Workers Compensation for injured workers, require job safety, protect the environment, manage economic development, and preserve agricultural land and water resources.

Union members must be involved in political action to protect these hard-won gains and rights.

## Our government has grown to serve many of the needs of working families.

Many working families are misled to believe government is bad, politicians are crooks, and taxes are too high. These ideas come from negative and deceptive propaganda put out by groups who oppose many of the goals of working families.

In reality, working people receive a lot from government. We depend on government to run our schools, take care of the health and welfare of the community, provide for public safety and emergencies, and maintain our highways, harbors, and airports. These government functions account for 85 percent of the state's expenses.

Workers depend on government to safeguard and promote the long-term well-being of the community. This is why government regulates businesses to protect the public from contaminated and harmful products, prohibit price-fixing and deceptive business practices, require

job safety, and prevent mistreatment of workers. Government regulation could have prevented the financial crisis caused by the reckless conduct of mortgage companies and banks.

Republicans oppose this expanded role of government. They want to cut public services which serve the needs of working families and they want to eliminate taxes and regulation of business. Republicans try to turn the public against government by using loaded, negative words such as "big" government, "corrupt" politicians, tax "burden", "waste", and "bureaucracy". These loaded words are repeated by the media, and many voters are misled about the essential role and function of government.

Union members must educate their co-workers to support their union's political action program and maintain needed government services to working families.

# 5 reasons we should be active in political action

**From the very beginning, the ILWU has always been a political union and every union member must be active in the political life of the community.**

**Political action had to be one of the primary ways to get better wages and benefits; and political action was just as important as negotiating better wages and benefits; and political action was as important as organizing new workers into the union.**

**There are five reasons why the union and every worker should be involved in political action.**

## Governor Ige signs

By Joanne Kealoha  
Social Services Coordinator

The announced closure of HC&S spurred the Legislature, with prodding from the ILWU, to take action. They passed two bills, which were signed into law on June 17 by Governor David Ige at the ILWU's Maui Division, witnessed by almost 100 ILWU members and retirees, legislators, representatives of both HC&S and Makena Beach and Golf Resort, and State representatives, including Deputy Director Leonard Hoshijo of the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations.

After signing the bills into law, Governor Ige declared H.B. 2605 as Act 71 to provide \$850,000 in funding for job training for laid-off workers on Maui and H.B. 2722 as Act 72

to provide Maui dislocated workers an additional 13 weeks of unemployment benefits. Originally introduced to address the HC&S closure affecting 675 workers, the bills were amended in mid-session when Makena Resort announced its plans to close on July 1. The bills now include workers losing their jobs in all of Maui county.

### The impact of HC&S closure on Maui's economy

In his remarks, Governor Ige said the closures will impact some 2800 workers because of the ripple effect of the layoffs on the economy. One worker laid off in a mass layoff will affect three others who work for companies doing business as a vendor with the closing company or are affected by the slowdown of business because more workers are less able to make purchases in stores, go out to eat,



HC&S workers and pensioners stand with Governor Ige, who signed Act 72 in support of unemployment benefits for jobless workers on Maui.

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## The political process enables the passage of laws that benefit the majority.

Even if every union member and their family voted for labor supported candidates, there would not be enough votes to pass good labor laws. Union members must also volunteer to help endorsed candidates win their elections in other districts.

Hawaii's labor movement has never had a strong majority of support in the legislature. Unions have to work together with like-minded groups and legislators to gain enough support to make laws. Sometimes compromises have to be made.

While the final laws are not everything labor wants, real gains are made which lays the foundation for future improvements.

There are many districts where most of the voters are not union members. Some of these legislators vote to support labor programs because they come from a working class background and believe in the same principles. In other cases, the union must work hard to educate and persuade legislators on the issues important to workers.

The union will endorse and support

candidates based on their record of working with the union on labor issues. Most of the endorsed candidates are on Oahu, and many more ILWU members on Oahu are needed to help elect legislators in other districts.

Union members are needed to go house-to-house, talk to voters, make phone calls, and wave signs.

Union members increase their union's bargaining power to pass good laws by helping union endorsed candidates in other districts.

## ILWU Local 142 union political action continues year round.

Many people think their vote does not count for much and political action ends after the election. This is true when people act as individuals. When union members get involved and support their union's political action program, this focuses and multiplies their power as working people.

The union works throughout the year to promote programs that benefit working families at all levels of government. The

union watches bills that are proposed by the State Legislature, County Councils, and US Congress.

The union works to build support for good bills and defeat bad bills. This involves educating legislators on the issues and gaining their support. It involves having union members testify at public hearings or organizing members

to phone and write letters to their elected representatives. It involves working together with other unions, churches, and community organizations to pass good bills.

Every ILWU unit should have a political action committee to educate members and recruit volunteers to help elect union endorsed candidates.

## s bills to help laid-off Maui workers

or pay for other services. Governor Ige expressed hope that the training funds and the additional unemployment benefits would help laid-off workers make the transition to other employment. He also noted that his very first job was with Del Monte Pineapple, which made him an ILWU member for a brief time.

### Sadness for the loss of sugar

House Speaker Joe Souki said his wife and he will miss the HC&S smoke stacks he now sees from his home every day. When smoke is billowing from the stacks, he knows that sugar is being processed and people are working. This will soon end. Like others, he has close ties to sugar with relatives who worked at Pahala Sugar and HC&S, and he even put in his own "hoe hana" time in earlier days. He noted the "big battle ahead" to ensure that the 36,000 acres left behind when sugar operations

cease will remain in agriculture.

### The face of Maui is changing

Senator Gil Keith-Agaran, who chairs the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor, spoke of his own family roots at HC&S. His mother, Lydia Coloma, an ILWU pensioner sat proudly in the audience among her friends retired from various ILWU houses. While he worked hard to pass the two bills, Senator Keith-Agaran said the bill-signing was "bittersweet" because of the impact of the sugar company's closure on so many lives and the end of the plantation era. He recalls Willie Kennison, retired Maui Division Director, commenting what a joy it was to fly into Maui and see the fields of green, growing cane. But soon, those fields will no longer be green. The face of Maui is changing, he said, different than what he knew growing up.

### Cooperation to aid those affected by HC&S and Makena closure

Representative Mark Nakashima, chair of the House Committee on Labor and also instrumental in passing the two bills, noted that he grew up in Honokaa and was a teacher at Honokaa High School when Hamakua Sugar closed down 20 years ago. He witnessed the impact of the closure on the families of the sugar workers and knew the importance of working with his Maui colleagues, like Rep. Angus McKelvey, who introduced H.B. 2605, and Senator Rosalyn Baker, who, along with others, introduced the companion bill in the Senate.

Governor Ige said that all levels of government have been cooperating to assist laid-off workers, particularly those from HC&S. The federal government has pushed through Trade Adjustment



Makena members and Governor Ige pose with Act 71, which appropriates job training funds for laid-off workers on Maui. (L-r, front) Local 142 President Donna Domingo, Gail Manibog, Governor David Ige, Unit 2511 - Makena Beach and Golf Resort Secretary-Treasurer Josie Noguchi, Senator Roz Baker. (L-r, back) Unit 2511 Chair Ron Siliado, Business Agent Steve West, Bernard Rozet, and Division Director Steve Castro.

Assistance to HC&S workers because of foreign competition and is working on certifying a second petition. The County of Maui has worked on a task force to help the workers of HC&S find new jobs.

### We are thankful

Governor Ige acknowledged the work that the ILWU did to ensure introduction and passage of the two bills, which passed unanimously in the House and had only one dissenter in the Senate. Donna Domingo, president of the ILWU, thanked the Legislature and Governor Ige for passing these laws that will give ILWU members from HC&S and Makena a helping hand toward new careers.

### New possibilities

Following the bill-signing ceremony, Gail Manibog, a guest service agent at

Makena Resort and a single parent of four, said she is sad that Makena, her home for the past 28 years, is closing, but she sees an opportunity with the state funding to be able to go back to school and pursue a new career in cosmetology.

Ben Wilson, who was laid off by HC&S in April, said he plans to take advantage of the additional unemployment benefits to access training that will help him get a new job that will allow him to continue to be an ILWU member. Other laid-off workers like Banny Yanos were grateful for the Legislature and the Governor ensuring that additional benefits and funding is being made available for him and his co-workers.

With these two new laws, there is opportunity and hope for the future.



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# Get to Know Your Divisions & Officers

## Oahu Division

Oahu Division shares their phone number with the main switchboard of the Honolulu ILWU Hall. Members should ask for Oahu Division. Division Clerk Lisa Maehara or Senior/General

Office Clerk Serena Takahashi will direct you to your business agent or take a message. You can also phone or email your business agent after hours. Your unit chair usually has the business agent's cell phone number and email. Business agents are required to carry their union supplied cell phone and to be available during reasonable hours seven days a week.

Oahu is the second largest Division in the ILWU with close to 5,000 members. More than half of Oahu's members work in the general trades industrial grouping, with Foodland Supermarkets being the largest employer of ILWU members. The second largest employer is Pacific Beach Hotel, followed by Straub Clinic and Hospital. Other large employers include Servco Pacific and Love's Bakery, Inc.

Their Division Executive Board Meetings start at 5:30 p.m. on the fourth Friday every month at the ILWU Hall on 451 Atkinson Blvd. The date of the November meeting may change depending on the Thanksgiving Holiday. There is no meeting in December.



**Michael S. Yamaguchi**  
Division Director

Michael possesses extensive experience in contract enforcement, negotiations, and membership services, working as a division representative and business agent for Oahu from 2004-2012. This is his second term as division director. A merchandiser for the Honolulu Advertiser, Michael has been an ILWU member for 20 years. He has also served as unit secretary and unit editor. Mike chairs the Honolulu Liquor Commission.



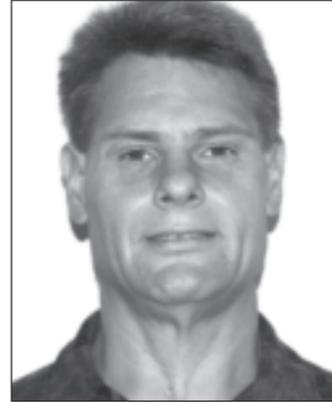
**Wilfred "Wil" Chang**  
Business Agent

Wil was an irrigation specialist at Waikele Country Club for six years before being elected business agent in 2012. He was the unit chair from 2007-2011. Serving his second term as a business agent, Wil coordinates the Division's political action program and co-coordinates the pensioner program. He also sits on the Honolulu Planning Commission.



**Paris E. J. Fernandez**  
Business Agent

Paris is from Honolulu Ford where he worked as an automotive mechanic and has been an ILWU member since 1997. While at his unit, he served as unit secretary, unit vice chair, and negotiating committee member. This is Paris's second term as business agent. He is currently co-coordinator of Oahu Division's community services program and assists with sports.



**Dillon M. Hullinger**  
Business Agent

Dillon is a longtime ILWU member having worked at Foodland Supermarkets for 22 years, first as a courtesy clerk and working his way up to a produce clerk. He has held various union offices, including unit vice chair, unit chair, and Local Executive Board member. This is Dillon's second term as business agent. He had been working for Oahu Division as an appointed business agent for a year before winning his first elected term in 2012. Dillon is Oahu Division's education coordinator and community services co-coordinator.



**Lisa Maehara**  
Division Clerk

Lisa has been helping ILWU members for over 25 years. She became the division clerk in 2005, and performs office clerical work for Oahu Division, including answering the phone, preparing correspondences, and making arrangements for meetings.



**Karl Lindo**  
Business Agent

Karl has been an ILWU member since 1989, when he helped to organize the Hawaiian Waikiki Beach Hotel (now the non-union Aston Waikiki Beach Hotel) where he worked as a cook. He has served as unit vice chair, unit chair, and negotiation committee member. Karl had been working for Oahu Division as an appointed local field representative and business agent for three years before being elected in 1995. He oversees Oahu Division's organizing program.



**Jose M. Miramontes**  
Division Representative

This is Jose's second appointed term as division representative. Before becoming a full time officer, he worked as a selector at Hawaii Logistics and has served his unit as a steward and second vice chair. Jose is co-coordinator of Oahu Division's sports and pensioners program. He is also Oahu's political action chair, and assists with organizing.



**Brian Tanaka**  
Business Agent

This is Brian's eighth term as business agent. He is a long-time ILWU member having worked at the Hawaii Newspaper Agency for 32 years as a district manager. His varied union service includes terms on the International Executive Board as General Trades Industrial Grouping Representative and Local Executive Board as trustee. Brian served his unit as steward, vice chair, and chair. Brian oversees the Oahu Division sports program.



**Serena Takahashi**  
Senior/General Office Clerk

Serena was an ILWU member with Servco Pacific before becoming the receptionist at the main switchboard of ILWU Local 142. She served as unit secretary and unit editor. Serena shares the clerical duties for Oahu Division.

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Mike Machado, retired Kauai Division Director, took this group photo of the pensioners attending the conference from Hawaii, Maui, Oahu, and Kauai.

## State Pensioner Conference a success

**By Joanne Kealoha  
Social Services Coordinator**

Every two years, the ILWU State Pensioners Association sponsors its biennial state conference, rotating among the Divisions. The 28th biennial conference was held this year on June 7-9 in Hilo and attended by 95 pensioners representing 18 ILWU pensioner clubs statewide.

The conference is an opportunity for participants to get together, share information about their clubs, learn from speakers and about ILWU programs, and just have a good time. The formal meetings were held in the afternoon of the first day and the morning of the second day, but the rest of the time was spent talking story with each other, playing bingo, eating, going shopping, visiting the Pacific Tsunami Museum, touring Hilo, and entertaining one another with song and dance.

### Speakers educate and entertain

The conference participants heard from a number of speakers, including Local President Donna Domingo, Local Secretary-Treasurer Guy Fujimura, Hawaii Division Director Elmer Gorospe, Dwight Takamine of UH-West Oahu, Rep. Mark Nakashima of the Hamakua district, Derek Kurisu of KTA Super Stores, Dr. Kimo Alameda of the Hawaii County Office on Aging, and Kat Revuelto of Hawaii Life Flight.

Derek Kurisu, who hosts a local TV show and whose father was a sugar worker, independent sugar grower and author of the book "Sugar Town," reminisced with the pensioners about life on the plantation and how his parents struggled to raise five kids without making it seem like a struggle. Derek took the values he learned on the plantation into his work for KTA and started up Mountain Apple brand just when the sugar companies were closing down on the Big Island. One thing he learned from plantation days was "no waste food"—make use of everything—which is what Mountain Apple products do. He also remembered that everything they ate was fresh—freshly grown produce or homemade food. Long after the plantations shut down, Derek's brother, Duane Kurisu, had the opportunity

to purchase the C. Brewer building in Honolulu. Derek said that plantation laborers could not enter the building when they were working for the company, but when Duane bought the building, it showed that the workers had won and they could call the building their own because their co-worker's son is now the owner.

Dwight Takamine thanked the pensioners for honoring his father, Yoshito, by dedicating the conference to his memory and that of Franco Longakit and Moses Moke, who all passed away within the past two years. Dwight reflected on what the union has done for working men and women statewide with passage of the minimum wage increase and the law permitting agricultural workers to be organized by card check. For Dwight, relationships matter, and he is proud to be associated with the ILWU.

Rep. Mark Nakashima said his campaign slogan has been "Big Island roots, country values." Growing up, he and his friends would talk about which plantation they would work for because few other options were open to them. He eventually became a teacher and was teaching at Honokaa High School when Hamakua Sugar closed down. Since then, he has seen a change in demographics in his community and a change in values but hopes that community and plantation values will remain a part of Hawaii's culture.

Dr. Kimo Alameda is the Executive

Director of the county's Office on Aging and gave an entertaining yet educational speech in a down-to-earth, "local" style. In a half hour talk and another half hour of questions and answers, he regaled the audience with stories and jokes that conveyed the message that Hawaii's elderly need help—including financial—for services to help them continue to live in their own homes. He reviewed the purpose of the Aging and Disability Resource Centers and said his own ADRC provides a "one-stop center" for seniors and their caregivers to access services and information in a single location (the old Sun Sun Lau). A resolution in support of a long-term care financing program was adopted by the conference following Dr. Alameda's speech.

Kat Revuelto of Hawaii Life Flight informed the pensioners about a membership program (Ohana Plus) with a nominal fee that pays for air ambulance services.

### Reports and resolutions

Robert Girald, president of the ILWU Memorial Association (M.A.), provided a report on the organization, which sponsors the biennial conference by paying for the expenses of two delegates from each club with at least 10 members to attend the conference. Reports were also provided by representatives from each of the pensioner clubs on the number of members

in the club, officers serving, activities held, future plans, etc. The sad but shared reality was the decline in club membership due to age, poor health and death, but clubs were encouraged to draw new members from others in the community who can embrace ILWU policies and principles. Several pensioner club members and even officers are not from the ILWU rank-and-file and actively and enthusiastically participate in ILWU activities and support ILWU programs.

Conference participants also adopted resolutions on recognizing and remembering Yoshito Takamine, in support of the ILWU Political Action Program and ILWU-endorsed candidates, in recognition and appreciation of the role of sugar in Hawaii, in support of the ILWU Pensioner Program, in support of ILWU participation in the Hawaii Alliance for Retired Americans, and in support of the Harriet Bouslog Labor Scholarship.

### Many thanks to the "host" committee

As the "host" for the conference, Hawaii Division pensioners organized a planning committee soon after the previous conference concluded and met regularly, made assignments, and ensured that everything ran smoothly.

Many thanks to Richard Baker, chair; Gilbert DeMotta, who arranged bus transportation and even served as a "tour guide"; Eli Miura, who donated many of his handcrafted massage sticks for door prizes; Nani Kaeha and Judi Meyers, who solicited donations for door prizes; Barbara Hanog and Nani Kaeha, who took and filled orders for omiyage; Flo Soares, who made leis for each conference participant; May Otomo, who made leis for special guests—and the many other pensioners who donated their time and talent for a successful conference. Finally, much appreciation to the Hawaii Division FTOs, led by Division Director Elmer Gorospe, for their guidance and support.

The 29th biennial conference will be held on Oahu in 2018. If you are interested in joining a pensioner club or forming a new one, contact the Division Pensioner Coordinator in your Division: Wilfred Chang and Jose Miramontes, Oahu; Michael Dela Cruz, Hawaii; Calvin Corpuz, Kauai; and Jerrybeth DeMello, Maui.



Pauline Enriques, Clyde Silva, and Margaret Ann Cabudol of the Pahala Pensioner Club entertained the crowd at the conference banquet.

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**U.S. Senate** ..... Brian Schatz  
**U.S. House Dist. 2** ..... Tulsi Gabbard

**State Senate**  
District 5..... Gil Keith-Agaran

**State House**  
District 8.....Joe Souki  
District 9.....Justin Woodson  
District 10.....Angus McKelvey  
District 11.....Deidre Tegarden  
District 12.....Kyle Yamashita  
District 13.....Lynn DeCoite

**County Council**  
East Maui..... Robert Carroll  
West Maui..... NO ENDORSEMENT  
Wailuku-Waihee-Waikapu.....Keith Regan  
Kahului..... Donald Guzman  
South Maui ..... Don Couch  
Makawao-Haiku-Paia .....Mike White  
Upcountry ..... Yuki Lei Sugimura  
Lanai..... Riki Hokama  
Molokai ..... Stacy Crivello

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**U.S. House Dist. 2** ..... Tulsi Gabbard

**State Senate**  
District 1..... Kaialii Kahele  
District 2.....Greggor Ilagan

**State House**  
District 1..... Mark Nakashima  
District 2.....Cliff Tsuji  
District 3..... Ainoa Naniole  
District 4..... Joy San Buenaventura  
District 5.....Richard Creagan  
District 6..... Nicole Lowen  
District 7 ..... David Tarnas

**Mayor, Hawaii County** .....Walter Lau

**Prosecuting Attorney** .....Mitch Roth

**County Council**  
District 1..... Valerie Poindexter  
District 2..... Aaron Chung  
District 3..... Moana Hokoana Kelii  
District 4..... OPEN  
District 5..... Danny Paleka  
District 6.....Maile David  
District 7..... Dru Kanuha  
District 8..... Karen Eoff  
District 9..... Herbert "Tim" Richards

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**U.S. House Dist. 1** ..... Colleen Hanabusa  
**U.S. House Dist. 2** ..... Tulsi Gabbard

**State Senate**  
Dist. 9 ..... Stanley Chang  
Dist. 10 ..... Les Ihara  
Dist. 11 ..... Brian Taniguchi  
Dist. 13 ..... Keone Nakoa  
Dist. 14 ..... Donna Kim  
Dist. 15 ..... Glenn Wakai  
Dist. 19 ..... Will Espero  
Dist. 20 ..... Mike Gabbard  
Dist. 22 ..... Donovan Dela Cruz  
Dist. 25 ..... Laura Thielen

**State House**  
Dist. 17 ..... Karlen Ross  
Dist. 18 ..... Mark Hashem  
Dist. 19 ..... Bert Kobayashi  
Dist. 20 ..... Calvin Say  
Dist. 21 ..... Scott Nishimoto  
Dist. 22 ..... Tom Brower  
Dist. 23 ..... Dale Kobayashi

**State House—continued**  
Dist. 24 ..... Della Au Belatti  
Dist. 25 ..... Sylvia Luke  
Dist. 26 ..... Scott Saiki  
Dist. 27 ..... Takashi Ohno  
Dist. 28 ..... John Mizuno  
Dist. 29 ..... Daniel Holt  
Dist. 30 ..... Marcelino Velasco  
Dist. 31 ..... Aaron Ling Johanson  
Dist. 32 ..... Linda Ichiyama Chong  
Dist. 33 ..... Samuel Kong  
Dist. 34 ..... Gregg Takayama  
Dist. 35 ..... Roy Takumi  
Dist. 36 ..... Marilyn Lee  
Dist. 37 ..... Ryan Yamane  
Dist. 38 ..... Henry Aquino  
Dist. 39 ..... Ty Cullen  
Dist. 40 ..... Rose Martinez  
Dist. 41 ..... Matthew LoPresti  
Dist. 42 ..... NO ENDORSEMENT  
Dist. 43 ..... Stacelynn Eli  
Dist. 44 ..... Jo Jordan  
Dist. 45 ..... NO ENDORSEMENT  
Dist. 46 ..... Marcus Oshiro

**State House—continued**  
Dist. 47 ..... Sean Quinlan  
Dist. 48 ..... Jarrett Keohokalole  
Dist. 49 ..... Ken Ito  
Dist. 50 ..... NO ENDORSEMENT  
Dist. 51 ..... Chris Lee

**Honolulu Mayor** ..... Kirk Caldwell

**Prosecuting Attorney** .... Keith Kaneshiro

**Honolulu City Council**  
District I.....Kymberly Pine  
District III.Justin-Michael "Ikaika" Anderson  
District V .....Ann Kobayashi  
District VII .....Joey Manahan  
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**U.S. House Dist. 1** ..... Colleen Hanabusa  
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Dist. 11 ..... Brian Taniguchi  
Dist. 13 ..... Karl Rhoads  
Dist. 14 ..... Donna Kim  
Dist. 15 ..... Glenn Wakai  
Dist. 19 ..... Will Espero  
Dist. 20 ..... Mike Gabbard  
Dist. 22 ..... Donovan Dela Cruz  
Dist. 25 ..... Laura Thielen

**State House**  
Dist. 17 ..... Karlen Ross  
Dist. 18 ..... Mark Hashem  
Dist. 19 ..... Bert Kobayashi  
Dist. 20 ..... Calvin Say  
Dist. 21 ..... Scott Nishimoto  
Dist. 22 ..... Tom Brower  
Dist. 23 ..... Isaac Choy  
Dist. 24 ..... Della Au Belatti  
Dist. 25 ..... Sylvia Luke  
Dist. 26 ..... Scott Saiki  
Dist. 27 ..... Takashi Ohno  
Dist. 28 ..... John Mizuno  
Dist. 29 ..... Daniel Holt  
Dist. 30 ..... OPEN ENDORSEMENT  
Dist. 31 ..... Aaron Ling Johanson  
Dist. 32 ..... Linda Ichiyama Chong  
Dist. 33 ..... Samuel Kong

**State House—continued**  
Dist. 34 ..... Gregg Takayama  
Dist. 35 ..... Roy Takumi  
Dist. 36 ..... Marilyn Lee  
Dist. 37 ..... Ryan Yamane  
Dist. 38 ..... Henry Aquino  
Dist. 39 ..... Ty Cullen  
Dist. 40 ..... Randy Gonc  
Dist. 41 ..... Matthew LoPresti  
Dist. 42 ..... OPEN ENDORSEMENT  
Dist. 43 ..... Stacelynn Eli  
Dist. 44 ..... Jo Jordan  
Dist. 45 ..... NO ENDORSEMENT  
Dist. 46 ..... Marcus Oshiro  
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Dist. 50 ..... NO ENDORSEMENT  
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**Prosecuting Attorney** ...NO ACTION TAKEN

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**U.S. House Dist. 2** .....Tulsi Gabbard

**Senate**  
District 8.....Ron Kouchi

**State House**  
District 14..... Nadine Nakamura  
District 15.....Thomas Oi  
District 16..... Dee Morikawa

**Prosecuting Attorney** .....Justin Kollar

**County Council**  
Arthur Brun ..... Mason Chock  
Ross Kagawa ..... Arryl Kaneshiro  
Derek Kawakami ..... KipuKai Kualii  
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