

HAWAII BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE

2009 And 2010 Action Agenda

January 1, 2010

The HBR Action Agenda focuses on a limited number of specific actions or policies
The items listed below are the focus of the HBR for the upcoming one-year period.

"PA" = a priority action item

"A" = HBR will be involved and support action but is not a catalyst

"I" = HBR will keep informed but the item is not a priority for action.

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Strategic Planning

			PA	Development of a State Strategic Plan
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Economic Development (Program Support)

PA	Support for the tourism industry, including on-going funding for marketing, opposition to reallocation of funds to other programs, opposition to additional taxes on tourism services or products		PA	Support for the tourism industry, including on-going funding for marketing, opposition to reallocation of funds to other programs, opposition to additional taxes on tourism services or products
I	Advocate for proper funding for the University of Hawaii, as well as policies that promote the University's role in the development of workforce relevant programs and in serving as a catalyst for economic development; including support for workforce training expansion in the community and renewable energy research.		I	Advocate for proper funding for the University of Hawaii, as well as policies that promote the University's role in the development of workforce relevant programs and in serving as a catalyst for economic development; including support for workforce training expansion in the community and renewable energy research.
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			PA	Advocate for the completion of the West Oahu Campus of the University of Hawaii
			PA	Review for support recommendations made by Senate Task Force(SCR 132) to assist the construction industry
			PA	Review for support recommendations made by the House Task Force(HCR 76) to make Government more efficient
			PA	Support the HTA/East West Center in facilitating the 2011 APEC Conference

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Economic Development (Infrastructure):

PA	Support investment in "ready to go" infrastructure projects (both repair and maintenance and new construction), including:		PA	Support investment in "ready to go" infrastructure projects (both repair and maintenance and new construction), including:
	*significant federal commitment of any economic stimulus funds to Hawaii for these projects			
	*support eligibility of public-private partnerships to help finance and manage these projects, as a way of leveraging additional private dollars and accelerating construction.			
PA	Support affordable housing initiatives, including streamlined permitting processes at both the state and county levels.		PA	Support economically feasible, affordable housing initiatives, including streamlined permitting processes at both the state and county levels.
A	Support the Hawaii Clean Energy Initiative as follows: Deep sea cable (funding - public, private, combination; permitting) Regulatory reforms		PA	Support the Hawaii Clean Energy Initiative as follows: * Deep sea cable (funding - public, private, combination; permitting) *Regulatory reforms
PA	Oahu Rail Transit: Oppose transfer or "raid" of the GE tax surcharge for Transit. Support establishment of a Transit Authority		PA	Oahu Rail Transit: Oppose transfer or "raid" of the GE tax surcharge for Transit. Support establishment of a Transit Authority. Continued support for Oahu Rail Transit.
	Support greater federal investment in Honolulu mass transit system.			
A	Support the implementation of the master plan for the improvement of all of Hawaii's commercial harbors		A	Support the implementation of the master plan for the improvement of all of Hawaii's commercial harbors

Education:

I	Support work of the Early Learning Council, including Business Summit		PA	Support the work of the Early Learning Council and the Boon Beginnings Alliance in gaining public support for the development of a state-wide Pre-K program
A	Support better management of the business of schools, including:			
A	Full implementation of Act 51			
A	Re-engineering of the DOE, particularly in light of fiscal constraints			
A	Support Hawaii P-20 initiatives to align curriculum with requirements for success at school and work		A	Support initiatives to align curriculum with requirements for success at school and work
			PA	Support DOE efforts to secure Race to the Top Funding under the 2009 ARRA
			PA	Support the DOE efforts for proper succession planning and leadership

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Health Care:

I	With the new administration in Washington, health care policy and reform is an area of potential significant action. We will participate in State Roundtables; Health Care Learning Group, aimed at monitoring and potentially participating in proposed reforms. In addition, the Roundtable will continue its efforts locally to:		I	With the new administration in Washington, health care policy and reform is an area of potential significant action. We will participate in State Roundtables; Health Care Learning Group, aimed at monitoring and potentially participating in proposed reforms.
I	Improve payments to providers of essential health care services, beginning with Medicaid reimbursement			
A	Increase long-term care capacity and access statewide			
I	Support reforms to the legal system to encourage adequate physician medical care through the State.		A	Support efforts to increase recruitment and improve retention of physicians, mental health providers and other specialists to ensure access to care
			A	Support the activities of the Hawaii Health Information Exchange to secure 2009 ARRA funding

Military Relations:

A	Support the effort to modernize the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard in order to make it more efficient and sustainable		A	Support the effort to modernize the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard in order to make it more efficient and sustainable
I	Support the military's continued ability to train in Hawaii		I	Support the military's continued ability to train in Hawaii
I	Support delivery of improved quality public education for military children, including programs to meet their unique needs		A	Support delivery of improved quality public education for military children, including programs to meet their unique needs
			PA	Support the transition in leadership at PACOM