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Hawaii State Council Members

Specific guidance for the composition and the operation of the State Council can be found in HRS 311D - 2. The Council is to be composed of the following:

> *[§311D-2] State council. There is established within the board of education for administrative purposes the state council on educational opportunity for military children. The board of education shall establish the state council, as required by article VIII of the compact. The membership of the state council shall include, at a minimum:*
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> *(1) The superintendent of education or the superintendent's designee;*
> *(2) The complex area superintendents of the administrative districts that contain the Leilehua, Radford/Moanalua, and Kalaheo school complexes;*
> *(3) A complex area superintendent from the Leeward district;*
> *(4) The military liaison from the department of education;*
> *(5) A uniformed military representative from the United States Pacific Command;*
> *(6) One installation-level uniformed military representative from each branch of service of the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, Navy, and Coast Guard;*
> *(7) The governor or the governor's designee;*
> *(8) The chairperson of the senate education committee or the chairperson's designee;*
> *(9) The chairperson of the house education committee or the chairperson's designee; and*
> *(10) Other offices and stakeholder groups the state council deems necessary.*
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> *Members of the state council may delegate voting authority to another person for a specified meeting or meetings. The state council shall appoint or designate a military family education liaison to assist military families and the state in facilitating the implementation of this compact. The compact commissioner and the military family education liaison designated herein shall be ex-officio members of the state council, unless either is already a full voting member of the state council. The council shall establish policies and procedures governing its operations but subject to the open meeting requirements of chapter 92. [L 2009, c 152, pt of §1; am L 2011, c 82, pt of §1]*

Brig Gen (Ret) Kathleen Berg (10/2009)
Hawaii State Commissioner
Hawaii State Council

Ms. Cherry Okahara (7/2016)
Military Liaison
Hawaii State Department of Education

Ms. Maggie Williams (9/2019)
Military Family Education Liaison

Ms. Lanelle Hibbs (7/2015)
Complex Area Superintendent
Kailua-Kalaheo Complex
Hawaii State Department of Education

Mr. Raymond Fujino (5/2015)
Executive Director
Oahu Interscholastic Association

CDR Jarod S. Toczko (9/2020)
Resources Division Officer
US Coast Guard District 14

Col Speros Koumparakis (9/2020)
Commanding Officer
Marine Corps Base Hawaii

Governor David Ige (1/2015)
State of Hawaii

Senator Michelle Kidani (1/2015)
Hawaii State Legislature
Senate Committee on Education

Representative Justin Woodson (3/2017)
Hawaii State Legislature
House Committee on Education

Mr. Sean Tajima (7/2018)
Interim Complex Area Superintendent
Campbell-Kapolei Complex
Hawaii State Department of Education

CAPT Lyn Yatko (7/2018)
Director, Manpower and Personnel
HQ USINDOPACOM, Camp Smith HI

COL Dan Misigoy (9/2020)
Commander
US Army Garrison Hawaii (USAG)

Dr. Christina Kishimoto (8/2017)
Superintendent
Hawaii State Department of Education

Mr. John Erickson (8/2013)
Complex Area Superintendent
Moanalua-Radford-Aiea Complex
Hawaii State Department of Education

Mr. Robert Davis (1/2017)
Complex Area Superintendent
Mililani-Leilehua-Waialua Complex
Hawaii State Department of Education

Col Tammie Harris (07/2019)
Commander, 647th AB Group, 15th Wing
Deputy Commander
Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam

CAPT Darren Guenther (08/2019)
Chief of Staff
Navy Region Hawaii

Wendy Nakasone Kalani*
School Liaison Officer
US Army Garrison Hawaii (USAG)
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Points of Contact

Brig Gen (Ret) Kathleen Berg, Hawaii State Commissioner and Ms. Cherry Okahara, State of Hawaii Department of Education (HIDOE) Military Liaison serve as the points of contact for Hawaii.

Summary of Achievements, Activities and Presentations

The year 2020 began normally with the Hawaii State Commissioner working with the HIDOE Military Liaison to reach out to Hawaii educators, administrators, and staff to inform them of the requirements of the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children and to assist them in applying Compact rules where appropriate. They worked closely with the military service school liaison officers (SLOs) to resolve Compact issues that arose, and they participated in various military support activities in Hawaii, including the Joint Venture Education Forum (JVEF). They were assisted by the Military Family Education Liaison (MFEL), Ms. Maggie Williams, who joined the MIC3 Hawaii State Council near the end of the previous year. Although the initial meetings and conferences of the year were in person, the COVID-19 shutdown changed all activities after mid-March. Brig Gen (Ret) Berg and Ms. Okahara continued to advise HIDOE personnel, along with military and community members, virtually.

Presentations and briefs were provided at the following events and meetings:

- Transition Centers Best Practices Conference – February 20, 2020
- Hawaii Education Liaison Officers Council (HELOC) virtual meeting – July 10, 2020
- Joint Venture Education Forum (JVEF) Liaison Member Meetings – February 13 face-to-face meeting, and virtual meetings on June 4, September 10, October 15, and December 10, 2020
- Virtual Meeting with Principal Sandy Calio of Barbers Point Elementary – October 19, 2020
- Virtual Mid-Year Parent-Community Networking Centers (PCNC) Meeting – December 3, 2020

One face-to-face meeting of the Hawaii State Council was held this year on January 15, 2020 at Radford High School in Honolulu, at the school's transition center for military students. For most of 2020, however, the virtual meetings of JVEF were relied on to communicate with members of the Hawaii State Council, most of whom are also members of JVEF, regarding Interstate Compact issues and updates. The *State Education and Public Instruction Information and Guidance on School Closures and Reopenings* document, updated and distributed regularly by the MIC3 National Office, was regularly sent to the JVEF distribution list to keep state education and military personnel updated on schooling across the nation. Hawaii State Council meeting agendas and minutes are posted on the HIDOE website (http://bit.ly/InterstateCompact).

In years past, HIDOE Military Liaison Okahara regularly made office calls on military members new to the Hawaii State Council to provide them with their council binder and a briefing on the Interstate Compact and JVEF. That activity had to be suspended this year. Her visits to new principals of heavily military-impacted schools were continued but preformed virtually. As the HIDOE Military Liaison, Ms. Okahara is a member of the Hawaii Education Liaison Officers Council (HELOC), which allows her to meet regularly with the SLOs and other personnel from the military community who work in education and school related programs.

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Brig Gen (Ret) Berg, as Hawaii State Commissioner, is a Liaison Member of the Joint Venture Education Forum (JVEF), a formal partnership between the HIDOE and the United States Indo-Pacific Command (USINDOPACAOM), which meets regularly throughout the year, alternating monthly between meetings of the Liaison Members and of the various Focus Groups, and including one annual event. All of the uniformed military members of the Hawaii State Council for the Interstate Compact are also Liaison Members of JVEF. The thirty-three JVEF Liaison Members are senior military and HIDOE leadership, complex area superintendents, and representatives from the Hawaii State Legislature, business organizations, and community organizations who have been designated by their respective groups. Contributing Members of JVEF include individuals and representatives from the military, schools, community, and business who serve on one of the three JVEF Focus Groups or ad hoc committees. JVEF provides continuous coordination through partnerships and open dialogue in order to promote an understanding of and implement initiatives to address the needs of military children and families, enhance open dialogue on education concerns of the military community, and facilitate educational support of all children in Hawaii public schools, in alignment with the HIDOE mission. As the HIDOE Military Liaison, Ms. Okahara is the JVEF Coordinator for the HIDOE and works with her counterpart from USINDOPACOM to support the Executive Co-chairs (the Hawaii State Department of Education Superintendent and the Director for Manpower and Personnel, USINDOPACOM J1) and coordinate logistics and supporting materials for all JVEF connected meetings and activities. In 2020, most JVEF Liaison Member meetings were virtual, and they included as a standing agenda item a report from the Hawaii State Commissioner. Thus, the vital business of the Hawaii State Council was accomplished in spite of COVID-19 restrictions. Commissioner Berg also served as a panel member for the JVEF Outstanding Contributor Awards for 2020.

And in service to the Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission, Hawaii's Commissioner Berg continued serving through most of 2020 as chair of the National Guard and Reserve Coverage Task Force (NGRTF) appointed in mid-2019 to collect and analyze relevant data in order to recommend whether MIC3 protections for military-connected students already in place for the children of these reserve component members in Title 10 status should be expanded to cover children of members in other status situations, as well. Beginning in 2019, she directed the work of the task force, assembled the data and information from their work, and presented the task force report to the 2020 Annual Business Meeting, held virtually on October 1 and 2 of 2020.