

## Q4 2022—Issues and Programs Report—HPR News

Hawai'i Public Radio does daily reporting on issues important to its community of listeners. Coverage is guided in part by a list of issues put together with input from the station's Community Advisory Board and HPR's Broadcast Committee and approved by HPR's Board of Directors. Issues include Education, Healthcare, Native Hawaiian Culture, Economic Issues, Neighbor Island News, Housing and Homelessness, Environment, Community Planning, Immigration and Assimilation, Local Food and Agriculture and Culture and Arts.

The station airs a locally produced and hosted public affairs talk program, "The Conversation," airing from 11am to noon each weekday. That program features guests and listener call-in segments. Each Monday from 6:30pm to 7:00pm HPR airs a half-hour locally-produced program on medical developments and trends called "The Body Show," and each Thursday from 6:30pm to 7:00pm HPR airs a half-hour locally-produced program on technology called "Bytemarks Café."

In addition, local news reporters cover these topics of interest and importance to the state-wide listening community, typically filing reports of 2-3 minutes airing each day on Morning Edition from 5am to 9am and on All Things Considered from noon to 1pm and 4pm to 6pm.

For the purposes of this report, we will focus on stories and coverage in the areas of Culture and Arts, Government and Politics, Neighbor Island News, Environment, and Housing and Homelessness.

### CULTURE AND THE ARTS

#### [Ukulele virtuoso Taimane's new album is steeped in her Polynesian roots](#)

[Lillian Tsang](#)---October 11, 2022

Ukulele virtuoso Taimane Gardner picked up her first ukulele at age 5, started performing at age 7, and was discovered at 13. Taimane recently sat down with The Conversation to talk about her new album, "HAWAIIKI."

#### [State moves to block auction of items related to overthrow of Queen Lili'uokalani](#)

[Catherine Cruz](#)--October 14, 2022

Hawai'i's attorney general has put the British auction house Bonhams on notice. At issue are items dating back to the overthrow of the Hawaiian Kingdom that the state maintains belong to the government of Hawai'i. The Conversation's Catherine Cruz spoke with state archivist Adam Jansen about flagging the items and hopefully bringing them home.

### [\*\*This Kauaʻi family has been harvesting and sharing salt for generations\*\*](#)

[Russell Subiono](#)--December 5, 2022

Salt, or paʻakai, has held a significant place in Hawaiʻi's history for decades. This week, The Conversation is highlighting salt stories and how salt is produced around the state. HPR's Russell Subiono kicked off the series with a taste of the old school.

### [\*\*For many Hawaiians, the eruption is a time to connect with Pele and honor ancestors\*\*](#)

[Stephanie Han](#)--December 9, 2022

As many people travel to see the Maunaloa eruption, cultural practitioners hope that understanding the cultural context of this event will lead to an appreciation of Maunaloa as a sacred space of wonder and meaning.

### [\*\*Kalihi nature preserve heals thousands of people, earns national award\*\*](#)

[Jayna Omaye](#)--November 17, 2022

The National Association of State Foresters recently honored the stewards of a nature preserve deep in Kalihi Valley on Oʻahu. As HPR's Jayna Omaye reports, the forest has served as a place of healing for thousands of people for many years.

## **GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS**

### [\*\*Honolulu police major selected as next Hawaiʻi Police Department chief\*\*](#)

[Sabrina Bodon](#)--December 16, 2022

Honolulu Police Department Maj. Benjamin Moszkowicz has been selected as chief of Hawaiʻi County's police department. The Hawaiʻi County Police Commission affirmed his selection in a 5-3 vote, with Chair John Bertsch recused. HPR's Sabrina Bodon reports.

### [\*\*Here's what Hawaiʻi's 2022 election winners said Tuesday night\*\*](#)

[Sabrina Bodon](#)--November 9, 2022

Josh Green will serve as Hawaiʻi's ninth governor and Sylvia Luke will be the next lieutenant governor. The state saw a lower-than-usual election turnout with about 40% of registered voters coming out. HPR's Sabrina Bodon reports on the election wins and losses.

### [\*\*Campaign leaders for Burns, Waiheʻe reflect on Hawaiʻi's political past\*\*](#)

[HPR News Staff](#)--November 3, 2022

With less than a week until Election Day, we're looking back at Hawaiʻi's political past when organizers and workers were the backbones of campaigns. As part of our ongoing project with the UH Mānoa Center for Oral History, we hear insights from two men who worked behind the scenes to support the late Gov. John A. Burns.

### **[Outdated staffing analysis leads to problems at jails and prisons, state audit finds](#)**

**[Sabrina Bodon](#)**--October 26, 2022

Correctional facilities across Hawai'i face staffing shortages and oftentimes, overpopulation. HPR's Sabrina Bodon reports on the state's audit into staffing, and how low staffing is being handled at O'ahu Community Correctional Center.

### **[Honolulu doubles down on illegal vacation rentals despite court battle](#)**

**[Casey Harlow](#)**--October 21, 2022

A court order halted new vacation rental rules from going into effect on O'ahu. But the City and County of Honolulu will be moving ahead with other aspects of its new regulations for short-term rentals. HPR's Casey Harlow has more.

## **NEIGHBOR ISLAND NEWS**

### **[Growing talent pool among neighbor island high school football teams](#)**

**[Russell Subiono](#)**--December 15, 2022

Two neighbor island high schools, Konawaena and Waimea on Kaua'i, won state titles in division I and division II football, respectively. The Conversation sat down with Harold Tanaka, the football coordinator for the Hawai'i High School Athletic Association, to talk about the talent pool across the state.

### **[Cleanup begins for Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park after 2018 Kīlauea eruption](#)**

**[Zoe Dym](#)**--December 14, 2022

While the most recent activity at Maunaloa and Kīlauea has paused, the National Park Service is moving forward on cleaning up damage from past eruptions.

### **[Moloka'i salt farm celebrates two decades of sending flavor around the world](#)**

**[Catherine Cruz](#)**--December 7, 2022

Next year marks 20 years since the start of a salt farm on Moloka'i that now operates as the Hawaii Kai Corporation. The company focuses on bulk sales of its "Soul of the Sea" label. Clients include high-end restaurants and spas on the mainland.

### **[Kaua'i putting together reentry transition packs for those leaving prison](#)**

**[Sabrina Bodon](#)**--November 15, 2022

Formerly incarcerated people will be given new resources as they leave prison due to a microgrant for the Kaua'i reentry services program. Packs will contain bus passes, taxi vouchers, gift cards and a list of resources. HPR's Sabrina Bodon reports.

### [Documentary about 30-year Maui event wins international awards](#)

[Catherine Cruz](#)--November 4, 2022

Maui filmmaker Ken Burgmaier is on a high. His documentary short "30 Years of Aloha" just won an award at the Shanghai Film Festival.

## **ENVIRONMENT**

### [Hawaiian Electric prepares conservation plan for native Maui birds](#)

[Zoe Dym](#)--November 4, 2022

Hawaiian Electric is developing a long-term plan to protect Maui's native birds. Its Habitat Conservation Plan will be written in collaboration with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the state Department of Land and Natural Resources.

### [Longtime Molokai plumeria farmer hopes to raise awareness of destructive borer beetle](#)

[Catherine Cruz](#)--October 26, 2022

Dick Wheeler, the owner of Molokai Plumerias, says at one time the farm was the largest supplier of fresh blooms for lei sellers in the state. But drought and destructive insects have weakened his orchard of three and a half decades.

### [Haleakalā National Park plans to reduce mosquito population to save endangered honeycreepers](#)

[Zoe Dym](#)--December 14, 2022

The National Park Service plans on releasing infertile male mosquitoes to reduce avian malaria on Maui. The federal agency will host virtual public meetings in January to explain its plans.

### [53 tons of trash pulled off of Papahānaumokuākea's reefs and beaches](#)

[Zoe Dym](#)--November 24, 2022

The Papahānaumokuākea Marine Debris Project makes a 30-day journey to the archipelago twice a year. A recent expedition pulled 53 tons of fishing gear and plastic out of the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands.

## **HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS**

### [Honolulu buys \\$37.75M dorm to convert to affordable housing](#)

[Jason Ubay](#)--November 1, 2022

The city has acquired the Waikiki Vista in Mōiili for \$37.75 million. The deal will add more than 100 new affordable rental units to the city's inventory.

### **[Maui's homeless solutions committee outlines critical plans for leadership](#)**

**[Sabrina Bodon](#)**--November 21, 2022

The volunteer-based Commission on Healing Solutions for Homelessness on Maui has been operational for about 18 months, but most of that time has been spent without leadership and a place to meet that would keep in compliance with Sunshine Laws.

### **[Housing bill on Kauai aims to provide a 'regular flow' of revenue for infrastructure improvements](#)**

**[Sabrina Bodon](#)**--November 17, 2022

The measure would require at least 2% of real property tax revenues to go into the Housing Development Fund annually. In fiscal year 2023, that would have allocated around \$3.7 million into this fund.

### **[Finland group offers advice on how to tackle Honolulu's housing crisis](#)**

**[Lillian Tsang](#)**--November 17, 2022

November is Homelessness Awareness Month and a group from Finland, who are leaders in the field, are in Honolulu for a conference on homelessness and housing solutions.

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