

August 2023 CCL Hawaii Newsletter

THE HAWAII WILDFIRES

Our hearts go out to all affected by the Hawaii wildfires, especially the community of Lahaina, Maui, where so many lost lives, homes, and businesses. A prolonged recovery period is expected, and this could last for years. The disruption to lives, the environment, and the economy is unprecedented for Maui and the State.

The outpouring of support from neighbors and friends, businesses, government, NGOs, and philanthropists near and far have been a bright spot. This support is helping survivors get to safety and receive the basics. It is critical that the support is sustained long after the spotlight has moved away.

There will be time to ponder how to rebuild and avoid future disasters. In the meantime, consider providing support if you are able. Here are organizations directly supporting those affected: [Maui Strong Fund](#), [Hawaii Red Cross](#), and the [Maui Food Bank](#).

People on Maui and other Hawaii islands who would like to volunteer at shelters can register as a volunteer at [redcross.org](https://www.redcross.org).

Noel, Paul, Ron and Molly - CCL Hawaii State Coordinators

STATE UPDATES

August CCL Hawaii Statewide Meeting

Our monthly meeting is on Wednesday, August 23, 5:00 - 6:00 PM HST.

Our guest speakers include youth climate leaders. They will talk about the [Climate Future Forum](#) (CFF), an organization dedicated to engaging youth in our democracy by

- building relationships between lawmakers and youth,
- conveying information about the legislative process and building skills to interact with the legislature, and
- empowering youth to amplify their voices.

Everyone is welcome, and we look forward to connecting and sharing. Please feel free to share with your friends and neighbors.

To join - email Virginia at vatincher@gmail.com for the Zoom link

Highlights of the July 26th CCL Hawaii meeting

The July 26th CCL Hawaii meeting featured Hawaii County Council Chairwoman Heather Kimball. (Please NOTE: Heather's presentation was around 2 weeks prior to the Maui/Hawaii fires)

Before entering office, Heather worked as a climate scientist and owner of a consulting firm that assists in carbon mitigation and climate change adaptation policy. Heather talked about her legislation that establishes the newly created Hawaii County Office of Sustainability, Climate, Equity and Resilience (OSKER)

The link to the July 26th meeting is at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dnkB2hfywo>

Heather's presentation begins at around 13 minutes. As Heather says, "We know what to do, let's make sure we do it!"

(Additional information about OSKER from [Big Island Now](#))

STATE ACTIONS

If you are interested in Carbon Cashback, we are meeting with legislators for in-depth discussions. If you would like to join a meeting or help contact legislators for a meeting, contact Doug Hagan (dhagan111@gmail.com)

NATIONAL ACTIONS

Easy Action - It takes just need 5 minutes!

[Urge Congress to cosponsor the Increased TSP Access Act](#) - TSPs can help protect over HALF of America's forests.

The [Technical Service Providers Act](#) helps farmers, ranchers, and forest owners access critical conservation programs and empowers these producers to implement climate-smart programs.

Notably, the TSP Access Act already has Republican and Democratic support in Congress!

MEDIA - SOCIAL MEDIA ACTIONS

Social Media Actions for the PROVE IT ACT

Like, comment on, and share Senators' PROVE IT Act posts.

Sen. Chris Coons and Sen. Kevin Cramer, the lead sponsors of the PROVE IT Act ([S.1863](#)), recently appeared on cable news to promote their bill. Let's help spread the word on social media about their interview and this exciting climate legislation. Click the links below to like, comment on, or share the Senators' posts:

- Sen. Kevin Cramer's PROVE IT Act posts on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#)
- Sen. Chris Coons' PROVE IT Act posts on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#)

If you're looking for more social content to share, visit our "Spread the Word" (cclusa.org/stw) take action page. If you need help getting started on social media, check out the training available on the CCL Community [Social Media for Volunteers and Chapters](#) topics page.

If you have any questions or comments about the newsletter contact Virginia Tincher at vatincher@gmail.com