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Jarrett Keohokalole Calls for Hawai'i to Join West Coast States' Vaccine and Health Alliance
Urges Science-Driven Guidance to Protect Keiki and Kūpuna Amid Federal Confusion

HONOLULU — Jarrett Keohokalole today urged Hawaiʻi's leaders to join Oregon, Washington, and California in the newly formed <u>Western Health Alliance</u>, a partnership aimed at preserving access to vaccines and safeguarding public health.

The Alliance, announced Wednesday, will develop independent immunization guidelines "informed by respected national medical organizations," according to a news release.

"With federal vaccine guidance increasingly driven by politics instead of science, Hawai'i cannot afford to wait for clarity from Washington, D.C. The health of our keiki, our kūpuna, and everyone in between is too important. We need clear, expert-backed recommendations that put public safety ahead of partisanship," said Keohokalole.

"Hawai'i has always looked to science and local values to guide us through tough times. By joining the West Coast Health Alliance, we can make sure our people get the information and protection they deserve and prevent misinformation from putting lives at risk."

Keohokalole is encouraging residents to contact their elected officials and express support for Hawai'i joining the Alliance. "Our voices matter. Let's make sure Hawai'i is at the table and our families are protected."

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About Jarrett for Congress:

Jarrett Keohokalole is a lifelong Hawai'i resident, current State Senator, and champion for working families. Jarrett has built his career fighting to lower living costs for local people, make government more transparent, and bring new energy to public service. In the Hawai'i Senate, he has led efforts to stabilize the housing and insurance markets, expand access to healthcare, and increase government accountability. His campaign for Congress is about urgent, community-first leadership; showing up, speaking truth, and delivering results for Hawai'i's families. Learn more at jarrettforcongress.com and follow the campaign on social media @JarrettForCongress.