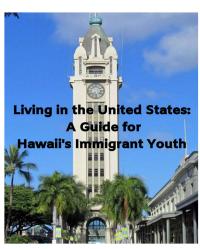


## **Guide for Hawaii's Immigrant Youth**

Immigration issues can be tricky. There are many ways in which immigration status – whether you're a green card holder or undocumented – can affect your ability to get a job, go to college, or even remain in the United States. The authors of this guide, including a TLC co-founder, created this resource to help immigrant youth and young adults in Hawai'i with these complex issues. Visit TLC's website for the most updated

version: thelegalclinichawaii.org/immigrantyouthquide



## **Advocacy Updates**

TLC's Advocacy Committee joined the Hawai'i Coalition for Immigrant Rights and the Filipino Legislative Caucus to support the 2023 State of Hawai'i legislative session bills. Although some of the bills that TLC supported did not advance beyond committee referrals, we remain optimistic that many of them will ultimately be passed thanks to the dedicated efforts of local advocates. Mahalo to everyone who submitted testimony in support of these bills. The following bills passed third readings as amended in the House and crossed back over to the Senate. They are pending Conference Committee deliberations.

SB811 requires the disaggregation of demographic data on Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and other Pacific Islanders into distinct data sets to more accurately reflect demographics in publications and to promote more equitable outcomes.

SB813 would increase compensation rates for court interpreters.

SB814 would require the State to provide increased language access for limited English speakers with regards to electronic information technology.

## Stand Up for Immigrant Justice Pau Hana- Mahalo!

A heartfelt mahalo nui loa to everyone who contributed to or attended The Legal Clinic's annual benefit event "Stand Up for Immigrant Justice Pau Hana" at Café Julia in downtown Honolulu! We are thrilled to have exceeded the \$100,000 fundraising goal thanks to all the supporters who wanted to honor Dr. Amefil "Amy" Agbayani, recepient of the "2023 TLC Guardian of Immigrant Justice Award", and to celebrate her 80th birthday. It was amazing to see so many familiar faces and meet new friends who share TLC's passion for making a positive impact in the community.

These critical funds make a huge difference in pursuit of TLC's mission to ensure justice for low-income immigrants and migrants in Hawai'i through high-quality immigration legal services, education, and advocacy. A big mahalo to all, especially the event sponsors listed below.



Hawai'i State Legislators & Honolulu City Councilmembers pay tribute to Amy Agbayani.

## **Mahalo to TLC's Event Sponsors**



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Amy Agbayani & Actor Daniel Dae Kim



U.S. Representative Jill Tokuda reads remarks by U.S. Senato. Mazie K. Hirono

To see more photos of the event go to: thelegalclinichawaii.org /updates-events/

# Hawaii News Now: "Hawaii human rights leader honored for work on immigrant justice"



Hawaii News Now's Sunrise Segment featuring Dr. Amefil "Amy" Agbayani

https://www.hawaiinewsnow.com/video/2023/04/16/human-rights-advocate-dr-amy-agbayani-says-fight-continues-immigrant-justice-hawaii/

## **Honoring the Life & Contributions of Clare Hanusz**

On Feb. 24, 2023, our colleague, trusted advisor, friend, and fellow board member Clare Hanusz, immigration attorney and founder of Aloha Immigration, passed away peacefully after a long and valiant battle with cancer. Ever a devoted and strong supporter of immigrant justice and The Legal Clinic (TLC), Clare was a beacon of hope for many clients, law students, and other immigration attorneys.

Clare's family has generously suggested that donations be made in her memory, to four organizations and causes that Clare cared deeply about, including The Legal Clinic and UH-Manoa's William S. Richardson School of Law, where a newly-endowed scholarship in Clare's honor will benefit students planning to pursue a career in immigration law. Thank you to all who have already donated in support of these causes that Clare was so dedicated to.

One supporter recently shared: "Clare was one of a kind. Passionate and forceful in her assistance of others particularly the immigrant community. She will be missed, but organizations like The Legal Clinic will continue the work."

Even in the face of a challenging political climate and anti-immigrant rhetoric, Clare fearlessly advocated for those fleeing violence and poverty in their home countries. We are grateful to have had the privilege to work alongside her. Clare's legacy will continue to inspire TLC and the legal community in Hawai'i.

Clare's obituary appeared on <u>Legacy.com</u> and <u>in the Honolulu Star-Advertiser</u>. Think Tech Hawaii also featured her in an episode, <u>"Celebrating the Life of Clare Hanusz (Life In The Law)."</u>



Clare Hanusz (left) at a year-end TLC celebration in December 2021, with immigration attorney John Egan (standing), Clare's husband Nevi Soguk (center), UH Richardson School of Law Fellow Ethan Higa, Terrina Wong of Pacific Gateway Center (right), & unidentified guest.

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