

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE MODEL DELEGATE SELECTION PLAN FOR THE 2008 DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION

This **Model Delegate Selection Plan** is furnished to State Democratic Parties (including the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, American Samoa, Guam, the Virgin Islands, and Democrats Abroad) to assist with the preparation of their respective Plans for the 2008 delegate selection process. In preparing their Plans, State Parties are welcome, but not required, to follow this “model” format.

Provisions applicable for both typical primary or caucus states are included in this Model Plan. A State Party can adapt this document to the requirements of its own unique primary or caucus system. State or date references appear in parentheses (e.g., (*state*) or (*date*); state/system-specific choices or notations are indicated in brackets (e.g., [*indicate system: primary or caucus*]). All of these variables appear as ***bold and italicized*** text.

State Plans must be submitted to the Rules and Bylaws Committee by May 1, 2007. Before submitting the Plan, it must be approved by the State Party following a 30-day public comment period.

The Model Plan is available to State Parties electronically from the Office of Party Affairs and Delegate Selection at the Democratic National Committee.

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HAWAII DELEGATE SELECTION PLAN

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SECTION I

INTRODUCTION & DESCRIPTION OF DELEGATE SELECTION PROCESS

A. INTRODUCTION

1. Hawaii has a total of 29 delegates and 4 alternates. (Call, I. & Appendix B.)
2. The delegate selection process is governed by the *Charter and Bylaws of the Democratic Party of the United States*, the *Delegate Selection Rules for the 2008 Democratic National Convention* (“Rules”), the *Call for the 2008 Democratic National Convention* (“Call”), the *Regulations of the Rules and Bylaws Committee for the 2008 Democratic National Convention* (“Regs.”), the rules of the Democratic Party of Hawaii, the Hawaii election code, and this Delegate Selection Plan. (Call, II.A.)
3. Following the adoption of this Delegate Selection Plan by the State Party Committee, it shall be submitted for review and approval by the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee (“RBC”). The State Party Chair shall be empowered to make any technical revisions to this document as required by the RBC to correct any omissions and/or deficiencies as found by the RBC to ensure its full compliance with Party Rules. Such corrections shall be made by the State Party Chair and the Plan resubmitted to the RBC within 30 days of receipt of notice of the RBC’s findings. (Regs. 2.5, 2.6 & 2.7)
4. Once this Plan has been found in Compliance by the RBC, any amendment to the Plan by the State Party will be submitted to and approved by the RBC before it becomes effective. (Reg. 2.9)

SECTION II

PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES

A. BALLOT ACCESS

1. A Presidential candidate gains access to the Hawaii ballot by the following process: each Presidential candidate shall certify in writing by **January 23, 2008**, to the State Democratic Chair, the name(s) of his or her authorized representative(s). (RULE 14.E.)
 2. A filing fee of \$1,500 shall accompany the statement. The filing fee shall be waived in the case of a person who declares himself, by affidavit, to be indigent and who has filed a petition signed by at least 100 members of the State Party, registered as of the filing date of the statement. (RULE 14.B.)
 3. Each presidential candidate (including uncommitted status) shall use his or her best efforts to ensure that his or her respective delegation within the State delegation achieves the affirmative action goals established by this Plan and is equally divided between men and women (Rule 6.1.).
- B. Each presidential candidate shall certify in writing to the State Democratic Chair, the name(s) of his or her authorized representative(s) by **January 23, 2008**. (Rule 12.D.(1))

SECTION III

SELECTION OF DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES

A. DISTRICT-LEVEL DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES

1. Hawaii is allocated 13 district-level delegates and 3 district-level alternates. (Rule 8.C., Call, I.B. & I.I.)
2. District-level delegates and alternate positions will be allocated to presidential preferences through a proportional representation system based on a caucus, with the first determining step on February 19, 2008. (Rule 10.A. & 12.A.)
 - a. The District-level delegates and alternates shall be elected by the State Convention District-level delegates to be held on May 24, 2008. Notice of the location will be given by publication in a newspaper of general circulation throughout the State at least five (5) days prior to the February 19, 2008 precinct meeting in accordance with Art. II, Sec 3 of the General Laws of the Democratic Party of Hawaii.
 - b. Hawaii's District-level delegates and alternates are apportioned between the two Congressional Districts based on Formula #2, Appendix A of the Regulations of the Rules and Bylaws Committee for the 2004 Democratic Convention giving equal weight to the most recent presidential and gubernatorial election. (Rule 8.A.2.)
 - c. The number of delegates to the State Convention from each precinct shall be allotted according to a formula in direct proportion to the most recent total vote in the precinct for the Democratic nominee for Governor of the State of Hawaii, according to proportioning factors which provide for the maximum opportunity for participation consistent with the General Laws. Provided, however, each precinct shall be entitled to at least two (2) delegates to the State Convention.
 - d. Each precinct polls its members present at the caucus to determine their presidential preference or uncommitted status. After the formal registration process, balloting for presidential preference or uncommitted status is by secret ballot. Ballots are sealed and submitted to the Democratic Party Headquarters within forty-eight (48) hours. The State Central Committee is required to tabulate and announce the results within twenty (20) days after the balloting.
 - e. Precinct caucuses elect delegates and alternates to the State Convention. Any person who has been registered as a member of the Democratic Party may be elected by the precinct club as delegate or alternate to the State Convention.
 - f. Delegates elected by each precinct to the State Convention shall be composed of equal numbers of men and women. If the number of delegates allotted to a precinct is an odd number, then the composition of the delegates may deviate by one.
3. Apportionment of District-Level Delegates and Alternates
 - a. Hawaii's district-level delegates and alternates to the Democratic National Convention are apportioned to two (2) Congressional Districts as indicated in the following chart. (Rule 8.A.; Regs. 4.11., 4.12. & Appendix A)
 - (1) Equal weight to the vote for the Democratic candidates in the 2004 presidential and the most recent gubernatorial elections.

- b. The state's total number of district-level delegates will be equally divided between men and women. (Rule 6.C.(1) & Reg. 4.8.)
- c. The district-level delegates and alternates are apportioned to districts as indicated in the following chart:

District	Delegates			Alternates		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
#1	3	3	6	1	0	1
#2	3	4	7	1	1	2
Total	6	7	13	2	1	3

4. District-Level Delegate and Alternate Filing Requirements

- a. A district-level delegate and alternate candidate may run for election only within the district in which he or she is registered to vote. (Rule 12.H.)
- b. All delegate and alternate candidates to the Democratic National Conventional must be identified as to presidential preference or uncommitted status at all levels which determine presidential preference. (Rule 12.A.)
- c. An individual can qualify as a candidate for District-level delegate or alternate to the 2008 Democratic National Convention by filing a statement of candidacy with the Secretary of the Democratic Party of Hawaii, 1314 S. King St. #G-4, Honolulu, HI 96814, by **May 2, 2008**.
- d. The statement of candidacy shall be signed by not less than ten (10) certified members of the Democratic Party of Hawaii from the Congressional District in which the candidate is a member of the Precinct Club.
- e. Candidates for delegate or alternate positions shall file a statement designating their presidential (or uncommitted) preference and a signed pledge of support for the presidential candidate wit the Secretary of the Democratic Party of Hawaii by **May 2, 2008**.
- f. All candidates considered for District-level alternate positions must meet the same requirements as candidates for District-level delegate positions, except that the State may allow candidates who were not chosen at the delegate level to be considered at the alternate level. (Rule 12.C.)

5. Presidential Candidate Right of Review for District-Level Delegates and Alternates

- a. The State Democratic Chair shall convey to the presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), not later than **May 2, 2008**, a list of all persons who have filed for delegate or alternate pledged to that presidential candidate. (Rules 12.D. & 12.F.)
- b. Each presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), must then file with the State Democratic Chair by **May 7, 2008**, a list of all such candidates he or she has approved, provided that approval be given to at least three (3) times the number of

candidates for delegate men and three (3) times the number of candidates for delegate women, and three (3) times the number of candidates for alternate men and three (3) times the number of alternate women to be selected. (Rule 12.E.(1), Reg. 4.23.)

- c. Failure to respond will be deemed approval of all delegate and alternate candidates submitted to the presidential candidate unless the presidential candidate, or the authorized representative(s), signifies otherwise in writing to the State Democratic Chair not later than *May 7, 2008*.
 - d. National convention delegate and alternate candidates removed from the list of bona fide supporters by a presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), may not be elected as a delegate or alternate at that level pledged to that presidential candidate (including uncommitted status). (Rule 12.E. & Reg. 4.23.)
 - e. The State Democratic Chair shall certify in writing to the Co-Chairs of the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee whether each presidential candidate (including uncommitted status) has used their best efforts to ensure that their respective district-level delegate candidates and district-level alternate candidates meet the affirmative action and inclusion considerations and goals detailed in the Affirmative Action section of this Plan within three (3) business days of returning the list of approved district-level delegate candidates and district-level alternate candidates as indicated in section III.A.5.b of this Plan.
6. Fair Reflection of Presidential Preference
- a. **Caucus/Convention B Proportional Representation Plan (Rules 13.A., 13.B. & 13.D.)**

(Hawaii) is a caucus/convention state. Accordingly, delegate and alternate positions shall be allocated so as to fairly reflect the expressed presidential preference or uncommitted status of the caucus participants in each district. Therefore, the national convention delegates elected at the district level shall be allocated in proportion to the percentage of the caucus vote won in that district by each preference, except that preferences falling below a 15% threshold shall not be awarded any delegates or alternates. (Rule 13.B.)
 - b. Within a district, if no presidential preference reaches a 15% threshold, the threshold shall be the percentage of the vote received in that district by the front-runner minus 10%. (Rule 13.F.)
 - c. Candidates/nominees pledged to a presidential candidate shall be elected to the Democratic National Convention by delegates to the State Convention who have signed Statements of Support for the same presidential candidate that the nominees are pledged. (Rule 12.G.)
 - d. Delegates and alternates to the State Convention who wish to vote for candidates/nominees pledged to a presidential candidates shall file a signed Statement of Support for the same presidential candidate to who the candidate/nominee so pledged with the Secretary of the Democratic Party of Hawaii on or before May 2, 2008. (Rule 13.C.)

- e. Failure to file a signed Statement of Support will render a delegate to the State Convention ineligible to participate in the election of nominees for a particular presidential candidate.
 - f. Uncommitted is considered as a presidential preference. Only persons who have signed a pledge of support for “uncommitted” as a presidential preference may participate in the election of uncommitted delegates.
 - g. A signed Statement of Support is a documented pledge of loyalty to a presidential candidate upon which is affixed to the signatures of the person, with his or her residential street address and his or her district and precinct.
7. Equal Division of District-Level Delegates and Alternates
 - a. In order to ensure the district-level delegates are equally divided between men and women, delegate positions within each district will be designated by presidential preference beginning with the highest vote-getting presidential preference. This assignment of delegate positions, alternating by sex as mathematically practicable, will continue with the next highest vote-getting preferences in descending order until the gender of each position has been assigned. (Rule 6.C.(1) & Reg. 4.8.)
 - b. After the delegates are selected, the alternates will be awarded, using the same process described above, except that a male will be selected first.
 8. The State Democratic Chair shall certify in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee (DNC) the election of the state’s district-level delegates and alternates to the Democratic National Convention within three (3) days after their election. (Rule 8.C. & Call, IV.A.)

B. UNPLEDGED DELEGATES

1. Unpledged Party Leaders and Elected Officials
 - a. The following categories (if applicable) shall constitute the Unpledged Party Leaders and Elected Official delegate positions:
 - (1) Four (4) members of the Democratic National Committee who legally reside in the state; (Rule 9.A.(1), Call, I.F., J., K., & Reg. 4.13.)
 - (2) All four (4) of Hawaii’s Democratic Members of the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate; (Rule 9.A.(3), Call I.G. & K.)
 - b. The certification process for the Unpledged Party Leader and Elected Official delegates is as follows:
 - (1) Not later than March 1, 2008, the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee shall officially confirm to the State Democratic Chair the names of the unpledged delegates who legally reside in Hawaii. (Rule 9.A.)
 - (2) Official confirmation by the Secretary shall constitute verification of the unpledged delegates from the categories indicated above. (Call, IV.B.1.)
2. Unpledged Add-On Delegates

- a. Hawaii will select 1 unpledged add-on delegates. (Rule 9.B., Call, I.I. & Reg. 5.1.)
- b. The procedures to be used in selecting the 1 unpledged add-on delegates will be as follows:
 - (1) Selection of the unpledged add-on delegates will occur at) on May 24, 2008 at a meeting of the State Central Committee immediately following the State Convention, which is after the election of district delegates and alternates and prior to the selection of the pledged Party Leader and Elected Official delegates. (Rule 9.B.(1))
 - (2) The delegate will be selected by the State Central Committee, which is the same selecting body used to select the pledged Party Leader and Elected Official and At-Large delegates and alternates. (Rule 9.B.(1))
 - (3) The equal division and affirmative action provisions of Rule 10.A. apply to the selection of these unpledged add-on delegates. (Rule 9.B.(2))
 - (4) The list from which the selecting body chooses the unpledged add-on delegates shall contain at least one (1) name for every unpledged add-on position to be filled. Persons interested in the position must file by 1:00 pm on May 24, 2008. (Rule 9.B.(3))
 - (5) Unpledged add-on delegate candidates may be selected whether or not they previously filed a statement of candidacy for a delegate position or submitted a pledge of support for a presidential candidate. (Rule 9.B.(5) & Reg. 4.14.)
 - (6) A vacant alternate position shall be filled by the delegation; the replacement shall be of the same presidential preference (or uncommitted status) of the same sex and, to the extent possible, from the same political subdivision as the alternate being replaced. Each replacement of a vacant alternate position shall be certified in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Party by the State Chair. (Rule 18.F.(3))
- c. Unpledged add-on delegates, selected pursuant to Rule 9.B., shall be certified in writing by the State Democratic Chair to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee within three (3) days after the selection. (Call, IV.B.2.)

C. PLEDGED PARTY LEADER AND ELECTED OFFICIAL (PLEO) DELEGATES

1. Hawaii is allotted 3 pledged Party Leader and Elected Official (PLEO) delegates. (Call, I.D. & E.)
2. Pledged PLEO Delegate Filing Requirements
 - a. Individuals shall be eligible for the pledged Party Leader and Elected Official delegate positions according to the following priority: big city mayors and state-wide elected officials (to be given equal consideration); state legislative leaders, state legislators, and other state, county and local elected officials and party leaders. (Rule 9.C.(1) & Reg. 4.15.)
 - b. Pledged PLEO delegate candidate must be identified as to presidential preference or uncommitted status. (Rules 9.C.)
 - c. An individual can qualify as a candidate for a position as a Pledged PLEO delegate by filing a statement of candidacy and pledge of support with the Secretary of the

Democratic Party of Hawaii at 1314 S. King St. #G-4, Honolulu, HI 96814. (Rule 9.C.(3) & Reg. 4.16.)

- d. If persons eligible for Pledged PLEO delegate positions have not already made known their presidential preference (or uncommitted status) as candidates for District-level or At-large delegate positions, their preference shall be ascertained through the following alternative procedure; candidates for PLEO nominations must indicate their support for a presidential candidate, or for uncommitted status by filing a signed pledge of support form by **May 24, 2008** after the selection of District-level delegates. Presidential candidates or their authorized representatives will be given an opportunity to review and approve the list of candidates. (Rule 9.C.(3) & Reg. 4.16.)
3. Presidential Candidate Right of Review
 - a. The State Democratic Chair shall convey to the presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), not later than **May 2, 2008**, a list of all persons who have filed for a party and elected official delegate pledged to that presidential candidate. (Rules 9.C.(3) & 12.D.)
 - b. Each presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), must file with the State Democratic Chair, by **May 7, 2008**, a list of all such candidates he or she has approved, as long as approval is given to at least one (1) name for every position to which the presidential candidate is entitled. (Rule 12.E.(2) & Reg. 4.23.)
 - c. Failure to respond will be deemed approval of all delegate candidates submitted to the presidential candidate unless the presidential candidate or the authorized representative(s) signifies otherwise in writing to the State Democratic Chair not later than **4:30 pm on May 7, 2008**.
 - d. The State Democratic Chair shall certify in writing to the Co-Chairs of the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee whether each presidential candidate (including uncommitted status) has used their best efforts to ensure that their respective pledged PLEO delegate candidates meet the affirmative action and inclusion considerations and goals detailed in the Affirmative Action section of this Plan within three (3) business days of returning the list of approved pledged PLEO candidates as indicated in section III.C.3.b of this Plan.
 4. Selection of Pledged Party Leader and Elected Official Delegates
 - a. The pledged PLEO slots shall be allocated among presidential preferences on the same basis as the at-large delegates. (Rule 9.C.(2), 10.C., 13.E. & F.)
 - b. Selection of the pledged PLEO delegates will occur on May 24, 2008 by a majority vote of the State Central Committee members, meeting immediately following the adjournment of the State Convention, which is after the election of district-level delegates and alternates and the unpledged add-on delegates and prior to the selection of at-large delegates and alternates. (Rule 9.C.)
 - c. These delegates will be selected by the State Central Committee. (Rule 9.D.)
 - (a) Membership on the State Central Committee is apportioned based on Senatorial Districts, which, in turn, are apportioned on the basis of population. (Rule 9.D.(1))

- (b) Members of the State Central Committee have been selected through open processes in conformity with the basic procedural guarantees utilized for delegate selection. Any member of the Democratic Party of Hawaii who has been a member in good standing for one year can become a candidate. The election of members to the State Central Committee is conducted at a convention at which the delegates of the convention have been elected by members in equally apportioned Senatorial Districts. (Rule 9.D.(2))
 - (c) Such delegates are elected at a public meeting subsequent to the election of district-level delegates. (Rule 9.D.(3))
 - (d) Members of the State Central Committee shall have been elected on May 24, 2008. (Rule 9.D.(4))
 - (e) Membership of the State Party Committee complies with the equal division requirements of Article 9, Section 16 of the Charter of the Democratic Party of the United States. One male and one female shall be elected from each Senatorial District. (Rule 9.D.(5))
- (2) Alternates are not selected at the pledged Party Leader and Elected Official level. These alternates are combined with the at-large alternates and selected as one unit. (Reg. 4.30.)
5. The State Democratic Chair shall certify in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee the election of the state's pledged Party Leader and Elected Official delegates to the Democratic National Convention within three (3) days after their election. (Rule 8.D. & Call, IV.A.)

D. AT-LARGE DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES

1. The state of Hawaii is allotted 4 at-large delegates and 1 at-large alternate. (Rule 8.C., Call, I.B. & I.)
2. At-Large Delegate and Alternate Filing Requirements
 - a. Persons desiring to seek at-large delegate or alternate positions may file a statement of candidacy designating their presidential or uncommitted preference and a signed pledge of support for the presidential candidates (including uncommitted status) with the Secretary of the Democratic Party of Hawaii at 1314 S. King St. Honolulu, HI 96814 by May 2, 2008. (Rules 12.B. & 14.G.; Regs. 4.22. & 4.27.)
 - b. The statement of candidacy for at-large delegates and for at-large alternates will be the same. After the at-large delegates are elected by the State Central Committee, those persons not chosen will then be considered candidates for at-large alternate positions unless they specify otherwise when filing. (Rule 18.A.)
3. Presidential Candidate Right of Review
 - a. The State Democratic Chair shall convey to the presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), not later than **May 2, 2008**, a list of all persons who have filed for delegate or alternate pledged to that presidential candidate. (Rule 12.D.) (Reg. 4.22. & 4.27.)

- b. Each presidential candidate or that candidate's authorized representative(s), must then file with the State Democratic Chair, by **May 7, 2008**, a list of all such candidates he or she has approved, except for those candidates for At-Large delegate and alternate. Approval for candidates for At-Large delegate or alternate must be filed on May 24, 2008, after selection of the PLEO delegates and alternates. At a minimum, two (2) names must be approved for every National Convention delegate or alternate position to which the presidential candidate is entitled. (Rule 12.E.(2) & Reg. 4.23.)
 - c. Failure to respond will be deemed approval of all delegate candidates submitted to the presidential candidate unless the presidential candidate or the authorized representative(s) signifies otherwise in writing to the State Democratic Chair not later than **May 7, 2008**, provided, however, that the date for approval of candidates for At-Large delegates and alternates shall be May 24, 2008.
 - d. The State Democratic Chair shall certify in writing to the Co-Chairs of the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee whether each presidential candidate (including uncommitted status) has used their best efforts to ensure that their respective at-large delegate candidates and at-large alternate candidates meet the affirmative action and inclusion considerations and goals detailed in the Affirmative Action section of this Plan within three (3) business days of returning the list of approved at-large delegate candidates and at-large alternate candidates as indicated in section III.D.3.b of this Plan.
4. Fair Reflection of Presidential Preference
- a. At-large delegate and alternate positions shall be allocated among presidential preferences according to the division of preferences among convention participants, provided that no person participating shall automatically serve by virtue of holding a public or party office. (Rule 10.C.) (Rule 9.E. & Reg. 4.18.)
 - a. Preferences which have not attained a 15% threshold on a state-wide basis shall not be entitled to any at-large delegates. (Rule 13.E.)
 - b. If no presidential preference reaches a 15% threshold, the threshold shall be the percentage of the statewide vote received by the front-runner, minus 10%. (Rule 13.F.)
 - c. If a presidential candidate is no longer a candidate at the time of selection of the at-large delegates, then those at-large slots that would have been allocated to the candidate will be proportionally divided among the remaining preferences entitled to an allocation. (Rule 10.C.)
 - d. If a given presidential preference is entitled to one or more delegate positions but would not otherwise be entitled to an alternate position, that preference shall be allotted one at-large alternate position. (Rule 18.B., Call, I.J. & Reg. 4.30. & 4.33.)
5. Selection of At-Large Delegates and Alternates
- a. The At-Large delegate and alternate delegate will be selected on May 24, 2008 by a majority of the members of the State Central Committee immediately following the adjournment of the State Convention, which is after all the unpledged delegate and PLEO delegates have been selected. (Rule 8.D. & Call, III.)
 - b. These delegates and alternates will be selected by the State Central Committee. (Rules 10.B. & 8.D.)

- (a) Membership on the State Central Committee is apportioned on the basis of population and/or some measure of Democratic strength. (Rule 9.D.(1))
- (b) Members of the State Central Committee have been elected through open processes in conformity with the basic procedural guarantees utilized for delegate selection. (Rule 9.D.(2))
- (c) Such delegates are elected at a public meeting subsequent to the election of district-level delegates. (Rule 9.D.(3))
- (d) Members of the State Central Committee shall have been elected on May 24, 2008. (Rule 9.D.(4))
- (e) Membership of the State Central Committee complies with the equal division requirements of Article 9, Section 16 of the Charter of the Democratic Party of the United States. (Rule 9.D.(5))

c. Priority of Consideration

- (1) In the selection of the at-large delegation priority of consideration shall be given to African Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans, Asian/Pacific Americans and women. (Rule 6.A.)
- (2) In order to continue the Democratic Party's ongoing efforts to include groups historically under-represented in the Democratic Party's affairs and to assist in the achievement of full participation by these groups, priority of consideration shall be given other groups by virtue of race/ethnicity, age, sexual orientation or disability. (Rules 5.C., 6.A.(3), & Reg. 4.7.)
- (3) The election of at-large delegates and alternates shall be used, if necessary, to achieve the equal division of positions between men and women, and may be used to achieve the representation goals established in the Affirmative Action section of this Plan. (Rule 6.A.)
- (4) Delegates and alternates are to be considered separate groups for this purpose. (Rules 6.A.(3), 10.A. & Regs. 4.8 & 4.19.)

- 6. The State Democratic Chair shall certify in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee the election of the state's at-large delegates and alternates to the Democratic National Convention within three (3) days after their election. (Rule 8.C. & Call, IV.A.)

E. REPLACEMENT OF DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES

- 1. A pledged delegate or alternate may be replaced according to the following guidelines:
 - a. Permanent Replacement of a Delegate: (Rule 18.D.(2))
 - (1) A permanent replacement occurs when a delegate resigns or dies prior to or during the national convention and the alternate replaces the delegate for the remainder of the National Convention.
 - (2) Any alternate permanently replacing a delegate shall be of the same presidential preference (including uncommitted status) and sex of the delegate he/she replaces, and to the extent possible shall be from the same political subdivision within the state as the delegate.

- (a) In the case where the presidential candidate has only one alternate, that alternate shall become the certified delegate.
 - (b) If a presidential candidate has only one alternate, and that alternate permanently replaces a delegate of the opposite sex, thereby causing the delegation to no longer be equally divided, the delegation shall not be considered in violation of Rule 6.C. In such a case, notwithstanding Rule 18.D.(2), the State Party Committee shall, at the time of a subsequent permanent replacement, replace a delegate with a person of the opposite sex, in order to return the delegation to equal division of men and women. (Reg. 4.32.)
- b. Temporary Replacement of a Delegate: (Rule 18.D.(3))
 - (1) A temporary replacement occurs when a delegate is to be absent for a limited period of time during the convention and an alternate temporarily acts in the delegate's place.
 - (2) Any alternate who temporarily replaces a delegate must be of the same presidential preference (including uncommitted status) as the delegate he/she replaces, and to the extent possible shall be of the same sex and from the same political subdivision within the state as the delegate.
- c. The following system will be used to select permanent and temporary replacements of delegates; the delegate chooses the alternate. (Rule 18.D.(1))
- d. If for any reason, e.g., death of the delegate cannot or does not select his/her replacement, the State Chair shall do so in consultation with the presidential candidate or with his/her authorized representative.
- e. Certification of Replacements
 - (1) Any alternate who permanently replaces a delegate shall be certified in writing to the Secretary of the DNC by the State Democratic Chair. (Rule 18.D.2.)
 - (2) Permanent replacement of a delegate (as specified above) by an alternate and replacement of a vacant alternate position shall be certified in writing by the Hawaii's Democratic Chair to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee within three (3) days after the replacement is selected. (Call, IV.C.1.)
 - (3) Certification of permanent replacements will be accepted by the Secretary up to 48 hours before the first official session of the Convention is scheduled to convene. (Call, IV.C.1. & Reg. 4.32.)
 - (4) In the case where a pledged delegate is permanently replaced after 48 hours before the time the first session is scheduled to convene or, in the case where a pledged delegate is not on the floor of the Convention Hall at the time a roll call vote is taken, an alternate may be designated (as specified above) to cast the delegate's vote. In such case, the Delegation Chair shall indicate the name of the alternate casting the respective delegate's vote on the delegation tally sheet (Call, VIII.F.3.d., VIII.F.3.b. & Reg. 5.4.)
- f. A vacant alternate position shall be filled by the delegation. The replacement shall be of the same presidential preference (or uncommitted status), of the same sex and, to the

extent possible, from the same political subdivision as the alternate being replaced. (Rule 18.F.)

2. Unpledged delegates shall not be entitled to a replacement, nor shall the state be entitled to a replacement, except under the following circumstances: (Rule 18.E. & Reg. 4.33.)
 - a. Members of Congress shall not be entitled to name a replacement. In the event of changes or vacancies in the state's Congressional Delegation, following the official confirmation and prior to the commencement of the National Convention, the DNC Secretary shall recognize only such changes as have been officially recognized by the Democratic Caucus of the U.S. House of Representatives or the Democratic Conference of the U.S. Senate. In the event of a change or vacancy in the state's office of Governor, the DNC shall recognize only such changes as have been officially recognized by the Democratic Governors' Association. (Call, IV.C.2.a.)
 - b. Members of the Democratic National Committee and unpledged add-on delegates shall not be entitled to a replacement, nor shall the state be entitled to a replacement, except in the case of death of such delegates. In the case where the state's DNC membership changes following the DNC Secretary's official confirmation, but prior to the commencement of the 2008 Democratic National Convention, acknowledgment by the Secretary of the new DNC member certification shall constitute verification of the corresponding change of unpledged delegates. (Call, IV.C.2.b.)
 - c. In no case may an alternate cast a vote for an unpledged delegate. (Call, VIII.F.3.d.)

SECTION IV

CONVENTION STANDING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

A. INTRODUCTION

1. Hawaii has been allocated 1 member on each of the three standing committees for the 2008 Democratic National Convention (Credentials, Platform and Rules), for a total of 3 members. (Call, VII.A. & Appendix D.)
2. Members of the Convention Standing Committees need not be delegates or alternates to the 2008 Democratic National Convention. (Call, VII.A.3.)
3. These members will be selected in accordance with the procedures indicated below. (Rule 1.G.)

B. PERMANENT STANDING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

1. Selection Meeting
 - a. The members of the standing committees shall be elected by a quorum of Hawaii's National Convention delegates, at a meeting to be held on **May 24, 2008**. (Call, VII.B.1.)
 - b. All members of the delegation shall receive adequate notice of the time, date and place of the meeting to select the standing committee members. (Call, VII.B.1.)
 - c. A quorum for conducting business shall consist of 40% of Hawaii's delegates to the National Convention. (Rule 15)

2. Allocation of Members
 - a. The members of the standing committees allocated to Hawaii shall proportionately represent the presidential preference of all candidates (including uncommitted status) receiving the threshold percentage used in the state's delegation to calculate the at-large apportionment pursuant to Rule 13.E. of the Delegate Selection Rules. (Call, VII.C.1. & Reg. 5.7.)
 - b. The presidential preference of each candidate receiving the applicable percentage or more within the delegation shall be multiplied by the total number of standing committee positions allocated to Hawaii. If the result of such multiplication does not equal 0.455 or above, the presidential preference in question is not entitled to representation on the standing committee. If the result of such multiplication is 0.455 but less than 1.455, the presidential preference is entitled to one (1) position. Those preferences securing more than 1.455 but less than 2.455 are entitled to two (2) positions, etc. (Call, VII.C.2.)
 - c. Where the application of this formula results in the total allocation exceeding the total number of committee positions, the presidential candidate whose original figure of representation is farthest from its eventual rounded-off total shall be denied that one (1) additional position. Where the application of this formula results in the total allocation falling short of the total number of committee positions, the presidential candidate whose original figure of representation is closest to the next rounding level shall be allotted an additional committee position. (Call, VII.C.3.)
 - d. Standing committee positions allocated to a presidential candidate shall be proportionately allocated, to the extent practicable, to each of the three standing committees. When such allocation results in an unequal distribution of standing committee positions by candidate preference, a drawing shall be conducted to distribute the additional positions. (Call, VII.C.4.)
3. Presidential Candidate Right of Review
 - a. Each presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), shall be given adequate notice of the date, time and location of the meeting of the state's delegation authorized to elect standing committee members. (Call, VII.D.1.)
 - b. Each presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), must submit to the State Democratic Chair, by **4:00 pm on May 7, 2008**, a minimum of one (1) name for each slot awarded to that candidate for members of each committee. The delegation shall select the standing committee members submitted by the presidential candidates (including uncommitted status). Presidential candidates shall not be required to submit the name of more than one person for each slot awarded to such candidate for members of standing committees. (Call, VII.D.2.)
4. Selection Procedure to Achieve Equal Division
 - a. Presidential candidates (including uncommitted status) shall use their best efforts to ensure that their respective delegation of standing committee members shall achieve Hawaii's affirmative action goals and that their respective members are equally divided between men and women. (Rule 6.I. & Reg. 4.9.)

- b. The presidential candidates who receive the highest number of votes in Hawaii's caucuses will be given the opportunity to select the standing committee and gender preference for the first committee. The candidate's representative will make the first selection. The gender preference of the remaining two committees will alternate, with the Presidential Candidates who receive the second and third highest number of votes in Hawaii's caucuses given the opportunity to select the second and third standing committee, consistent with Section 4a immediately above.
 - (1) A separate election shall be conducted for membership on each standing committee.
 - (2) The membership of the standing committees shall be as equally divided as possible under the state allocation; if the number is even, the membership shall be equally divided between men and women; if the number is odd, the variance between men and women may not exceed one (1), and the advantaged gender must not remain constant for the three standing committees. (Call, VII.E.1.)
 - (3) The positions allocated to each presidential candidate on each committee shall be voted on separately, and the winners shall be the highest vote-getter(s) of the appropriate sex.

5. Certification and Substitution

- a. The State Democratic Chair shall certify the standing committee members in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee within three (3) days after their selection. (Call, VII.B.3.)
- b. No substitutions will be permitted in the case of standing committee members, except in the case of resignation or death. Substitutions must be made in accordance with the rules and the election procedures specified in this section, and must be certified in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee within three (3) days after the substitute member is selected. (Call, VII.B.4.)

SECTION V

THE DELEGATION

- A. HAWAII will select one (1) person to serve as Delegation Chair and 2 persons to serve as Convention Pages. (Call, IV.D., E.1. & Appendix C.)
- B. DELEGATION CHAIR
 1. Selection Meeting
 - a. The Delegation Chair shall be selected by a quorum of the state's National Convention Delegates, at a meeting to be held on **May 24, 2008**. (Call, IV.D.)
 - b. All members of the delegation shall receive timely notice of the time, date and place of the meeting to select the Delegation Chair. (Rule 3.C.)
 - c. A quorum shall consist of no less than 40% of the state's delegates of the Democratic National Convention. (Rule 15)
 2. The State Democratic Chair shall certify the Delegation Chair in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee within three (3) days after his or her selection. (Call, IV.D.)

C. CONVENTION PAGES

1. Two (2) individuals will be selected to serve as Hawaii's Convention Pages by the State Democratic Chair in consultation with the members of the Democratic National Committee from the state. This selection will take place on *May 24, 2008*. (Call, IV.E.3. & Reg. 5.5.)
2. The Convention Pages shall be as evenly divided between men and women as possible under the state allocation and shall reflect as much as possible, the Affirmative Action guidelines in the Affirmative Action Plan. (Reg. 5.5.A.)
3. The State Democratic Chair shall certify the individuals to serve as Hawaii's Convention Pages in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee within three (3) days after the selection. (Call, IV.E.3. & Reg. 5.5.B.)

SECTION VI**GENERAL PROVISIONS AND PROCEDURAL GUARANTEES**

- A. The HAWAII Democratic Party reaffirms its commitment to an open party by incorporating the 'six basic elements' as listed below. These provisions demonstrate the intention of the Democratic Party to ensure a full opportunity for all minority group members to participate in the delegate selection process. (Rules 4.A. & C.)
 1. All public meetings at all levels of the Democratic Party in Hawaii should be open to all members of the Democratic Party regardless of race, sex, age, color, creed, national origin, religion, ethnic identity, sexual orientation, economic status or physical disability (hereinafter collectively referred to as "status"). (Rule 4.B.(1))
 2. No test for membership in, nor any oaths of loyalty to the Democratic Party in Hawaii should be required or used which has the effect of requiring prospective or current members of the Democratic Party to acquiesce in, condone or support discrimination based on "status." (Rule 4.B.(2))
 3. The time and place for all public meetings of the Democratic Party in Hawaii on all levels should be publicized fully and in such manner as to assure timely notice to all interested persons. Such meetings must be held in places accessible to all Party members and large enough to accommodate all interested persons. (Rule 4.B.(3))
 4. The Democratic Party in Hawaii, on all levels, should support the broadest possible registration without discrimination based on "status." (Rule 4.B.(4))
 5. The Democratic Party in Hawaii should publicize fully and in such a manner as to assure notice to all interested parties a full description of the legal and practical procedures for selection of Democratic Party officers and representatives on all levels. Publication of these procedures should be done in such fashion that all prospective and current members of each State Democratic Party will be fully and adequately informed of the pertinent procedures in time to participate in each selection procedure at all levels of the Democratic Party organization. (Rule 4.B.(5))
 6. The Democratic Party in Hawaii should publicize fully and in such a manner as to assure notice to all interested parties, a complete description of the legal and practical qualifications of all positions as officers and representatives of the State Democratic Party. Such publication

should be done in timely fashion so that all prospective candidates or applicants for any elected or appointed position within each State Democratic Party will have full and adequate opportunity to compete for office. (Rule 4.B.(6))

- B. Discrimination on the basis of 'status' in the conduct of Democratic Party affairs is prohibited. (Rule 5.B.)
- C. HAWAII's delegation shall be equally divided between delegate men and delegate women, and alternate men and alternate women. Such goal applies to the entire delegation, which includes all pledged delegates and alternates and all unpledged delegates. Delegates and alternates shall be considered separate groups for purposes of achieving equal division. (Rule 6.C.)
- D. All delegate and alternate candidates must be identified as to presidential preference or uncommitted status at all levels which determine presidential preference. (Rule 12.A.)
- E. No delegate at any level of the delegate selection process shall be mandated by law or Party rules to vote contrary to that person's presidential choice as expressed at the time the delegate is elected. (Rule 12.I.)
- F. Delegates elected to the national convention pledged to a presidential candidate shall in all good conscience reflect the sentiments of those who elected them. (Rule 12.J.)
- G. All delegates, alternates and standing committee members must be bona fide Democrats who have the interests, welfare and success of the Democratic Party of the United States at heart, who subscribe to the substance, intent and principles of the Charter and Bylaws of the Democratic Party of the United States, and who will participate in the Convention in good faith. (Rule 12.H. & Reg. 4.23.)
- H. Forty percent (40%) of the members of any Party body above the first level of the delegate selection process shall constitute a quorum for any business pertaining to the selection of National Convention delegates, alternates, standing committee members, and other official Convention participants. (Rule 15)
- I. An accredited participant in a caucus, convention or committee meeting, after having appeared at such meeting and having established credentials, may register a non-transferable proxy with another duly accredited participant at that meeting (except where an accredited alternate is present and eligible to serve as a replacement), provided that no individual may hold more than three (3) proxies at one time. (Rule 16 & Reg. 4.28.)
- J. The unit rule, or any rule or practice whereby all members of a Party unit or delegation may be required to cast their votes in accordance with the will of a majority of the body, shall not be used at any stage of the delegate selection process. (Rule 17.A.)
- K. Any individual or group of Democrats may sponsor or endorse a slate of candidates for convention delegates. But no slate may, by virtue of such endorsement, receive a preferential place on a delegate selection ballot or be publicly identified on the ballot as the official Democratic Party organization slate, and all slates must meet identical qualifying requirements for appearing on a ballot at all levels of the delegate selection process. (Rule 17.B.)
- L. All steps in the delegate selection process, including the filing of presidential candidates, must take place within the calendar year of the Democratic National Convention, except with respect to the implementation of the Affirmative Action Plan. (Rules 1.F. & 11.B.)
- M. In electing and certifying delegates and alternates to the 2008 Democratic National Convention, HAWAII thereby undertakes to assure all Democratic voters in the state full, timely and equal opportunity to participate in the delegate selection process and in all Party affairs and to implement affirmative action programs toward that end, and that the delegates and alternates to the Convention shall be selected in accordance with the Delegate Selection Rules for the 2008 Democratic National Convention, and that the

voters in the state will have the opportunity to cast their election ballots for the Presidential and Vice Presidential nominees selected by said Convention, and for electors pledged formally and in good conscience to the election of these Presidential and Vice Presidential nominees, under the label and designation of the Democratic Party of the United States, and that the delegates certified will not publicly support or campaign for any candidate for President or Vice President other than the nominees for the Democratic National Convention. (Call, II.B.)

SECTION VII

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION, OUTREACH AND INCLUSION PLAN

A. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE AND ORGANIZATION

1. Purpose and Objectives

- a. In order that the Democratic Party at all levels be an open Party which includes rather than excludes people from participation, a program of effective affirmative action is hereby adopted by Hawaii. (Rule 5.A.)
- b. Discrimination on the basis of “status” in the conduct of Democratic Party affairs is prohibited. (Rule 5.B.)
- c. All public meetings at all levels of the Democratic Party in Hawaii should be open to all members of the Democratic Party regardless of race, sex, age, color, creed, national origin, religion, ethnic identity, sexual orientation, economic status or physical disability (hereinafter collectively referred to as “status”). (Rule 4.B.(1))
- d. Consistent with the Democratic Party’s commitment to including historically under-represented in the Democratic Party’s affairs, by virtue of race/ethnicity, age, sexual orientation, or disability, Hawaii has developed Party outreach programs. Such programs include recruitment, education and training, in order to achieve full participation by such groups and diversity in the delegate selection process and at all levels of Party affairs for 2008. (Rule 5.C & Reg. 4.7.)
- e. In order to encourage full participation by all Democrats in the delegate selection process and in all Party affairs, the Hawaii Democratic Party has adopted and will implement programs with specific goals and timetables for African Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans, Asian/Pacific Americans and women. (Rule 6.A.)
 - (1) The goal of the programs shall be to encourage participation in the delegate selection process and in Party organizations at all levels by the aforementioned groups as indicated by their presence in the Democratic electorate. (Rule 6.A.(1))
 - (2) This goal shall not be accomplished either directly or indirectly by the Party’s imposition of mandatory quotas at any level of the delegate selection process or in any other Party affairs. (Rule 6.A.(2))
- f. In order to achieve full participation of other groups that may be under-represented in Party affairs, including members of the LGBT community and people with disabilities, the Hawaii Democratic Party has adopted and will implement Inclusion Programs. (Rule 7)

2. Organizational Structure
 - a. An Affirmative Action Committee shall be appointed by the State Democratic Chair no later than **March 1, 2007**. (Rule 6.F.)
 - b. The Committee shall consist of members from each delegate district representing the Democratic constituency groups set forth in the Introduction to the Affirmative Action Plan.
 - c. The Affirmative Action Committee shall be responsible for:
 - (1) Reviewing the proposed Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plans and making recommendations to the State Democratic Chair.
 - (2) Reviewing the proposed Inclusion Programs and making recommendations to the State Democratic Chair.
 - (3) Directing the implementation of all requirements of the Affirmative Action section of this Plan.
 - (4) Implementing a financial assistance program for delegates and alternates. (Rule 6.G.)
 - (5) Ensuring, on behalf of the State Party Committee, that district lines used in the delegate selection process are not gerrymandered to discriminate against African Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans, Asian/Pacific Americans and women. (Rule 6.E.)
 - d. Financial and staff support for the Affirmative Action Committee shall be provided by the State Party Committee to the greatest extent feasible, including, but not limited to, making available on a priority basis, the State Party staff and volunteers and covering all reasonable costs incurred in carrying out this Plan.
3. Implementation of the Affirmative Action Plan shall begin no later than **September 16, 2007**, with the distribution of the press kits, and will continue through the end of the delegate selection process. (Rule 1.F.)

B. EFFORTS TO EDUCATE ON THE DELEGATE SELECTION PROCESS

1. Well publicized educational workshops will be conducted in each of the delegate districts beginning in September 2007. These workshops will be designed to encourage participation in the delegate selection process, including apprising potential delegate candidates of the availability of financial assistance. These workshops will be held in places which are easily accessible to persons with physical disabilities. The times, dates, places and rules for the conduct of all education workshops, meetings and other events involved in the delegate selection process shall be effectively publicized by the party organization and include mailings to various organizations representative of the Democratic voting populace. (Rules 3.A. & 3.C.)
2. A speaker's bureau of volunteers from the Affirmative Action Committee comprised of individuals, who are fully familiar with the process, will be organized to appear before groups as needed, to provide information concerning the process.
3. The State Party's education efforts will include outreach to community leaders within the Democratic Party's constituencies and making sure that information about the delegate

selection process is available to Democratic clubs and Party caucuses representing specific constituencies.

4. The State Party will publish and make available at no cost: a clear and concise explanation of how Democratic voters can participate in the delegate selection process; an explanation of how, where and when persons can register to vote; and delegate district maps. As well, the State Party shall also make available copies of the State Party Rules, the Delegate Selection Plan (and its attachments), the Affirmative Action Plan, and relevant state statutes at no cost. Copies of documents related to the state's delegate selection process will be prepared and the Affirmative Action Committee will distribute them in the various delegate districts not later than *November 19, 2007*. (Rule 1.H.)
5. The State Party shall take all feasible steps to encourage persons to register and to vote as Democrats and will seek to ensure simple and easy registration procedures. (Rule 2.C.)

C. EFFORTS TO PUBLICIZE THE DELEGATE SELECTION PROCESS

1. Special attention shall be directed at publicizing the delegate selection process in the state. Such publicity shall include information on eligibility to vote and how to become a candidate for delegate, the time and location of each stage of the delegate selection process and where to get additional information. The foregoing information will also be published in the State Party newspaper. The Party organization, official, candidate, or member calling a meeting or scheduling an event, shall effectively publicize the role that such meeting or event plays in the selection of delegates and alternates to the Democratic National Convention. (Rules 3.C. and 3.D.)
2. Newspapers, radio and television will be utilized to inform the general public how, when and where to participate in the delegate selection process. Specifically, this information should provide details as to how to qualify to run as a delegate candidate. Special effort shall be directed to the major daily newspapers, radio and television stations by the State Democratic Chair, Affirmative Action Committee members and staff. Regular releases during the delegate selection process to all other media sources, weekly newspapers, and wire services should complete timely coverage. (Rules 4.B.(3) & 6.D.)
3. A priority effort shall be directed at publicity among the Democratic Party's constituencies.
 - a. Information about the delegate selection process will be provided to minority newspapers and radio stations, ethnic press, Native American, Asian/Pacific American, Spanish-speaking and other non-English press, radio stations and publications, and women's organizations, student newspapers, gay and lesbian press, disability press, and any other speciality media in the state that is likely to reach the Democratic constituency groups set forth in the Introduction of this Affirmative Action Plan.
 - b. The State Party shall be responsible for the implementation of this publicity effort. For purposes of providing adequate notice of the delegate selection process, the time, dates, places and rules for the conduct of events shall be effectively publicized, bilingually where necessary, to encourage the participation of minority groups.
4. Not later than *September 16, 2007* a press kit shall be made and provided to each daily and weekly newspaper as well as to the electronic media. The press kit will include:
 - a. a summary of all pertinent rules related to the state's delegate selection process;

- b. a map of delegate districts and how many delegates will be elected within each district;
- c. a summary explaining the operation and importance of the 2008 Convention; and
- d. materials designed to encourage participation by prospective delegate candidates.

D. REPRESENTATION GOALS

1. The State Party has determined the demographic composition of African Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans, and Asian/Pacific Americans in the state’s Democratic electorate. These constituency percentages shall be established as goals for representation in the state’s convention delegation. (Rule 6.A.)
2. The State Party has determined the demographic composition of members of the LGBT community, people with disabilities, and youth in the state’s Democratic electorate and furthermore, the State Party has chosen to establish these percentages as goals for representation in the state’s convention delegation.

	African Americans	Hispanics	Native Americans	Asian/Pacific Americans	LGBT Americans	People with Disabilities	Youth
% in Democratic Electorate							
Numeric Goals for Delegation							

3. When selecting the at-large portion of the delegation, the demographic composition of the other delegates (district-level, pledged PLEO, and unpledged) shall be compared with the State Party’s goals in order to achieve an at-large selection process which helps to bring about a representative balance.
4. Use of the at-large delegation to achieve the affirmative action goals established by this Plan does not obviate the need for the State Party to conduct outreach activities such as recruitment, education and training. (Rule 6.A.(3))

E. OBLIGATIONS OF PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES TO MAXIMIZE PARTICIPATION

1. Presidential candidates shall assist the Hawaii Democratic Party in meeting the demographic representation goals reflected in the Affirmative Action Plan. (Rule 6.H.)
2. Each presidential candidate must submit a written statement to the State Democratic Chair no later than **January 23, 2008**, which indicates the specific steps he or she will take to encourage full participation in Hawaii’s delegate selection process, including, but not limited to, procedures by which persons may file as candidates for delegate or alternate. (Rule 6.H.(1))
3. Each presidential candidate must submit demographic information with respect to all candidates for delegate and alternate pledged to them. Such information shall be submitted in conjunction with the list of names approved for consideration as delegate and alternate candidates pledged to the presidential candidate. (Rule 6.H.(2))
4. Presidential candidates (including uncommitted status) shall use their best effort to ensure that their respective delegations within the state’s delegate, alternate and standing committee

delegations shall achieve the affirmative action goals reflected in the Affirmative Action Plan and that the respective delegations of each presidential candidate shall be equally divided between men and women. Furthermore, presidential candidates shall use their best efforts at the district level to approve delegate and alternate candidates who meet applicable equal division and affirmative action considerations in order to achieve the affirmative action goals and equal division for their respective delegations. (Rule 6.I. & Reg. 4.9.)

SECTION VIII

CHALLENGES

A. JURISDICTION & STANDING

1. Challenges related to the delegate selection process are governed by the *Regulations of the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee for the 2008 Democratic National Convention* (Regs., Sec. 3.), and the “Rules of Procedure of the Credentials Committee of the 2008 Democratic National Convention.” (Call, Appendix A.)
2. Under Rule 20.B. of the *2008 Delegate Selection Rules*, the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee has jurisdiction over challenges pertaining to the submission, non-implementation and violation of state Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plans. (Rule 20.B.)
3. The Rules and Bylaws Committee has jurisdiction to hear and decide any challenge provided it is initiated before the 56th day preceding the date of the commencement of the 2008 Democratic National Convention. (Call, Appendix A. & Reg., 3.1.)
4. Challenges to the credentials of delegates and alternates to the 2008 Democratic National Convention initiated on or after the 56th day preceding the date of commencement of the Democratic National Convention shall be processed in accordance with the “Rules of Procedure of the Credentials Committee of the 2008 Democratic National Convention.” (Call, Appendix A)
5. Any challenge to the credentials of a standing committee member shall be considered and resolved by the affected standing committee in accordance with Appendix A of the *Call for the 2008 Democratic National Convention*. The Rules and Bylaws Committee shall have jurisdiction over challenges brought before the 56th day preceding the date of the commencement of the Democratic National Convention. (Call, VII.B.5.)
6. Copies of the Regulations of the Rules and Bylaws Committee and/or the Call for the 2008 Democratic National Convention, including the Rules of Procedure of the Credentials Committee (Appendix A), shall be made available by the State Party upon reasonable request.
7. Any group of fifteen Democrats with standing to challenge as defined in Reg. 3.2 or the Call (Appendix A, Sec. 2.A.), may bring a challenge to this Plan or to the implementation of this Plan, including its Affirmative Action provisions.

B. CHALLENGES TO THE STATUS OF THE STATE PARTY AND CHALLENGES TO THE PLAN

1. A challenge to the status of the State Party Committee as the body entitled to sponsor a delegation from that state shall be filed with the Rules and Bylaws Committee not later than thirty (30) calendar days prior to the initiation of the state’s delegate selection process. (Rule 20.A. & Reg. 3.4.A.)

2. A challenge to the state's Delegate Selection Plan shall be filed with the Chair of the Hawaii Democratic Party and the Co-Chairs of the Rules and Bylaws Committee within fifteen (15) calendar days after the adoption of the Plan by the State Party. (Reg. 3.4.B.)
3. A challenge to a Plan must be brought in conformity with the Rules and the Regs., which should be consulted for a detailed explanation of challenge procedures.

C. CHALLENGES TO IMPLEMENTATION

1. A challenge may be brought alleging that a specific requirement of an approved Plan has not been properly implemented. Jurisdiction over all challenges initiated in a timely fashion shall reside with either the Rules and Bylaws Committee or the Credentials Committee of the National Convention (See Section VII.A. above). However, the Rules and Bylaws Committee may provide advice, assistance or interpretations of the Delegate Selection Rules at any stage of the delegate selection process. (Reg. 3.1.C.)
2. An implementation challenge brought before the Rules and Bylaws Committee is initiated by filing a written challenge with the State Party Committee and with the Rules and Bylaws Committee not later than fifteen (15) days after the alleged violation occurred. The State Party has twenty-one (21) days to render a decision. Within ten (10) days of the decision, any party to the challenge may appeal it to the Rules and Bylaws Committee. If in fact, the State Party renders no decision, any party to the challenge may request the Rules and Bylaws Committee to process it. The request must be made within ten (10) days after expiration of the above twenty-one (21) day period. (Regs. 3.4.C., E., & H.)
3. Performance under an approved Affirmative Action Plan and composition of the convention delegation shall be considered relevant evidence in the challenge to any state delegation. If a State Party has adopted and implemented an approved affirmative action program, the State Party shall not be subject to challenge based solely on delegation composition or primary results. (*Rule 6.B.*) The procedures are the same for challenges alleging failure to properly implement the Affirmative Action section of a Plan, except that such challenges must be filed not later than thirty (30) days prior to the initiation of the state's delegate selection process. (Reg. 3.4.C.)
4. Depending on the appropriate jurisdiction (see Section VIII.A. above), implementation challenges must be brought in conformity with the Regulations of the Rules and Bylaws Committee or the Rules of Procedure of the Credentials Committee, which should be consulted for a detailed explanation of challenge procedures.

SECTION IX

SUMMARY OF PLAN

A. SELECTION OF DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES

Hawaii will use a proportional representation system based on the results of the Caucus apportioning its delegates to the 2008 Democratic National Convention.

The "first determining step" of Hawaii's delegate selection process will occur on (*date*), with a Caucus.

Delegates and alternates will be selected as summarized on the following chart:

Type	Delegates	Alternates	Date of Selection	Selecting Body
				Filing Requirements and Deadlines
District-Level Delegates District-Level Alternates	13	3	2/19/08 2/19/08	<i>Selection by District Caucuses by the State Convention Delegates</i> *
Unpledged Party Leader and Elected Official Delegates*	8	n/a	n/a	Automatic by virtue of respective public or Party office as provided in Rule 8.A. of the 2008 Delegate Selection Rules.
Unpledged Add-on Delegates**	1	n/a	5/24/08	Selection by SCC after the selection of District-Level Delegates and prior to the selection of PLEO delegates <i>Filing deadline by 1:00 pm following the adjournment of the convention</i>
Pledged Party Leaders and Elected Officials (PLEOs)	3	***	5/24/08	Selection by the SCC prior to the selection of the At-Large delegates <i>Filing deadline same as for District Delegates</i>
At-Large Delegates At-Large Alternates	4	1	5/24/08 5/24/08	Selection by the SCC after the selection of PLEO delegates <i>Filing deadline by 1:00 pm following the adjournment of the convention</i>
TOTAL Delegates and Alternates	29	4		

* Unpledged Party Leader and Elected Official (PLEO) delegates includes the following categories, if applicable, who legally reside in the state: the Democratic National Committee Members, the Democratic President, the Democratic Vice President, all Democratic Members of Congress, the Democratic Governor, and any other Distinguished Party Leader as specified in Rule 9.A. of the *2008 Delegate Selection Rules*. The exact number of Unpledged PLEO Delegates is subject to change due to possible deaths, resignations, elections or special elections.

** Unpledged Add-on delegates refers to those delegates chosen according to Rule 9.B. of the *2008 Delegate Selection Rules*.

*** Pledged Party Leader and Elected Official (PLEO) alternates are selected with the At-Large alternates.

B. SELECTION OF STANDING COMMITTEE MEMBERS (FOR THE CREDENTIALS, PLATFORM AND RULES COMMITTEES)

Standing committee members will be selected by the state's National Convention delegates as summarized below:

Members Per Committee	Total Members	Selection Date	Filing Requirements and Deadlines
1	3	May 24, 2008	<i>Selected by the National Convention Delegates</i>

C. SELECTION OF DELEGATION CHAIR AND CONVENTION PAGES

The Delegation Chair will be selected by the National Convention Delegates on *(date)*.

2 Convention Pages will be selected by the State Democratic Chair on *(date)*.

D. PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE FILING DEADLINE

[Specify the deadline, if any, by which presidential candidates must file in order to participate in the primary or caucus, and with whom the candidate must file. Note: Filing deadline must be within the calendar year of the convention.] (Rule 10.B.)

Presidential candidates must certify the name of their authorized representative(s) to the State Democratic Chair by **January 23, 2008**.

E. TIMETABLE

*[The following example is for provided **ILLUSTRATIVE PURPOSES ONLY**, and should be adjusted and expanded to reflect each specific step in the state’s process.]* (Reg. 2.2.B.)

Date	Activity
2007	
March 1	Delegate Selection Affirmative Action Committee members are appointed by the State Chair. <i>[Note: This appointment is required to be made by March 1, 2007.]</i>
February 21	Advisory Committee meets to draft proposed Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plans.
February 27	Proposed Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plans are tentatively approved for public comment by State Party Committee.
February 28	Public comments are solicited on the proposed Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plans. Press releases are mailed announcing the public comment period.
March 28	Period for public comment on state Plan is concluded. Responses are compiled for review by the State Party Committee.
March 31	State Party Committee reviews public comments and adopts revised Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plans for submission to DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee. Press releases are mailed announcing the approval of the Plan.
April 28	Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plans are forwarded to the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee.
September 16	State Party begins implementation of the Affirmative Action Plan. Press kits, as described in the Affirmative Action Plan, are sent to all state media. <i>[Note: This is the deadline by which implementation of the affirmative action program must begin.]</i>
October 1	Deadline for each announced presidential candidate to submit a statement specifying steps the candidate will take to encourage full participation in the delegate selection process. (Individuals who announce their candidacy after this date must provide this full participation statement to the State Party not later than 30 days after their announcement.)
December 3	Presidential candidate petition forms are available from the State Party Committee Headquarters.
2008	
January 4	Delegate and alternate candidates may obtain the statement of candidacy and pledge of support forms and filing instructions from State Party Committee Headquarters, in person, by mail, or from State Party’s web site at

Date	Activity
	<i>[www.democrats.org]</i> .
January 7	Presidential candidate deadline for certifying the name(s) of their authorized representative(s) to the State Party.
January 14	Presidential candidate deadline for filing the petition of candidacy with the Secretary of State and a copy to the State Party.
February 4	District-level delegate and alternate deadline for filing the statement of candidacy and pledge of support forms with State Party.
February 8	State Party provides list of district-level delegate and alternate candidates to the respective Presidential candidates.
February 14	Presidential candidates provide list of approved district-level delegate and alternate candidates to State Party.
February 18	Pre-primary congressional district caucuses slate district-level delegate and alternate candidates.
March 14	Presidential preference primary.
April 14	Secretary of State certifies results of primary; pre-slated district-level delegates and alternates are allocated according to presidential preference.
April 17	State Party certifies elected district-level delegates and alternates to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee.
May 1	Pledged PLEO and at-large delegate or alternate candidate deadline for filing the statement of candidacy and pledge of support forms with State Party.
May 4	State Party provides list of PLEO and at-large delegate and alternate candidates to the respective Presidential candidates.
May 8	Presidential candidates provide approved list of pledged PLEO delegate candidates to State Party.
May 27	State Convention convenes. Unpledged add-on and pledged PLEO delegates selected. Following selection of PLEO delegates, presidential candidates provide approved list of at-large delegate and alternate candidates to State Party. State Convention selects at-large delegates and alternates. Presidential candidates submit lists of candidates for standing committee members to State Party.
May 28	National Convention delegation meeting. Delegate select National Convention standing committee members and delegation chair. State Chair names convention pages.
May 29	State Party certifies remainder of elected delegates and alternates (Unpledged add-on, PLEOs, and at-large), along with standing committee members, delegation chair, and convention pages.

EXHIBITS TO THE AFFIRMATIVE ACTION PLAN

A. MEMBERS OF THE AFFIRMATIVE ACTION COMMITTEE

[List each member of the Affirmative Action Committee and indicate relevant demographic data about each member (i.e. African American, Hispanic, Native American, Asian/Pacific American or White, Female or Male, and any other applicable Democratic constituency group as set forth in the Introduction to the Affirmative Action Plan).]

B. MEDIA OUTLETS TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE DELEGATE SELECTION PROCESS

1. Major Daily Newspapers, Radio and Television Stations

[List the other non-minority media sources, weekly newspapers, and wire services that will receive regular releases during the delegate selection process as part of the State Party's outreach efforts.]

2. Other "Non-Minority" Media Outlets

[List the other non-minority media sources, weekly newspapers, and wire services that will receive regular releases during the delegate selection process as part of the State Party's outreach efforts.]

3. Constituency and Speciality Media Outlets and Targeted Groups

[List minority newspapers and radio stations, ethnic press, Native American, Asian/Pacific American, Spanish-speaking and other non-English press, radio stations and publications, women's organizations, student newspapers, gay and lesbian press, disability press, and any other speciality media and community organizations in the state that is likely to reach the Democratic constituencies set forth in the Introduction to the Affirmative Action Plan. This list should also specify the constituencies these media outlets will target as a priority effort to effectively publicize (bilingually where necessary) information about the delegate selection process.]

ATTACHMENTS TO THE DELEGATE SELECTION PLAN

[As specified in Reg. 2.2, the following documentation must accompany the state's Delegate Selection Plan at the time it is formally submitted to the Rules and Bylaws Committee.]

1. **A summary** of the process for selecting delegates, alternates, standing committee members, the delegation chair and convention pages, along with related deadlines. *[It is recommended that this information be incorporated as part of the state's Delegate Selection Plan - see Section IX. of the Model Plan.]* (Reg. 2.2.A.)
2. **A timetable** reflecting all significant dates in the state's delegate selection process. *[It is recommended that this information be incorporated as part of the state's Delegate Selection Plan - see Section I. of the Model Plan.]* (Reg. 2.2.B.)
3. **A statement from the State Democratic Chair certifying the Plan** as submitted to the RBC was approved by the State Party Committee. (Reg. 2.2.C.)
4. **A copy of the press release** distributed by the State Party Committee announcing its adoption of the Plan and summarizing the major components of the Plan. (Reg. 2.2.D.)
5. **A statement from the State Democratic Chair certifying compliance with Rule 1.C.** which requires a 30 day public comment period prior to the adoption of the Plan by the State Party. (Reg. 2.2.E.)
6. **Copies of all written public comments on the Plan** *[Include information identifying each person and/or organization making the comment and where appropriate, a description of the person or group so represented, if such information has been provided or is available to the State Party.]* (Reg. 2.2.F.)
7. **A blank copy of forms to be filed with the state or the State Party by delegate candidates.** (Reg. 2.2.G.)
8. **A statement from the Chair of the Affirmative Action Committee certifying compliance with Rule 6.F.,** which requires that the Affirmative Action Committee has reviewed the proposed Affirmative Action outreach plan (Reg. 2.2.H.)
9. **Copies of all state statutes reasonably related to the Delegate Selection Process** *[For example, include any and all state statutory requirements related to: ballot access for presidential candidates; filing requirements for delegate and alternate candidates; timing of the presidential primary, caucuses, and/or the state convention; participation in the state's presidential primary or caucuses, including Party registration or enrollment provisions; and any other stipulations made by the state regarding the selection process or the role of National Convention delegates.]* (Reg. 2.2.I.)
10. **A copy of all qualifying forms to be filed with the state or the State Party by presidential candidates.** (Reg. 2.2.J.)