

KRISTOPHER S. COFFIELD

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Kristopher Coffield is a dynamic and experienced Government Relations and Development Specialist. Having led legislative strategies and political campaigns, Coffield has the expertise required to manage government relations projects from concept to completion. Skilled at bill writing, public policy analysis, legal research, political capacity building, and lobbying strategy, Coffield has successfully worked with Hawai'i lawmakers to enact some of the most significant policy changes of the last decade.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Four years of experience serving as a chief-of-staff the Hawai'i State House of Representatives in the office of Rep. Jeanné Kapela and Rep. Amy Perruso.
- Over ten years of experience directing legislative affairs as Executive Director of Imua Alliance, a nonprofit victim service provider for sex trafficking survivors.
- Served as a government relations and political consultant with the Hawaii State Teachers Association for five legislative years (2012, 2014, 2016-2018).
- Partnered with governmental and nongovernmental agencies to advance public policy on education, human trafficking, clean energy, civil rights, tax reform, homelessness, and economic development.

EXPERIENCE

Hawai'i House of Representatives, Honolulu, HI **November, 2020 to present**
Chief-of-staff for Rep. Jeanné Kapela

- Authored legislative agenda, including initiatives to raise the minimum wage, establish paid sick and family leave, create a carbon tax, increase funding for public education, preserve Native Hawaiian cultural rights, launch a Green New Deal for Hawai'i, ensure that school curricula highlight the perspectives of historically marginalized people, and strengthen protections for survivors of sexual violence on college campuses.
- Managed constituent services during the COVID-19 pandemic, which involved connecting community members to unemployment benefits, healthcare programs, food and housing services, and vaccination dispensation.
- Constructed a \$50 million capital improvement budget request for new school facilities, upgrades to health and agricultural infrastructure, and road repairs.
- Analyzed the state budget and advocated for increased appropriations for education, social services, healthcare, and clean energy programs.

Hawai'i House of Representatives, Honolulu, HI **November, 2018 to present**
Chief-of-staff for Rep. Amy Perruso

- Managed legislative agenda, including initiatives to increase funding for public education, expand access to clean energy, raise the minimum wage, institute tax fairness for working families, and build affordable housing.
- Drafted legislation to increase education funding by \$500 million per year, accelerate green job growth, improve sexual harassment protections in the workplace, and increase mental health services for homeless families.
- Coordinated constituent communications and responses, including efforts to assist constituents who were financially impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Constructed a \$35 million capital improvement budget request for new school facilities, upgrades to community healthcare infrastructure, and road repairs.
- Analyzed the state budget and advocated for increased appropriations for education, human services, agriculture, and environmental programs.

Imua Alliance, Honolulu, HI
Executive Director

January, 2010 to present

- Assisted over 1,000 survivors of sexual and domestic violence during COVID-19 pandemic and relocated hundreds of victims to safety.
- Delivered a coordinated continuum of care for over 100 victims of sex trafficking

- annually, including medical, mental health, occupational, and basic needs.
- Coordinated direct intervention services (victim rescue and rehabilitation) for over 175 victims of sex trafficking.
- Provided anti-trafficking prevention education and training to approximately 1,000 teachers and school staff and 25,000 students each year.
- Authored and passed 27 pieces of legislation, including Hawai'i's first labor trafficking law (2011) and sex trafficking ban (2016).
- Managed \$100,000 annual operating and government relations budget.

Hawaii State Teachers Association, Honolulu, HI October, 2015 to Nov., 2018
Government Relations Consultant

- Spearheaded legislative research, policy and data analysis, and testimony writing on an array of issues, including education funding, teacher evaluations, standardized testing, heat abatement, and charter school accountability.
- Drafted omnibus legislation and assisted in developing political strategy for HSTA's Schools Our Keiki Deserve campaign.
- Composed constitutional amendment and enabling legislation to increase education funding by \$500 million through the establishment of a surcharge on residential investment properties and visitor rental units.
- Assisted in producing a study of Hawai'i teacher salaries and their impact on recruitment, retention, and student learning.
- Wrote legislation subjecting all aspects of teacher evaluations to collective bargaining, providing green funds for heat abatement, expanding school impact fee uses, and increasing weighted student formula and charter school funding.

Pacific Alliance to Stop Slavery, Honolulu, HI June, 2013 to April, 2015
Vice President/Policy Director

- Facilitated capital campaign that increased operational assets by 200 percent.
- Led "end demand" campaign to raise penalties for soliciting sex from children.

EDUCATION

University of Hawai'i-Mānoa: Bachelor of Arts 2006-2010
Major in Political Science

Associate of Arts: Liberal Arts 2000-2001
 Leeward Community College

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- Project management
- Social media integration and optimization
- Web Design: Wordpress, Wix
- Adobe Photoshop and Illustrator
- Political and marketing campaign management

COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP AND HONORS

- Chairperson, Democratic Party of Hawai'i Education Caucus
- Chairperson, Hawai'i Coalition Against Human Trafficking Policy Committee
- Finalist, Alfred Landecker Democracy Fellowship (2020)
- Campaign Manager and Chair, Friends of Jeanné Kapela (2018-present)
- Campaign Manager and Chair, Friends of Amy Perruso (2018-present)
- Campaign Manager, Friends of Micah Pregitzer (2019-2020)
- Member, Sierra Club of Hawai'i

References available upon request.