#### Building Bridges, Not Walking on Backs:

A Feminist Economic Recovery Plan for COVID-19



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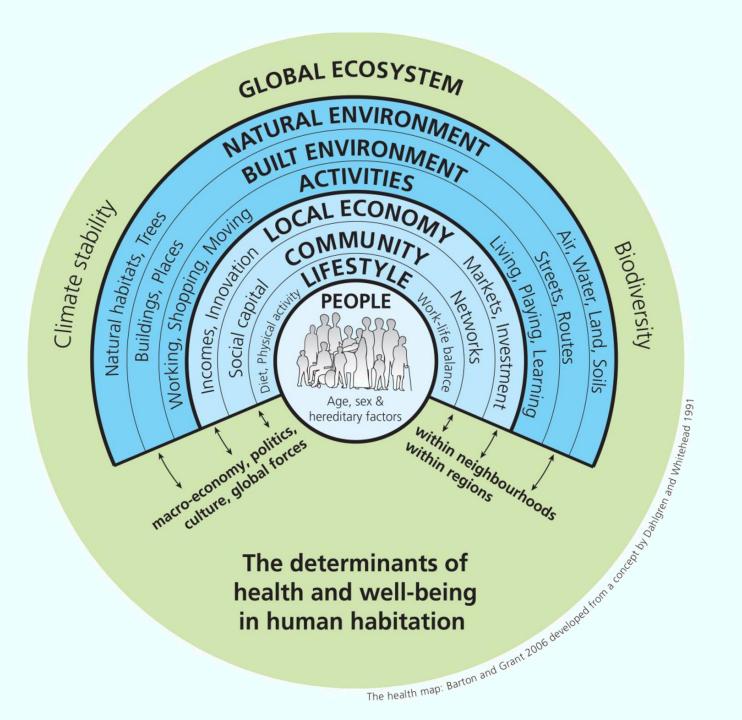
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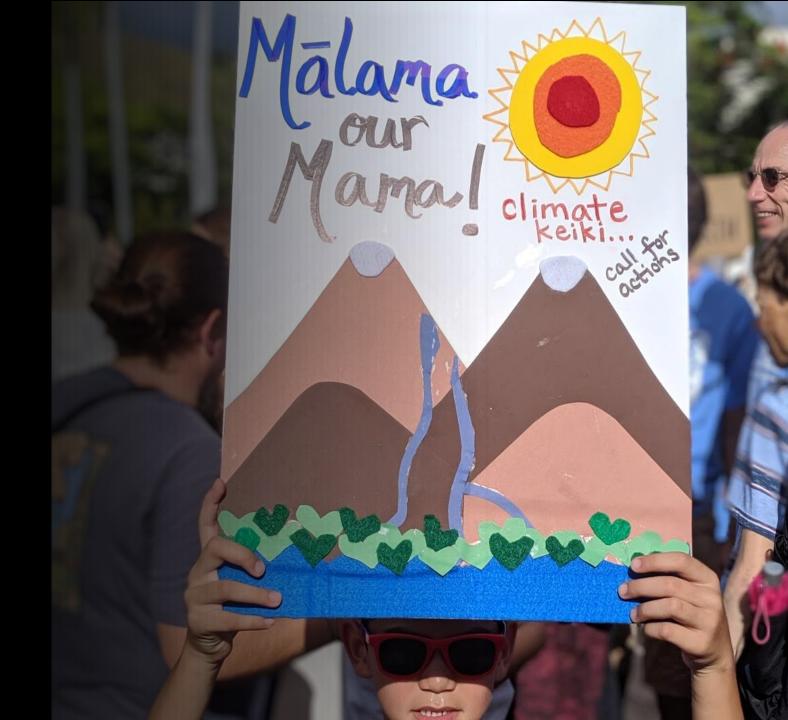
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 Climate change leads to more violence against women and girls

**AND** 

#### Women play a key role in addressing climate mitigation and adaptation

## Gender x Climate Impacts





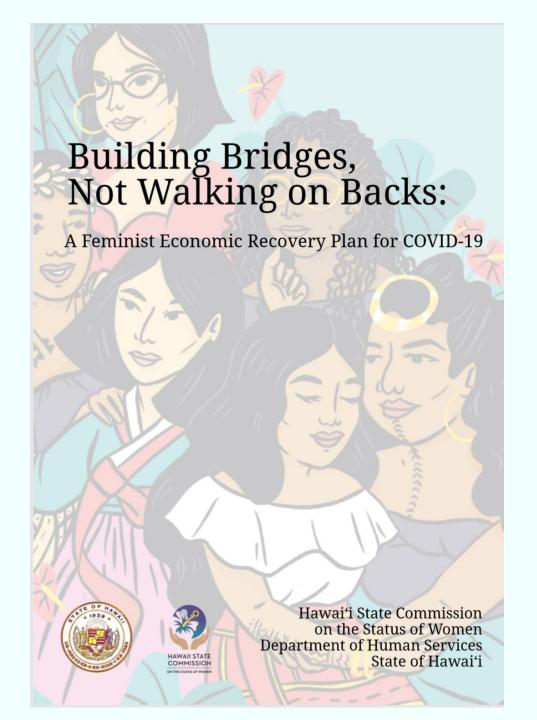
#### "The Threats of Climate Change are not Gender-Neutral" – UN Women

#### Saturday, May 16 at 4 pm HST

Register to attend the free session by the UN Foundation: <a href="https://unfoundation.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN">https://unfoundation.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN</a> aSbrJ4f kS2-ramSaWrrYwg

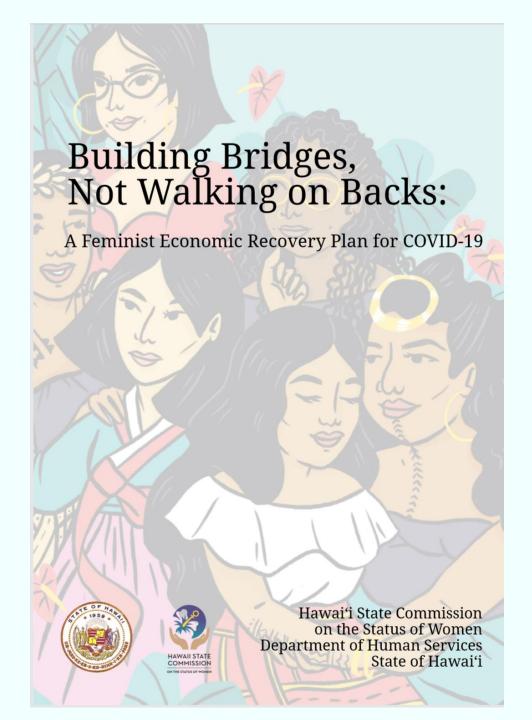
Dr. Maxine Burkett Professor of Law at the University of Hawai'i of Mānoa

Zelda Keller (Lāna'i) Institute for Climate and Peace



### A Feminist Economic Recovery Plan for COVID-19

- How the state should deal budgetary changes including restrictions, programmatic changes, furloughs or other employment related efforts to contain costs or enhance revenue;
- How the state should support, enhance and stimulate Hawai'i's economy, given the possibility that even after the stay-at-home orders have been lifted, the tourism industry may not return to normal levels for some time to come; and
- 3. How the state should spend federal COVID-response funds coming to the state.
- 4. How the state should reshape and diversify the economy, making Hawai'i more resilient to future economic downturns.



### Key Recommendations (abridged)

L. Build a feminist COVID-19 response and recovery plan.

The COVID-19 response, recovery and stimulus actions must include input from the impacted, essential sectors that employ a majority of women and organizations that serve women, girls and people who identify as women, femme and nonbinary.

2. To contain costs or enhance revenue the state should:

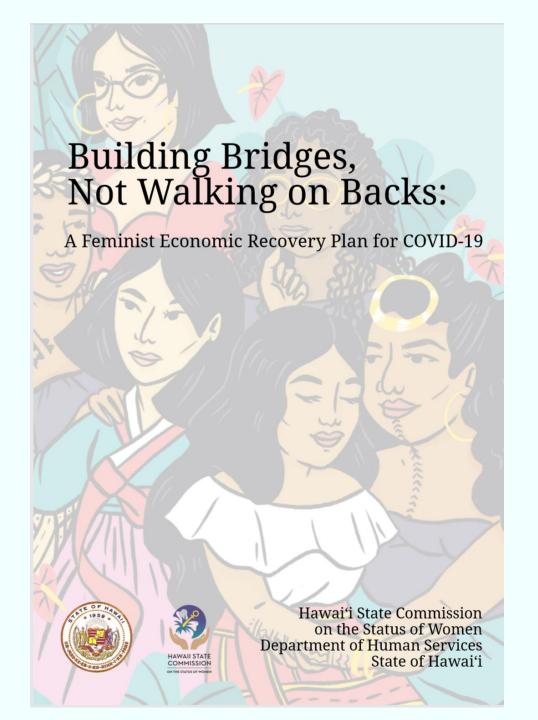
Follow State Department of Human Services recommendations and ensure no cuts to social services, including services for domestic violence and for maternal, sexual, reproductive and mental health and avoid government employee furloughs.

3. To support, enhance and stimulate Hawai'i's economy the state should:

Invest in subsistence living and the perpetuation of land- and seabased practices traditional to Hawai'i's ecological and food system.

Use federal stimulus funds to promote reform and programs in the following areas

Include a twenty percent pro rata share of the COVID-19-response funds in trust for their express recovery needs.



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- 5. To diversify and reshape the economy we must:
- A. Reorient our economies away from the military, tourism and luxury development
- B. Build the state's social infrastructure
- C. Redress critical economic inequalities

For Example: Support sustainable opportunities and ensure women have access to "green jobs" in renewable energy, energy efficiency, and environmental management and construction jobs (89.9% male workers) through stimulus programs that promote gender and racial equity.

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A Better Normal:

Post COVID-19

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#### Recommendations

- 1. Hawai'i Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Commission can help see a better normal and an equitable recovery that includes centering equity
  - 1. Sustainable and subsistence recovery projects
  - Nature-based solutions
  - 3. Green jobs
- 2. Support and share the A Better Normal: Post COVID-19 Recovery for a Climate Ready Hawai'i brief
- 3. Become champions of other plans and intersecting recommendations by being an ally, partner, and key collaborator across government, business, and community

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What would it look like for Hawai'i to become a national leader with an innovative **gender equity job pipeline** program?

DLIR and the Hawai'i State Commission on the Status of Women are in the process of formal collaboration to create an innovative gender equity job pipeline program.

Within a gender equity job pipeline, what types of green jobs would you like to see?

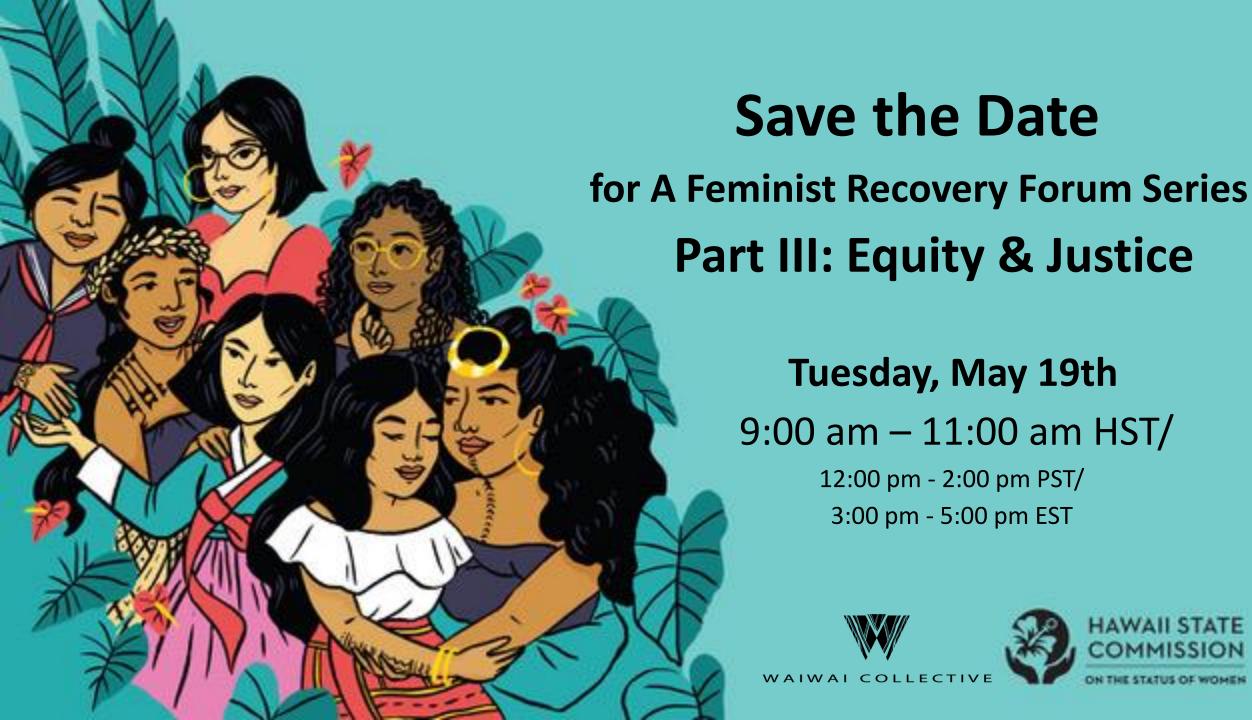
How can the Commission work to create **visibility** and **support** for this new program across sectors?

# Did you miss the virtual town hall with Senator Hirono about a feminist recovery?

If so, you can access a public recording via link to Senator Hirono's page:

www.facebook.com/senatorhirono/videos/632811540783970/







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