

## LAYLA M. KILOLU, MBA

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### PERSONAL STATEMENT:

Public servant seeking to improve decision making in Hawaii around climate change and intersecting social issues.

### EDUCATION:

- Master's in Urban and Regional Planning and Public Administration (MURP), University of Hawaii (currently attending)
- MBA, Master of Business Administration, Pepperdine University
- BA, International Studies, cum laude – University of California, Irvine

### PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS:

- Graduate certificate in Disaster Management and Humanitarian Assistance
- Graduate certificate in Conflict Resolution

### WORK EXPERIENCE:

#### 1. Hawaii Gas - The gas utility for all the Hawaiian Islands <https://www.hawaiigas.com/>

Regulatory Analyst from January - October 2018

- Provided technical advice and information to company, Public Utilities Commission and Consumer Advocate staff, as well as the general public, on regulatory and tariff matters
- Provided direction for the development of Company's regulatory strategy and Company positions
- Performed compliance reporting requirements to include the preparation of monthly, quarterly, and annual filings with the PUC, other governmental agencies, and industrial associations

#### 2. Sea Grant College Program – Federally-funded program (NOAA) <http://seagrants.soest.hawaii.edu/>

Grants Officer and Fiscal Administrator (FA), from September 2015 – April 2017

- Reviewed and analyzed over 40 federal and state contracts to determine the effectiveness and outcomes of projects vs. targets; work directly with sponsor agencies and representatives to address concerns
- Conducted meetings with Hawaii's congressional representatives (Schatz, Hirono, Gabbard, Takai) in Washington DC to inform on program objectives and accomplishments
- Conducted research and draft risk assessment for Governor Ige's review and approval to continue state-funded contracts
- Implemented best practices and processes to track progress of projects and budgeting, review governance issues, ensuring projects are in alignment with federal & state guidelines
- Actively managed >\$10 million of federal and state funding; review, revise, and reallocate budgets with principal investigators; submit progress reports and budget changes to sponsors as needed

#### 3. RAND Corporation – Nonprofit research organization that helps policymakers make better informed decisions. [www.rand.org](http://www.rand.org)

Research Unit Administrator from December 2012 – September 2015

- Led projects of (>\$40 million) that involved systems engineers, configuration managers, contracting officers, and financial managers to deliver program performance measures.
- Collaborated closely with >100 principal investigators, civilian, military, and contractor personnel on developing proposal budgets, monitoring award spending and submitting reports to federal, state & others

- Monitored over 100 funded proposals to project completion and pursue project leaders proactively on potential budget and regulatory issues for reallocation, hiring, and project reporting requirements
- Leveraged data and analysis to deliver quantitative and qualitative analysis, status reports, and briefings to upper management, DoD, and U.S. Congress

## **INTERNSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS:**

April – December 2018

**Research Delegate, Carnegie Council for Ethics in International Affairs –**

Climate change research in Manila, Philippines

<https://www.carnegiecouncil.org/news/announcements/2018-11-06-carnegie-council-s-2018-climate-change-research-delegation-to-manila-philippines>

September 2017 – January 2018

**Intern, Office for Climate Change, Sustainability, and Resilience, City & County of Honolulu –**

Community outreach and vulnerabilities assessment for the City & County [www.resilientoahu.org](http://www.resilientoahu.org)

August 2017 – May 2019

**Student Fellow, East-West Center –**

Conducting research on disaster management and climate change issues in Hawaii and the Asia-Pacific region

[www.eastwestcenter.org/](http://www.eastwestcenter.org/)

July 2017 – July 2019

**Student Fellow, PacForum Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) –**

Conducting research on political, social, and economic issues in the Asia-Pacific region

[www.csis.org/programs/pacific-forum-csis/programs/young-leaders-program](http://www.csis.org/programs/pacific-forum-csis/programs/young-leaders-program)

April 2017 – August 2017

**Summer Fellow, Elemental Excelsior –**

Built efficiency processes for nonprofit accelerator that invests in renewable energy technologies in Hawaii.

[www.elementalexcelerator.com](http://www.elementalexcelerator.com)

## **PRESENTATIONS:**

“Student Engagement in Disaster Response and Community Resilience”

East-West Center, October 4, 2018

<https://www.eastwestcenter.org/events/student-engagement-in-disaster-response-and-community-resilience%E2%80%95%95lessons-the-student>

“How to Incorporate Social Equity in Resilience Strategies”

East-West Center Conference (Seoul), August 24, 2018

<https://www.eastwestcenter.org/sites/default/files/filemanager/alumni/Seoul2018/Web%20Abstracts/KILOLU%2C%20LAYLA.pdf>

“Resilience Through An Equity Lens”

City and County of Honolulu, December 18, 2017

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