

State News for NSPE Members

Upcoming NSPE-HI Webinar: Engineering Ethics

The Hawaii Society of Professional Engineers invites you to attend a virtual webinar addressing engineering ethics on **Friday, June 25** (12 p.m. Hawaii Standard Time). [Registration](#) is **free** and open to all.

The webinar will provide the opportunity to learn more about the NSPE Code of Ethics, the Board of Ethical Review cases, and discuss the ethical implications found in engineering practice.

Ethics is an important topic for engineers at every level and in every field. When you become a professional engineer, you are held to a higher standard. That is why one of the requirements, in many states, for maintaining your professional engineers' license is professional development hours with at least one being in ethics.

As professional engineers, we are trusted with projects that impact the lives of hundreds of thousands of people. The [Code of Ethics for Engineers](#) was developed to be a guiding factor in making hard decisions during our careers. The code of ethics can be summed up with two key points that we will explore in more depth: honesty and integrity.

Governor Signs Military Spouse Licensure Bill

Governor David Ige signed legislation ([H.B. 961](#)) that will permit a spouse of an active duty service member in the military who holds a current professional license in another jurisdiction to apply for expedited licensure in Hawaii. The licensee must have held the license for at least one year and must be in good standing with the jurisdiction licensing board.

The legislation also exempts dependents of military servicemembers from state residency requirement for employment with state or county government if the military servicemember is in Hawaii on military orders. The legislation becomes

effective on January 1, 2022.

New Incentives Push Hawaiian Electric Toward More Clean Energy

A portfolio of incentives that went into effect on June 1 will guide Hawaiian Electric as it operates under a new business model that emphasizes Hawaii's clean energy goals, according to a *Honolulu Star Advertiser* article.

The state's Public Utilities Commission issued a decision and order approving the new Performance Incentive Mechanisms, or PIMs, which are key components of the new Performance-Based Regulation Framework that the PUC approved of December.

The PIMs, if achieved by Hawaiian Electric, will offer the utility financial incentives while providing savings and other benefits for customers.

"This decision underscores our commitment to transforming Hawaii's energy future," said PUC Chairman James Griffin in a statement. "Though we faced challenges developing these first-of-their-kind performance mechanisms, we all understand the importance in completing this part of the PBR Framework and ensuring the regulatory structure is well-rounded and balanced."

Customers will benefit because the PIMs include goals such as "increased procurement of grid services from customer-based programs" and "improved collaboration with Hawaii Energy to reach low-to-moderate income customers and promote energy saving measures."

[Read more.](#)

State Seeks Public Input on Federal Transportation Spending

The Hawaii Department of Transportation has organized a survey to prioritize which federally funded road projects should be tackled over the next four years as part of the [State Transportation Improvement Program](#) (STIP), according to a *West Hawaii Today* article.

The survey describes 23 specific highway, rockfall mitigation, guardrail and shoulder improvements and bridge programs, as well as improvement programs and mass transit projects. The deadline for [participating in the survey](#) is June 28.

"Community engagement is a big part of our required federal process to get federal highway and transit funds for the state," Harry Takiue, engineering program

manager in the state department of transportation's Hawaii District Office, told participants in a remote public coordination meeting.

The creation of a "fiscally unconstrained" list of projects was the first step, followed by the first round of public coordination meetings. Following the public comment period, the state DOT evaluates and "fiscally constrains" the project list. It plans a second round of public meetings in July or August. The STIP will be submitted in early September to the federal government, which is expected to evaluate it and send it back to the state in October.

"Your comments and priorities for the project can affect the project development schedule, although not change the need for the project," Takiue said. "If public opinion is very high, it can possibly speed up the project."

[Read more.](#)

Share the Value of Society Membership

Professional engineers have unique skills and knowledge and carry an obligation to protect the public health, safety, and welfare. [NSPE](#) and the [Hawaii Society of Professional Engineers](#) are dedicated to supporting these professionals throughout their careers.

NSPE and NSPE-HI help PEs to stay current on the latest in engineering through leadership training, networking, and ethical guidance, all to safeguard the wellbeing of the public and navigate the new challenges that engineers confront daily. NSPE-HI members are encouraged to share the value of membership at the national, state, and local levels when engaging with their peers.

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Register for the 2021 Virtual PECon

Registration is now open for NSPE's [Virtual Professional Engineers Conference 2021](#) (August 3–5). The [early bird registration](#) rate deadline is **July 15**.

Attendees will have access to up to 14 unique and insightful PDH sessions (live and on-demand sessions) and will have the opportunity to collaborate with peers and experts from across the country through morning “coffee chats” and Mastermind sessions. In the Mastermind sessions, attendees will address their most pressing professional issues and tap into the knowledge, experience, and advice of their peers and PE experts to help workshop solutions. There will also be virtual engineering facility tours and a celebration of [PE Day](#) (August 4).



PECon at a Glance

- [Bridging the Gap to Leadership: Connecting the Skills You Have with the Skills You Need](#) (Shelley Row, P.E., CSP, Leadership and Decision-Making Expert)
- [Florida International University Bridge Failure, A Study in Ethics](#) (Susan Sprague, P.E., F.NSPE, Senior Associate, and Eric Tappert, P.E., Consultant)
- [AI and the Evolving Role of the “Traditional” Engineer: An Engineer’s Perspective from NASA to Infrastructure and Beyond](#) (Kimberly Johnson, P.E., Founding Principal)

- [Reaching New Heights in Engineering](#) (Alan Mallory, P.E., PMP, Speaker, Author, and Performance Coach)

Registration Options

A **Day Pass** for NSPE members is \$99 until July 15 and \$149 after July 15. The pass provides access to four PDH sessions, networking morning “coffee chat” roundtables of your choice each day, and evening post-session discussions.

The **All Access Pass** for NSPE members is \$249 until July 15 and \$299 after July 15. This pass provides access to 14 PDH sessions, access to daily networking morning “coffee chat” roundtables, and evening post session discussions.

Student members can register for a Day Pass or the All Access Pass for free until July 15. The rate for both passes is \$50 after July 15. Nonmembers can join NSPE for \$299 and receive member pricing.

Women in Engineering Event to Explore Gender and Racial Equity

DiscoverE and the Congressional Women in STEM Caucus will co-host an event on **June 23**, in celebration of [International Women in Engineering Day](#). The event will include a lively panel discussion exploring the factors that attract girls to engineering, why women persist in the field, and the role you can play in achieving gender and racial equity in engineering and technology.

NSPE Government Relations staff coordinated the participation of the Women in STEM Caucus for the event. The Women in STEM Caucus seeks to bring public and congressional awareness to policies, programs, and initiatives that support women in STEM fields, and develops the next generation of women leaders. Rep. Chrissy Houlahan (D-PA), Rep. Debbie Lesko (R-AZ), Rep. Haley Stevens (D-MI), and Rep. Jackie Walorski (R-IN) serve as caucus co-chairs.

NSPE [recognizes](#) the benefits of a diverse population of licensed engineers in shaping the future of engineering. Diverse backgrounds foster unique contributions and capabilities and create an inclusive community ultimately leading to a more creative, effective and technically respected community.

[Register here.](#)

2021–22 Call for Volunteers

NSPE needs your knowledge, expertise, and time to help the Society carry out its [vision and mission and meet the goals of the strategic plan](#) . Volunteer positions begin in mid-August and end at the 2022 Professional Engineers Conference.

There are three types of volunteer opportunities:

- **Level 1 (Highest Engagement)–Standing Boards and Committees**
Often includes attending at least one in-person meeting. Most meetings held via video conference. Terms may be up to three years.
- **Level 2 (Intermediate Engagement)–Ad Hoc Committees and Task Forces**
Activities primarily include online correspondence and video conference meetings.
- **Level 3 (Lowest Engagement)–Ad Hoc Volunteer**
Volunteer on a project-by-project basis.

[Submit forms by July 9 to be considered for a 2021-22 term.](#)

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