

**Elizabeth (Beth) Giesting**

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Policy professional with extensive Hawai'i-based experience in health, budget, tax, and economics. Skills include policy analysis and research, writing, convening and planning, administration, and advocacy.

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**Director, Hawai'i Budget & Policy Center, 2018–Present**

Oversee direction and content for Budget Center, including identifying key Hawai'i policy issues that affect opportunities for low- to middle-income residents. Work focuses on:

- Policy analysis
- Researching and writing reports and briefs that address budget, tax, and policy issues that affect the wellbeing of Hawaii residents
- Sharing information with the public and policy-makers

**Independent Consultant dba Beth Giesting, LLC, 2017–2018**

Worked with health plans and providers on strategic data and care initiatives, advocacy, and communications. Assisted with planning and producing annual *State of Reform* health care conference.

**Health Care Transformation Coordinator/Director of Innovation, Governor's Office, 2011–2016**

As state's Healthcare Transformation Coordinator appointee, led diverse community stake holders in planning for comprehensive health care revitalization. Health care plan emphasized improved behavioral health/primary care integration and better oral health. Also chaired Hawai'i's Affordable Care Act State Waiver Task Force. Led process to develop and submit a State waiver proposal (granted in December 2016). Managed related state legislation.

**Chief Executive Officer, Hawai'i Primary Care Association, 1995–2011**

- Promoted equitable health policy and payment strategies that helped to double the number of community health centers in the state, adding to the resources that support people who are medically underserved
- Maintained positive relations with state and national lawmakers and state and federal administrative programs on behalf of federally-qualified health centers (FQHCs).
- Supported HPCA board of directors and managed diverse staff, programs, and funding on all initiatives, which included: expanding access to primary care for immigrants and migrants; promoting oral health and mental health integration with medical care; developing community health worker training curriculum; expanding use of health information technology; and codifying Medicaid payment structures for FQHCs

## **Executive Director, Kalihi-Pālama Health Center, 1983–1994**

- Directed operations of an urban community health center serving Honolulu residents with language, cultural, and financial barriers to care
  - Maintained programs that included general medical, pediatrics, women’s health, dental, mental health, WIC nutrition, and social services, outreach, application assistance, and a sizeable healthcare for the homeless program
  - Oversaw significant expansion of programs, utilization, and funding. Developed a new clinic facility and two satellite locations. Supervised staff of 150
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## **Service on commissions, boards, task forces**

- Board Member, American Heart Association, Hawai’i Chapter, 2016–2018
  - Board Member, National Council on Graduate Medical Education (COGME), 2010–2012
  - Member, Chamber of Commerce of Hawai’i Health Committee, 2008–2011
  - Convener, Hawai’i Islands Oral Health Taskforce, 2004–2011
  - Member, State Health Planning & Development Agency Plan Development Committee and Chair, Ambulatory Care Subcommittee, 2006–2011
  - Founding board member and one-time chair, AlohaCare, 1993–1996
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## **Education**

Master’s degree in instructional systems technology from Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana

Bachelor’s degree in history from Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana

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