

Financial Education Fact Sheet Series: HAWAII

The state of Hawaii provides online resources, workshops, and a financial literacy fair to promote financial education.

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Financial Literacy Fair

The focus of Hawaii's efforts is a free financial literacy fair in Honolulu, held annually since 2007 and open to the public. Topics include saving and investing, insurance, credit, retirement planning, and how to watch out for financial scammers. The program is conducted by a combination of staff from the Office of the Securities Commissioner and other stakeholders, such as AARP; the Better Business Bureau; the state Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Attorney General, Health, and Taxation; and the Hawaii 529 College Savings Program.

Online Resources

The Business Registration Division-Securities of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs has posted online [investor education resources and materials](#), addressing common threats to investors, fraud protection, and other topics. The site also offers activity booklets for children and teens. To foster online engagement with students, the Commerce and Consumer Affairs website includes a [daily quiz](#) from the National Consumers League and a [stock market simulation](#), both geared toward helping students identify gaps in their understanding of consumer rights and responsibilities, investments, personal finance, and other topics.

Resources for Seniors

Within the state employees' retirement system, there are pre-retirement workshops and individual counseling sessions offered several times per year and rotated among four different islands. The state also provides [resources](#) to educate seniors and their families about the risks of fraud or scams.

FINANCIAL EDUCATION/ STATE REQUIREMENTS

There is a bill pending in the state legislature (SR 116, 2020) that would mandate a 0.5 credit course on financial literacy for all high school students.

FUNDING/GOVERNANCE

There is no formal governance structure or funding mechanism specified for these programs.

