Top 10 Tips for Translating in Languages of Lesser Diffusion: Lessons Learned



Aloha!

Mogethin!



Welcome!

Mabuhay!

Ran annim!

你好!

Iokwe!

Kabla-aw!

환영 합니다!

Malo e me'a mai!

¡Bienvenidos!

Kaselehlia!

ようこそ!

Tālofa!

Xin Chào!

Presentation

- Hawaii's demographics
- Hawaii's challenges
- Lessons learned with translations in languages of lesser diffusion

Hawai'i Residents

- 1 in 4 speak a language other than English at home
- Nearly 1 in 5 are immigrants
- 51% of immigrants speak English less than "very well"

Hawai'i Residents

- Around 1 in 9 residents is limited English proficient (LEP)
- More than 130 languages are spoken in Hawai'i

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2017 American Community Survey



Ranking in the Nation

Highest percentage of:

- Asian population
- Native Hawaiians and Other Pacific Islanders
- Mixed racial population

Top 15 Languages in Hawai'i State Court

1.	Chuukese	9.	Tongan
2.	Ilokano	10.	Samoan
3.	Marshallese	11.	Cantonese
4.	Korean	12.	Mandarin
5.	Spanish	13.	Pohnpeian
6.	Vietnamese	14.	American
7.	Tagalog		Sign Language
8.	Japanese	15.	Kosraean

Interpreter Services

- Spent over \$906,000
- Well over 13,000 proceedings
- 42 different languages

Based on FY2018 Court Interpreter Payments

Challenges

Geographic isolation



Challenges

- Limited pool in high demand languages
- Lack of in-language resources for high demand languages
- Budget constraints

Use focus group of language speaker users to assess problem terms of contemplated document

Revise document in plain language prior to soliciting translation work

Determine realistic resume profiles and credentials of translators

Relax translation memory software requirements and rigid usage of consistent translated terms

Allot sufficient time for completion, review, and correction process

Include clear and realistic expectations in work solicitation

Beware of low bidders and conduct sufficient research on vendors prior to awarding contract

Form a review group of reliable language speakers

Conduct pre-meeting with awardee before translation work begins

Consider audio recording of acceptable translated work

Hawai'i State Judiciary's Multilingual Resources for LEP court customers

Multilingual Website: Language Access Tab



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For access to traffic cases, District Court criminal, Circuit Court criminal, Family Court criminal (adults) and appellate cases



- Hoʻohiki

For access to civil case information filed in the Circuit and Family Courts and certain civil cases of the District Courts (small and regular claims)



Search for jobs at the Judiciary



Case information

I want to...

Find a Mediator

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Judiciary Language Assistance Policy

A Message From Chief Justice Mark E. Recktenwald:

The Judiciary has long recognized that many people who come before the courts, or receive Judiciary services, may not be able to meaningfully participate due to limited English proficiency (LEP) or speech or hearing impairments. We have dedicated many resources over the last several years to enhancing language access services for LEP court customers. We are proud of the accomplishments we have achieved in providing such services — including providing court interpreters for all defendants, parties, and witnesses in all case types and providing language services at all points of contact with the Judiciary, including over-the-counter and over-the-telephone encounters. Much of our success is attributable to the time and care Judiciary employees and volunteers provide LEP customers. The Judiciary's commitment to serving LEP customers is set forth in the following policy:

Judiciary Policy #12

The Hawai`i State Judiciary is committed to providing meaningful access to court processes and services to persons with limited English proficiency. In all case types, the Judiciary shall reasonably provide, free of charge, and in a timely manner,

Language Access Services Home

廣東話 / 广东话 | Cantonese

Kapasen Chuuk | Chuukese

Ilokano | Ilokano

日本語 | Japanese

한국어 | Korean

Kosrae | Kosraean

國語 / 普通话 | Mandarin

Kajin Majôl | Marshallese

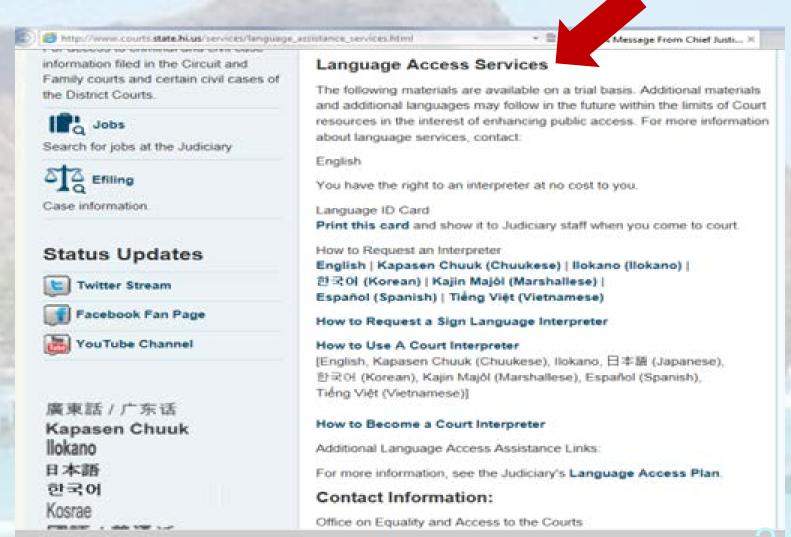
Pohnpei | Pohnpeian

Gagana Samoa | Samoan

Español | Spanish

Tagalog | Tagalog

Multilingual Website: Language Access Services



Multilingual Website: Self-Help – Protective Orders



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Translated into 10 languages: Chuukese, Ilokano, Japanese, Korean, Kosraean, Marshallese, Pohnpeian, Spanish, Tagalog, Thai

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Request an ADA Accommodation

Give Feedback

Language Services

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 Protective Orders
- Tingorei eu Esinesinen Annukun Tumun seni Imwan
 Kapwung Famini
 Requesting a Family Court Protective Order
- Poraus Usun Om Tingorin Taropweian Etouaufesen
 mi Annuk non Fansoun Mochomoch (TRO)
 About Filing for Your Temporary Restraining Order (TRO)
- Anangatamanon Fansoun Pungun om Taropweian
 Etouaufesen mi Annuk non Fansoun Mochomoch
 (TRO) non Imwan Kapungen Famini

Extending Your Temporary Restraining Order (TRO) in Family Court/

- Inetin Om Taropwelan Etouaufesenin Mi Annuk non
 Fansoun Mochomoch (TRO)
 Serving Your Temporary Restraining Order (TRO)
- Akota Tumunum
 Plan for Your Safety

For more information about language services, contact:

Office on Equality and Access to the Courts 426 Queen St. #B-17

Multilingual Website: Self-Help - Protective Orders





http://oaoa.hawaii.gov/jud/audio_oeac/W1_Protective_Orders_CHU.mp3

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http://www.courts.state.hi.us/self-help/protective orders/protective orders

Protective Orders

Annuken Tumun

Any person, regardless of his or her immigration or citizenship status, has a right to live in a safe environment, free from the threat of harm from a family member or an acquaintance. If someone you know is engaging in a pattern of harassment or abuse (including physical abuse or sexual abuse, verbal threats, property damage or stalking), you can seek protection by filing a petition and obtaining a temporary restraining order (TRO) against the perpetrator.

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In the District Court, if you need to extend the TRO for your protection,

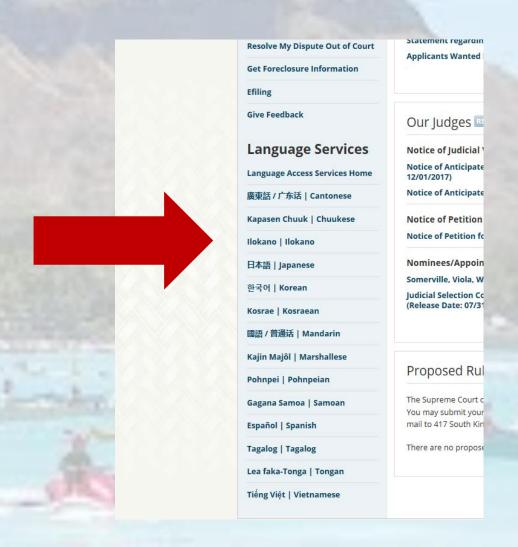
Your Safety
Tumunun Nonomumw

What To Do If Your Order Is Violated

Met kopwe fori nupwen emon a puratiw omw we pungún kapwúng

View Case Records
Kutta Uruwon Keis

Multilingual Website: Language-Specific Sidebar



Multilingual Website: Language-Specific Pages



SAMPLE – Chuukese language page

Summary

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