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PBS Hawai‘i kicks off candidate forums with Governor’s race

Insights on PBS Hawai‘i kicks off its four-month series of live candidate forums July 5 at 8:00 pm with a scheduled discussion with the Democratic Primary candidates for Governor, incumbent David Ige and Congresswoman Colleen Hanabusa.

The Republican Primary candidates – Rep. Andria Tupola, John Carroll and Ray L’Heureux – are scheduled to appear live on July 26 at 9:00 pm.

The candidate forums are scheduled for Thursday evenings through Nov. 1, with a hiatus Sept. 6 and 13 for PBS Hawai‘i’s third **KĀKOU – Hawai‘i’s Town Hall**.

Insights is also live streamed on pbshawaii.org and on [PBS Hawai‘i’s Facebook page](#). As always with Insights, viewers can join the discussions by phone, email or social media during the live program. Viewers may email their questions or comments to insights@pbshawaii.org, use the #pbsinsights hashtag on Twitter, or leave a comment in each Facebook live stream.

The conversational format of PBS Hawai‘i’s weekly live public affairs program sets these forums apart from traditional televised debates. Without the pre-arranged constraints of a structured debate, viewers will have a greater chance of witnessing the candidates as they are, while they engage in free-flowing discussions about community issues.

PBS Hawai‘i’s Candidate Forum Policy: Insights on PBS Hawai‘i is a regularly scheduled news and public affairs program. During the election season, PBS Hawai‘i will continue to provide our trademark, loosely structured live format, featuring candidates discussing issues of community interest. PBS Hawai‘i exercises sole control over the format of the program. Depending on the number of candidates and newsworthy issues in a given race, there are practical limitations as to the number of candidates who participate. Decisions in presenting Insights on PBS Hawai‘i based on good-faith journalistic judgment in providing a conversation that will best serve the public interest.

