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Bipartisan Bill Aimed at Stimulating Economy

The Hawaii State Senate is united in support of Senate Bill 2012. Garnering bipartisan support, Senate Bill 2012, also known as “The Invest in Hawaii Act of 2012,” is an aggressive general obligation bond-funded \$500 million Capital Improvement Program (CIP) package aimed at creating jobs by investing and stimulating our local economy from all corners of the state, from Hilo to Hanalei.

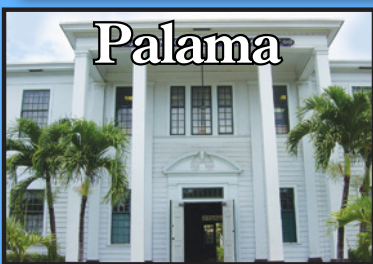
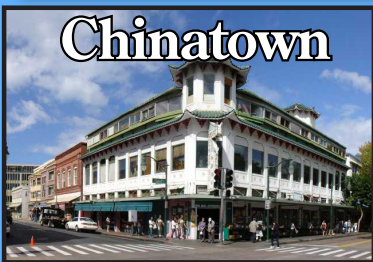
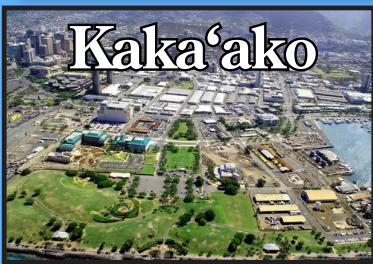
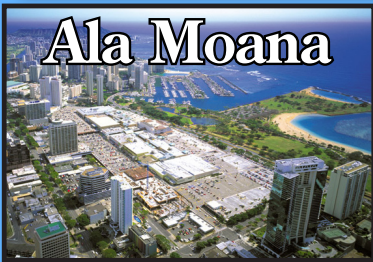
With Hawaii experiencing the lowest interest rates on record and significant savings made from the State’s most recent bond authorization and issuance, now is the time to invest in our State. The program will create shovel-ready jobs for all trades in the construction industry – from carpenters to consultants. According to conservative estimates by the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism’s (DBEDT) job multiplier, this measure could create or sustain more than 5,000 jobs.

Projects to be considered will focus on repair and maintenance projects to address aging infrastructures and to extend the useful life of existing state-owned assets and facilities. Projects also include those that address health and safety code concerns. State departments that have been identified as part of the Program are: the Department of Education, including the State Public Library System; the University of Hawaii, including athletic facilities; the Department of Accounting and General Services; the Department of Agriculture; the Department of Defense;



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the Department of Health, and health care facilities of the Hawaii Health Systems, the Department of Human Services; the Department of Land and Natural Resources; the Department of Public Safety and the Judiciary. Funding will be distributed depending on the individual department's needs and ability to commence work immediately.

Another priority of the bill is to develop sustainable and renewable energy resources, such as photovoltaic technology. Investing in renewable energy and upgrades to information technology initiatives throughout schools, hospitals, and office buildings will ultimately lead to cost savings and a reduction of the State's carbon footprint.

In order to expedite the backlogged repair and maintenance projects, Senate Bill 2012 would make revisions to the State's permitting and approval processes, thereby getting workers off the bench and on the job immediately by putting more money in workers' pockets. With this jolt in the economy, the safety net would be improved and a wide range of social and educational services would be provided.

Be Involved; Get Informed

The Hawaii State Senate encourages citizens to get informed and involved. Here are some of the resources available to help you become an active participant in the legislative process:

Website: www.capitol.hawaii.gov

The Hawaii State Legislature's website is the key portal for those wishing to get informed and involved in the legislative process. Some of the information and features of the site include:

- Contact information for current members of the Senate and House of Representatives
- Bill and resolution text and current status information
- List of upcoming committee hearings
- Daily downloads of bills, resolutions, committee reports, and other documents
- Online testimony submittal

Create an Account

You can also create an account with the Legislature, and as a registered user, you can track your own personalized list of bills and get email notifications for legislative committee hearings. To register, click on "Register" at the top right-hand of the capitol website home page.

Public Access Room

The Legislature's Public Access Room (PAR) is staffed with knowledgeable and friendly employees and volunteers who assist and educate citizens about participating in the legislative process. Assistance is available in person (Room 401, State Capitol Building), by phone (808) 587-0478, and by email (par@capitol.hawaii.gov).