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HAPPY NEW YEAR FRIENDS & NEIGHBORS!

As we prepare for the 2019 Legislative session in the midst of a contentious national climate, I would like to assure you that I am committed to working diligently to serve our community and overcome divisiveness in the interest of government efficiency, transparency, and accountability. I would also like to express my regard for your continued civic engagement and further advocate the positive impact of individual initiative and involved communities on our state and government. Whether it be submitting testimony on the bills that interest you, or just speaking up and sharing issues at our neighborhood meetings, I encourage you to get involved in your government and have your voice heard.

This session I will serve as chair of the Higher Education Committee, which oversees programs related to the University of Hawaii, the community college system, private higher education financing, and other relevant matters. The University's spending and management practices have long been a focus of my attention, and this chairmanship will allow me to more closely scrutinize the institution's policies and operations. In addition, I will be serving as vice chair of the Education Committee and a member of the Judiciary Committee.

As the Legislature begins to take up new measures, I will remain vigilant of issues affecting our district and ensure that your concerns are being communicated and addressed with all pertinent parties. My staff and I will also be sure to apprise you of any meetings and events that are relevant to our district. Please be on the lookout for my Spring Community Bulletin, which will be mailed out in the next few weeks and include a survey requesting your opinions and feedback on a number of issues affecting our community.

I look forward to working with my Senate and House colleagues for a successful and productive 2019 session. As always, please do not hesitate to contact my office at 587-7200 should you have any questions or concerns.

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JANUARY 2019

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Legislature Opening Day

January 16, 10:00am
Senate and House Chambers

Holiday: Martin Luther King, Jr.

January 21

Last Day for Bill Introduction

January 24

Lunar New Year Parade

February 2, 4:30pm
Night in Chinatown Event

'Alewa Neighborhood Board Meeting

February 11, 7:00pm

Holiday: Presidents Day

February 18

2019 Spring Community Bulletin

Please look out for my spring community bulletin in the mail in the next few weeks. In it you will find our usual articles, including *Senator Kim on the Hot Seat*, *Community Survey*, as well as a 2018 recap of community events and pictures. If you need a copy, feel free to contact my office and we will gladly send you one.

Legislative Reference Bureau Public Access Room

*Discovering the Public's Power
in the Legislative Process*

Are you interested in learning how a bill becomes a law? Would you like assistance in submitting testimony on a particular bill?

The Public Access Room (PAR) was established in 1989 to provide free services and resources to assist members of the public that are interested in getting involved in the legislative process.

Workshops and tutorials on the legislative process are offered, and staff are available answer any questions about the process of submitting testimony. Other resources available include:

- Computers and office supplies to track bills and prepare testimony;
- Workspace for writing, researching and conducting small meetings;
- Complete copies of the Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) and Session Laws;
- A television for live-viewing of House and Senate proceedings.

For more information, or to access these services and resources, visit the Public Access Room on the 4th floor of the State Capitol, or contact them below.

Hawaii State Capitol Room 401
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par@capitol.hawaii.gov

Session Hours:

Monday - Friday, 7:45am - 6:00pm

Interim Hours:

Monday - Friday, 8:00am - 4:30pm



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