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ALOHA NEIGHBORS & FRIENDS!

The state's budget bill is now in the governor's office pending his approval. The House and Senate approved a final version of the state budget bill, appropriating \$16 billion in general funds for fiscal years 2020 and 2021. The budget was passed about a month earlier than previous legislative session, with the intent of increasing public accountability and transparency of the legislative process and allowing subject matter committees more time to closely scrutinize any issues. The budget prioritized appropriating funds to staff the new state hospital, make necessary improvements at state airports, and pay down state debt service. Additional bills were passed to provide \$60 million in relief funding for Big Island disaster relief following the 2018 Kilauea eruption.

House bills that have passed their respective Senate committees were voted upon on April 9 by the full Senate. Similarly, Senate bills were voted on by the full House. Many measures have differing House and Senate versions, and those will be reviewed by conference committees in the hopes that a suitable final proposal can earn approval in both houses.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Below are some of the measures that will be going in front of members of the House and Senate for conference committee:

KUPUNA

SB1091 SD1 HD2 - Kupuna Caucus; Kupuna Caregivers Program; Appropriation (\$)

Requires the Executive Office on Aging (EOA) to develop and implement a plan to maximize the number of Kupuna Caregivers Program (Program) participants and submit a copy of the Program plan to the 2020 Legislature. Authorizes EOA to adopt administrative rules to implement and administer the Program. Changes the Program funding allocation cap. Includes coordination or case management under the scope of services qualified caregivers can receive program funding for. Appropriates funds.

ELECTIONS

SB216 SD2 HD1 - Elections; Ballot; Mandatory Recount; Votes; Margin of Victory

Requires a mandatory recount of election votes and ballot measures when the margin of victory for election contests or tabulation for ballot measures is equal to or less than one hundred or one-half of one per cent of the votes cast, whichever is greater.

SAFE STREETS

SB98 HD1 - Crosswalk Safety; Pedestrians

Clarifies the requirement that a driver of a motor vehicle yield to or stop for a pedestrian by specifying when a pedestrian is considered to be within an intersection or adjacent crosswalk or crossing the roadway within a crosswalk.

EDUCATION

SB856 SD1 HD3 - Education; Audit; Adequacy Study; Appropriation

Requires the Auditor to perform an operational audit of the academic and financial plans of the Department of Education. Requires the Department of Education to contract with a third-party consultant that specializes in school finance to study the adequacy of education funding in Hawaii. Appropriates funds.

SB383 SD2 HD1 - DOE; Schools; Youth Suicide Prevention; Training Programs; Risk Referral Protocols

Requires DOE to establish a mandatory youth suicide awareness and prevention training program and model risk referral protocol, based on existing materials created by DOH, for all public schools, including charter schools. Requires charter schools to provide the training program and risk referral protocol to all school personnel who work directly with students in department schools and charter schools, respectively.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

SB1190 SD2 HD2 - Leases; HHFDC; Leasehold Condominiums on State Land

Authorizes HHFDC to enter into 99-year leases for residential condominium units developed on state lands. Exempts certain land from the definition of public land. Subjects certain land to the legislative approval requirement for the sale or gift of the lands.

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CONFERENCE COMMITTEE CONTINUED

HOMELESSNESS

SB1131 SD2 HD2 - DHS; Homelessness; Housing; Ohana Zones Pilot Program; Public-Private Partnership; Appropriation (\$)

Increases the number of Ohana Zone sites. Includes private property owned by non-profit organizations under a public-private partnership as potential Ohana Zone locations. Requires additional information in the reports to the Legislature. Extends the time to implement the Ohana Zones Pilot Program. Appropriates funds.

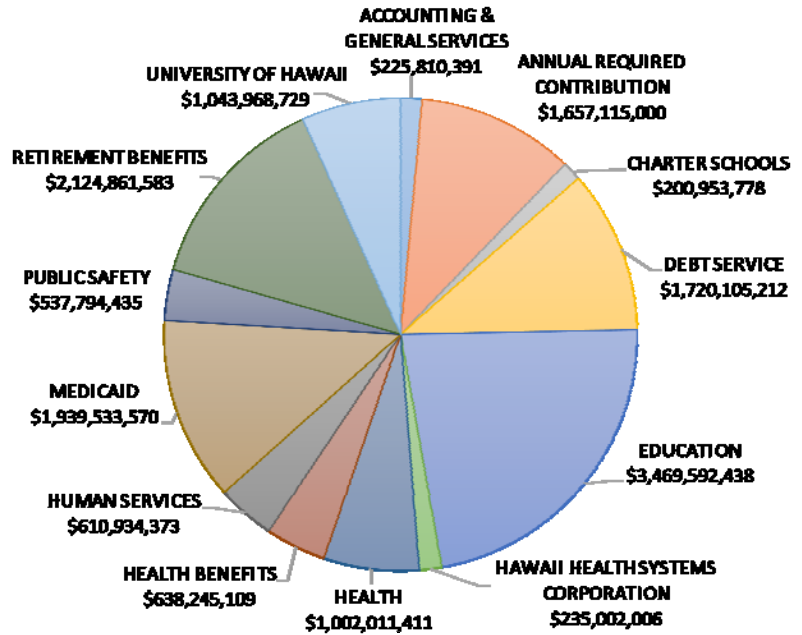
SB470 HD1 - Homelessness; Human Services; Housing; Shelters Authorizes the use of private lands for the Ohana Zones Pilot Program. Extends the Ohana Zones Pilot Program to June 30, 2022. Extends the Emergency Department Homelessness Assessment Pilot Program and the Medical Respite Pilot Program to June 30, 2020.

RETIREMENT

SB1374 SD2 HD1 - Hawaii Retirement Savings Program; Private Sector Employees; Appropriation (\$)

Establishes a Hawaii Retirement Savings Program for private sector employees. Establishes the Hawaii Retirement Savings Program Administrative Fund. Requires the Department of Budget and Finance to prepare an annual report detailing the Department's activities for the previous fiscal year to the Governor and Legislature. Appropriates funds. Exempts employers if they offered a qualified retirement plan to some or all of its employees within the last five years.

HB2 HD1 SD1 CD1 GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS \$16,067,068,203



LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR

- APRIL 4 - First Crossover for Concurrent Resolutions
- APRIL 5 - Second Decking: Last day to file bills for Third Reading in non-originating body
- APRIL 11 - Second Crossover & Last day to disagree
- APRIL 15 - Second Lateral for Senate Concurrent Resolutions
- APRIL 18 - Constitutional Amendments: Deadline for final form
- APRIL 22 - Second Crossover Concurrent Resolutions
- APRIL 25 - Last day to file Non-Fiscal Bills to deck for Final Reading
- APRIL 26 - Last day to file Fiscal Bills to deck for Final Reading
- MAY 2 - Adjournment *sine die*

LIVER & BILE DUCT CANCER RESEARCH

The Senate passed out HB654 to appropriate funds to the University of Hawaii Cancer Center to advance liver cancer research and determine the etiologies of the high incidence of liver and bile duct cancer in Hawaii. The bill will now head to conference committee for members of the House and Senate to negotiate amendments. With so many members of our communities and their families are affected by this devastating disease, it is incredibly important to prioritize and fund the fight to eliminate cancer through local research, advocacy, and education.



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