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HAPPY NEW YEAR FRIENDS & NEIGHBORS!

As we prepare for the 2020 Legislative session in the midst of a contentious national climate, be assured that I am committed to serve our community and overcome divisiveness in the interest of government efficiency, transparency, and accountability. I would also like to express my gratitude for your continued civic engagement and emphasize 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 stay involved in your government.

This session I will continue as chair of the Higher Education Committee, which oversees programs related to the University of Hawai'i and the community college system. Additionally, I will continue as vice chair of the Education Committee and a member of the Judiciary Committee. These committees will continue to scrutinize their respective budgets to strive for efficiency and eliminate wasteful spending. Only by working together will we be able to fund the needs of our community. Just as I did last session, I will continue to work with the university to ensure that it serves Hawai'i efficiently and effectively.

As the Legislature begins to take up new measures, I will remain vigilant on issues affecting our district and continue to represent your concerns and be your voice. 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 2020 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 2020

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Legislature Opening Day

January 15, 10:00am
Senate and House Chambers

Chinese New Year Celebration

January 17, 5:00pm
Chinatown District & Cultural Plaza

Holiday: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

January 20

State of the State Address

January 21

Last Day for Bill Introduction

January 24

Kalihi Valley Neighborhood Board Meeting

February 12, 7:00pm

Holiday: Presidents Day

February 17

2020 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 2019 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

<https://lrb.hawaii.gov/par>

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Session Hours:

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

Interim Hours:

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



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