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NEWSLETTER

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Aloha neighbors,

As we reflect on the past legislative period marked by Crossover, where bills transitioned to the other chamber, we're proud to share some exciting updates. This includes the release of \$4,300,000 in Capitol Improvement Project (CIP) funds for resurfacing and restriping at Ala Wai Small Boat Harbor on O'ahu. Additionally, we celebrated the signing of HB 1899, the Snail bill, recognizing native snail species as state symbols crucial to preserving Hawai'i's ecosystem.

Stay tuned for further updates and progress as we strive to improve our community.

Warm regards,



OUR OFFICE AT WORK



Sign waving for Transgender Day of Visibility at the State Capitol.



Walk-My-District in Waikiki with Congressman Ed Case, meeting and talking stories with constituents, covering beach preservation, small businesses, housing, public safety, and tourism.



34th Annual Texaco Honolulu District Elementary Speech Festival



Signing of the Snail Bill with student advocates who helped pushed this bill through

15TH ANNUAL ART AT THE CAPITOL EVENT



LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

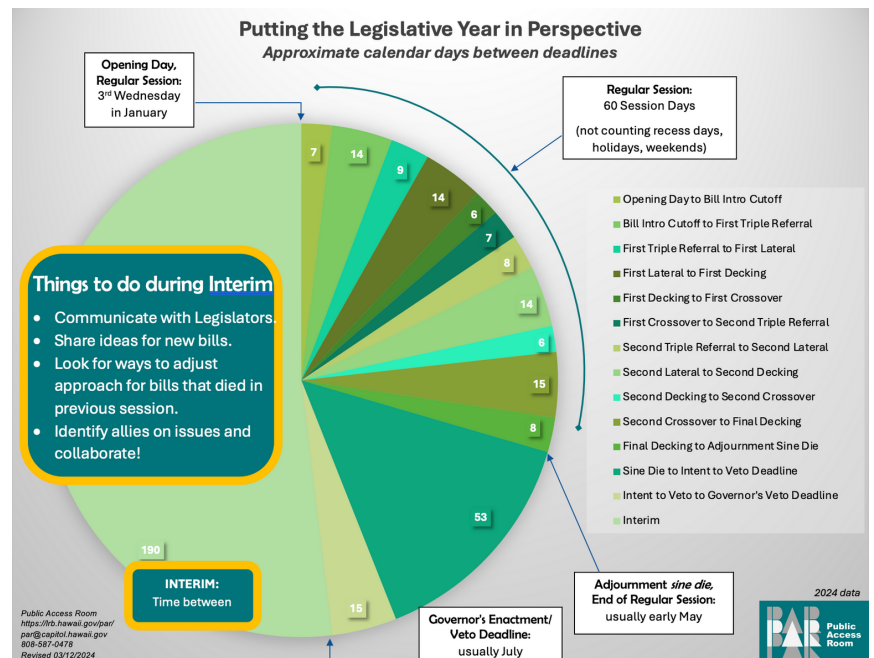
- \$4,300,000 Capitol Improvement Project (CIP) funds have been released to resurface and restripe existing access roads and parking areas at Ala Wai Small Boat Harbor on O’ahu
- HB 1899 related to State Snails has been signed

LEG CORNER

Every month we will be giving you a view into how and what we do at the Capitol to make your voice be heard and pass laws that enhance the lives of our constituents. This month we will focus on:

Using the Interim

The time between legislative sessions, known as **"the interim"**, can be just as important as the session. Hawaii operates with a **biennial (two-year) legislative session** and is considered a **part-time legislature**. Legislators may hold other positions of employment. The legislature convenes in Regular Session from January through late April or early May (a total of sixty session days, which excludes weekends, holidays and recess days). The rest of the year is the interim. While legislators are not in session, **their offices remain open as they research issues, help constituents (people who live in their district), discuss proposals, and draft legislation.**



How can you use interim?

If you were supporting a bill that didn't go through as you had hoped, it's time to regroup, reassess, and revive. Planning ahead of time can help you better your chances of success in the next session. While it's true that the formal legislative activity takes place during session, there's still **a lot that can be done during the interim to lay the groundwork for next year**. If you plan ahead, you will already have a good game plan in motion by the time next January rolls around.

Make Notes Now, While Session is Still Fresh in Your Mind

As much as you may want to put it behind you, debrief now. Sit down with a pen and paper, or at the keyboard, and write it all down. If you are part of a larger group, sit down with them and brainstorm together. Do a thorough review:

- What could have gone better?
- What worked well?
- What ideas did you have that you just didn't have the time or the resources to follow through on?
- What potential supporters did you identify?
- What challenges to your proposal or position were you ill-equipped to counter?
- What research information do you wish you had?
- Did you identify similar proposals that you can support?
- What advice would you give to someone trying to do the same thing next session?
- What do you know now that you wish you had known at the start of session?

Sketch Out Your Game Plan, and Network

Based on what you have learned this session, sketch out a game plan to revive your proposal.

Set up **meetings** during the interim **with the legislators** who sit on relevant committees in order to communicate your ideas to them. **Provide them with as much information as possible** to help support your position and ask for feedback and advice.

Identify and approach legislators who will help you get a new bill drafted that effectively presents your proposal.

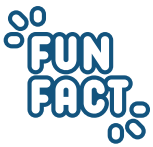
Identify key individuals who you would like to involve in your efforts.

Find allies to help divide up the research and outreach tasks.

Create a network and develop a plan for getting the word out.

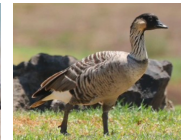
Map out a **tentative timeline showing key "to do" items** – and schedule a follow-up review to evaluate how things are progressing.

Check out the PAR website for more resources >>> <http://lrh.hawaii.gov/par>



About Hawai'i

- The **hoary bat** is the State land mammal.
- The **monk seal** is the State marine mammal.
- The **nene** or **Hawaiian goose** is the State bird.



- The **yellow hibiscus** is the State flower.
- The **kukui nut tree** is the State tree.
- The **humuhumunukunukuapua'a** (triggerfish) is the State fish.



- **'Iolani Palace** is the **only royal palace on American soil**. It was built by King David Kalakaua and later occupied by his sister, Queen Lili'uokalani.



- Maui is home to **Haleakala**, the **world's largest dormant volcano**. Haleakala means **"House of the Sun."**



ADVISORIES - WAIKIKI ROAD CLOSURES

(All times are approximate. Changes may apply. For more info, visit the event website.)

- May 4, 2024 Saturday**
6:00 AM Road Closes
12:00 PM Road Reopens
(Approximate)
- 45th ANNUAL VISITOR INDUSTRY CHARITY WALK** - start at Ala Moana Park's McCoy Pavilion Key Hole area, clockwise around Ala Moana Park, to Ala Moana Blvd., mauka sidewalk area, to Ala Wai Promenade area, to Kalakaua Ave., makai side, crossover to mauka side sidewalk at King Kalakaua Park, to cross Kalakaua Ave. at Seaside Ave. to turnaround at Ohua Ave., to Kalakaua Ave. makai side ewa bound direction, to Lewers St., to Kalia Rd., to Ala Moana Blvd., to end at Ala Moana Park's McCoy Pavilion Key Hole area. For more info, visit : <http://www.charitywalkhawaii.org>
- May 11, 2024 Saturday**
2:00 PM Road Closes
12:00 AM Road Reopens
(Approximate)
- LEAHI FESTIVAL** - The event will close Kalakaua Avenue., all lanes and sidewalk areas from Seaside Ave. to Uluniu Ave. Lane closures start at 12:30 pm for set up. For more info, email: events@millwoodohanaproductions.com
- May 19, 2024 Sunday**
3:45 AM Lanes Close
9:00 AM Lanes Reopen
(Approximate)
- HONOLULU TRIATHLON RACE** - start at 5:45 am, closing Ala Moana Blvd, Nimitz Hwy, and Kamehameha Hwy on the makai side. The course includes a loop swim near Magic Island, a bike loop around Ala Moana and Nimitz Hwy, and a run within Ala Moana Beach Park, with lane closures starting at 3:45 am. For more info, visit: <http://www.honolulutriathlon.com/>
- May 26, 2024 Sunday**
3:30 AM Lanes Close
9:00 AM Lanes Reopen
(Approximate)
- HIBISCUS HALF MARATHON** - start at Kapiolani Park, to Kalakaua Ave., to Monsarrat Ave., to Paki Ave., to Diamond Hd. Rd., to 18th Ave., to Kilauea Ave., to Waiialae Ave., to Kalaniana'ole Hwy., to Kealaolu Ave., to Kahala Ave., to Diamond Hd. Rd., to Kalakaua Ave., to end at Honolulu Marathon Finish line. For more info, visit: www.tropicaltriplecrown.com
- May 27, 2024 Monday**
6:30 PM Road Closes
9:30 PM Road Opens
(Approximate)
- SHINNYO-EN LANTERN FLOATING CEREMONY (TORO NAGASHI)** - Various traffic controls in and around Ala Moana Park may be implemented as early as 6 am. Ewa Entrance will be closed to inbound traffic. For more info, visit: <http://www.lanternfloatinghawaii.com/>

CONDO CORNER


Dispute resolution/mediation

Do you have a dispute involving the interpretation or enforcement of a condominium association's declaration, bylaws or house rules or a dispute with the board or another owner? Consider mediation to sort out the issues.

Mediation is an informal, inexpensive, and confidential process for resolving disputes quickly. The mediator is a neutral third party who facilitates discussion between the participants and assists their attempts to reach a resolution. There is a nominal fee for mediation and the Real Estate Branch subsidizes mediation for members of associations registered with the Real Estate Commission.

You will find more information on mediation at:
<https://cca.hawaii.gov/reb/files/2023/03/mediate.0623.pdf>

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