

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Aloha Neighbors!

The 2017 Legislative Session is moving along and we are approaching our conference period. During this time of session will be the final push to get bills passed before it is approved (or not) by the Governor.

This month's newsletter will contain an update on bills that are making its way towards conference. If there is a certain measure that you would like to keep track on, please subscribe to our measure tracker on our capitol website: capitol.hawaii.gov.

Students from Waipahu High School are preparing for a career in cybersecurity. The high school is offering cybersecurity courses as a response to recent hacking and cyber-attacks.

Two schools in the Waipahu area have received funding for their upcoming construction projects. More information is on the third page.

I hope that you will find the information in this newsletter informative. Please feel free to contact me at 808-586-6520 or at repaquino@capitol.hawaii.gov.

With Warmest Aloha,

Session Update

Listed below are bills that are moving through the legislature. **Please be advised that the status of the measure listed will continue to change as the session progresses.**

HB607 HD1 SD1: Expands the scope of services and options for service delivery under the Executive Office on Aging's Kupuna Care Program. Establishes the Kupuna Caregivers Program to assist caregivers by providing vouchers to secure certain care services from outside providers.

SB1294 SD1 HD1: Establishes an Undergraduate Health Science Academy at the University of Hawaii to increase recruitment and retention of Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islander, and first generation college students. Appropriates funds.

SB423 SD1 HD1: Prohibits denying a student a meal for failure to pay within: (1) The first 21 days of the semester of a school year while the student's application for free or reduced lunch is being processed (2) 7 days after the student's meal fund account balance is zero or negative. Authorizes the Department of Education to adopt policies for the collection of funds for negative student meal balances.

HB451 HD1 SD1: Reduces the minimum Hawaiian blood quantum requirement of certain successors to Hawaiian Home Lands lessees from one-quarter to one thirty-second, in order to ensure long-term tenancies to beneficiaries of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act and their descendants.

HB937 HD1: Makes an appropriation for the Executive Office on Early Learning to enter into contracts with third-party providers for family-child interaction learning organizations.

HB942 HD1 SD1: Authorizes the State Founda-

tion on Culture and the Arts to commission an artist to design and build a monument to honor and commemorate Filipino veterans of World War II in a location to be selected by the Foundation.

HB1420 HD1: Appropriates funds for burial grants for qualifying Filipino-Americans to provide funeral and burial services and transportation of their remains to the Philippines.

HB1435 HD2 SD1: Clarifies that the comprehensive loss reduction plan of the Hawaii Hurricane Relief Fund shall include implementing building code requirements for hurricane-related building code and design standards.

SB776 SD2 HD1: Restructures the Hawaii Invasive Species Council as the Hawaii Invasive Species Authority, administratively attached to the Department of Agriculture, to coordinate implementation of the Hawaii Interagency Biosecurity Plan and to improve coordination of the State's invasive species prevention, early detection, rapid response, control, enforcement, and outreach programs. Appropriates funds to implement the authority and relevant interagency invasive species projects.

SB1150 SD2 HD3: Requires the University of Hawaii to conduct a study on the effects on sunscreen on coral reefs and report to the legislature. Appropriates funds.

SB347 SD1 HD1: Appropriates funds for establishing, staffing, and operating two mobile clinics to serve the homeless population.

Community Update

Black Ranger Visits Waipahu High

A special guest stopped by at Waipahu High School. Students were visited by Ludi Lin, who plays Zack, the Black Ranger in the latest installment of "Power Rangers."

Lin's appearance was a part of a sponsorship by the University of Hawaii West Oahu's Academy of Creative Media (ACM) and the Hawaii European Film Festival.

Lin spoke to the students about his acting career and what it's like to work in the entertainment industry.

He also appears on the second season of the Netflix series "Marco Polo."

Waipahu High students prepare for cybersecurity jobs

Stories about data breaches frequently make the news— which highlights the need of more experts in cybersecurity. Waipahu High School decided to take action by training the next generation of these needed professionals.

The first coding course was taught by instructors from Dev-League, a company that teaches computer programming, along with Cindy Takara, who directs the school's Information Technology Academy. The upcoming cybersecurity courses appear to be the first offered at any local high school. So far, there are four students who are on the track to work part-time at the National Security Agency's Hawaii office while they're seniors.

August Ahrens Awarded Funding for Reroofing Project

A new construction project will soon be initiated at August Ahrens Elementary School. Certified Construction, Inc. was awarded \$178,000 to complete the reroofing project on building A.

A meeting will be set up with the school's Principal, Hanh Nguyen, to discuss matters such as access to the project, scheduling and the construction start date.

Please bear in mind that there will be disruption and disturbance during construction. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Construction Management Section at 784-5140.

Waipahu Elementary Receives Funding for Heat Abatement Project

The first phase of the heat abatement project will soon begin construction at Waipahu Elementary School. CC Engineering & Construction, Inc. was awarded over \$980,000 to complete this project.

The heat abatement program is an initiative to keep our state's classrooms cooler by using passive or mechanical means.

Air conditioning is a mechanical form of heat abatement. Passive means are techniques such as heat reflective paint and extending shading to remove direct sunlight from hitting a building.

Waipahu Elementary is among the list of "priority schools" for the heat abatement program. Schools on the priority list are usually located in warmer areas of the state.

Helpful Information

LAWYER REFERRAL AND INFORMATION SERVICE (LRIS)

Members of the public who are seeking the services of an attorney may call, fax or email the Hawaii State Bar Association (HSBA) LRIS staff. After assessing the issues or concerns of the individual, the individual is given the names and contact information of two attorneys.

The attorneys on the LRIS panel are screened prior to being placed on the panel for liability insurance, past or pending disciplinary action, and subject matter specialization.

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Note: Individuals who seek services may qualify for free legal services due to limited income. If the individual does qualify, the Lawyer Referral staff will direct the individual to the appropriate legal service provider.

LEGAL LINE

Attorneys are available via telephone to provide legal information on Wednesday evenings from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. The volunteer licensed pro bono attorneys will try to assess the issues and refer the callers to the appropriate HSBA staff, legal service provider or government agency which may be contacted for assistance. Legal advice is not provided. The Legal Line number in Honolulu is (808) 537-1868. Neighbor island constituents may call 1-888-609-5463.

USEFUL NUMBERS

Abandoned Vehicle: 733-2530

Blaisdell Center Box Office: 591-2211

Building inspector: 768-8259

Building permit: 768-8220

Bus route/schedule information: 848-5555

City Council: 768-5010

Civil Defense Agency, Oahu: 723-8960

Complaint Hotline (City Government): 768-4381

HandiVan reservations: 456-5555

Humane Society, Hawaiian: 946-2187

Motor vehicle registration: 532-4325/4324

Property assessment: 768-3799

Neighborhood Boards: 768-3710

Parks (General Information): 768-3003

Park permits: 768-3440

People's Open Markets: 522-7088

Police information community affairs: 529-3352

Senior Citizen Information: 768-7700

Sewer line problem: 768-7272

Street light repair: 768-5300

Street sign repair: 768-3638

Street use permits: 768-8391

Tree trimming: 971-7151

Towed vehicle: 529-3111

Water line break emergency: 748-5000