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Aloha,

Please join me in advocating for our communities of North Kohala, South Kohala and North Kona. Instructions on how to find bills on issues important to you, sign up for hearing notices, and how to submit testimony are included in this newsletter. In addition to this edition, you will find a list of some bills that I introduced for consideration.

The Chairs of subject matter committees have started hearings, and what is most obvious is the desire of agencies to get funds for staffing, and the demand for funds to upgrade, repair and add infrastructure. We all heard about the need for heat abatement at public schools across the state, the inadequacy of the state mental health hospital located on Oahu, unfunded pension liability, major traffic congestion in communities across the state, and repair and maintenance of aging infrastructure.

I am reminded weekly of the aging of our airport. Working with the Department of Transportation and the Onizuka Museum, the closure of the museum on March 31 will be the first step towards modernizing the airport. There will be one entrance to the airport, and it will be located in the middle.

The Governor and the Director of Transportation have prioritized Kona International Airport in their funding request to the Legislature. Working with the U.S. Customs, Homeland Security, and Federal Aviation Administration, they are seeking funds to build into the main terminal a safe and secure place to receive international travelers. If we want more airlines to route international flights to Hawai'i, and if we want a second airport for emergency landings of international flights, we will have to meet federal standards.

There is a growing need for care of our kupuna. During a recent visit in my office, kupuna from West Hawai'i associated with AARP lobbied for the Care Act. House Bill 1879 (Senate Companion Bill: SB 2208) would allow patients the opportunity to designate a caregiver when they are admitted; ensure the caregiver is kept informed of major decisions concerning the patient; and require hospitals to offer aftercare instructions to the caregiver, prior to discharge, in the medical tasks needed to be performed when the patient goes home.

We are picking up the pace to meet deadlines. Check out the legislative timetable on the next page. My staff is here to assist you if you have questions, or wish to get a message to me. Working in my office is Rhonda, Terii, Gregory, and Julius.

Thank you for the honor to represent you.

Cindy Evans

HSPAN IS HERE

TELEVISIONING LEGISLATIVE HEARINGS AND SESSIONS



The Hawai'i State Legislature and 'Ōlelo Community Media unveiled a new statewide on-demand channel called HSPAN, dramatically increasing the coverage to the public.

The new statewide on-demand channel is in addition to the live coverage by Capitol TV that airs on 'Ōlelo's Na Leo TV channel 49 and 54 on Hawai'i Island.

HSPAN's new on-demand channel will be a great way for rural communities to be involved in the inner workings of the Hawai'i State Legislature. HSPAN will help alleviate frustration by providing the residents of Hawai'i to watch all the meetings live and on-demand.

"It will increase the openness of the legislature as we move along," said House Speaker Joseph Souki.

To access the HSPAN on-demand go to channel 50. Select either the House or the Senate, and from here you may choose a committee and the hearing in the selected committee.

DENGUE FEVER UPDATE

The Hawai'i State Department of Health (DOH) will hold weekly dengue information sessions in Kona and Hilo to provide timely updates and answer questions from the community about the Hawai'i Island dengue outbreak.

Weekly sessions will be held every Thursday at 11:30am at the following locations:

- **State Office Building, Rooms A, B, and C**
Address: 75 Aupuni Street, Hilo
- **West Hawai'i Civic Center – Mayor's Conference Room**
Address: 74-5044 Ane Keohokalole Hwy, Kailua-Kona
- **Every Tuesday in Captain Cook at 12:30pm at Yano Hall**
Address: 82-6165 Māmalahoa Highway, Waimea

The State of Hawai'i Department of Health recommends to remove standing water containers, and to clean gutters so ponding does not occur. Mosquitos will lay eggs on the walls of standing water containers. Discard old tires. It only takes a few infected mosquitoes to produce large dengue outbreaks in the community and to put your family at risk of becoming sick.

For more information, call the Department of Health Hawai'i District Health Office at 974-6001.

2016 LEGISLATIVE TIMETABLE

FEBRUARY

- 11th Triple Referral Filing (Bills)
- 15th Holiday: Presidents' Day
- 19th First Lateral (Bills): Bills must be moved to final committee in originating chamber
- 25th — March 2nd: Mandatory 5-Day Recess

MARCH

- 4th First Decking: Last day to file non-budget bills for Third Reading in originating chamber
- 10th First Crossover (Bills)
- 11th Last day to introduce Substantive Resolutions
- 14th Budget Decking
- 16th Budget Crossover
- 17th Second Triple Referral Filing (Bills)
- 24th Second Lateral (Bills): Bills must be moved to final committee in non-originating chamber
- 25th Holiday: Kūhiō Day; Good Friday
- 29th First Lateral for Concurrent Resolutions

APRIL

- 7th First Crossover for Concurrent Resolutions
- 8th Second Decking (Bills): Last day to file bills for Third Reading in non-originating body
- 14th Second Crossover (Bills) & Last day to disagree
- 22nd Constitutional Amendments: Deadline for final form
- 25th Second Crossover Concurrent Resolutions
- 28th Last Day to file Non-Fiscal Bills to deck for Final Reading
- 29th Last day to file Fiscal Bills to deck for Final Reading

MAY

- 5th Adjournment *sine die* (Session over)

KEY LEGISLATION FOR 2016

This session 3,127 bills have been introduced for consideration. Below, are a few measures that I have highlighted as key legislation. For the most up-to-date information on all the bills that are currently being discussed this session visit <http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov>.

HB 1540: Establishes the Heroin and Opioid Abuse Task Force to develop recommendations for the prevention of and response to abuse of heroin and opioids. Requires a report.

HB 1745: Establishes a disease outbreak response fund for epidemic control. Authorizes the Director of Health, rather than the Governor, to declare an epidemic and to use moneys in the disease outbreak response fund for relief. Makes an appropriation.

HB 1747: Authorizes a police officer to tow a motor vehicle if the operator is arrested or cited for various traffic offenses, including driving under the influence of an intoxicant. Provides exceptions. Provides notice and hearing requirements.

HB 1748: Authorizes each county council to adopt by ordinance, upon a unanimous vote criteria, that the council shall apply to evaluate potential locations for medical marijuana production centers and dispensaries. Authorizes a county council to prohibit medical marijuana production centers and dispensaries in a specified area by ordinance upon a unanimous council vote.



House Leadership, L to R: Speaker Souki, Majority Floor Leader Rep. Evans, Vice Speaker Rep. Mizuno, Majority Leader Rep. Saiki

HB 1804: Requires a two-year motor vehicle inspection safety check for vehicles nine years of age or newer. Doubles the inspection fee for the two-year motor vehicle inspection safety check.

HB 1805: Prescribes limits on the uses of unmanned aircraft systems by law enforcement agencies and private entities.

HB 1858: Requires Department of Health to examine activities of the Prevent Suicide Hawaii Task Force and evaluate the potential to establish a training program for professionals. Requires reports to the Legislature.

HB 1852: Clarifies that nonprofit organizations may receive a loan from the water pollution control revolving fund to enable the planning, designing, and construction of wastewater treatment works. Establishes certain terms for these loans.

HB 1983: Authorizes Department of Health to establish a cesspool upgrade, conversion, or connection rebate program. Disallows the tax credit for cesspool upgrade, conversion, or connection for taxpayers whose adjusted gross income exceeds certain amounts. Applies tax credit to all cesspools, regardless of location. Provides that cesspools found to be illegal, as a result of an inspection conducted due to a person applying for a rebate or taxpayer claiming a credit, shall not be subject to penalty.

HB 2213: Establishes a state funds matching grant program for resident undergraduate University of Hawai'i students with financial need, and whose parents have not earned a baccalaureate or higher degree.



HB 2214: Simplifies the process for an entity to become an authorizer (an entity that approves or denies applications to become a charter school). Establishes a shortened timeline for the release of charter school funds. Authorizes charter schools to retain attorneys for charter contract negotiation, charter revocation, and charter nonrenewal processes

HB 2527: Establishes a committee on progress of construction projects to monitor certain state construction projects and bring impediments to the attention of decision makers.

HB 2530: Establishes income tax credits to incentivize the renovation or investment in commercial dairies in the State.

HB 2602: Appropriates funds for the Department of Land and Natural Resources to study the size and storage of archeological collections. Requires a report.

HB 2658: Authorizes a county to seek an exemption or modification of the state building codes as applicable in that county. Authorizes the state building code council to grant code exemptions and modifications for a county.

GETTING INVOLVED IN THIS YEAR'S LEGISLATION

Now is the time to get involved in this year's legislative session. For the most up-to-date information on all the bills that are currently being discussed this session visit <http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov>. On the left of the screen, click the "Keyword" box to search all the bills that were submitted this session. A list of bills will populate with the keyword(s) you have provided.

To receive hearing notices via email go to <http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov>. Click on "Sign In" and enter your email address and password. If you have not created an account, you can create an account here. Next, click on the orange "Hearing Notifications" icon located in the center of the screen. To receive hearing notifications for specific bills or resolutions enter the bill number (e.g. "HB123") in the column on the left and click "Add." You can do this for any number of bills. To receive hearing notices for a specific committee go to the column on the right that lists the committees and check off the ones that you're interested in.

To submit testimony for a bill, scroll to the bottom of a hearing page for instructions. You may submit testimony online, by fax, or in person. If you are unavailable to submit testimony contact the chair of the committee to give your support or opposition for a bill.

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U.S. Rep. Mark Takai, Rep. Evans, Councilmember Mike Victorino at the 2016 Opening Day Ceremony



The 2016 Women's Legislative Caucus honors Barbara Marumoto, Annelle Amaral, and Jackie Young



Rep. Evans and Governor Ige at the Friends of the Library of Hawaii 2015 Legislature of the Year Award, presented to Rep. Evans