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NEWS AND UPDATES FROM Representative Troy N. Hashimoto

March 2019

Aloha!

I am hosting a Lawmakers Listen town hall on March 25 at the University of Hawai'i Maui College in the Pa'ina Building, with House leadership; Speaker Scott Saiki, Majority Leader Della au Belatti, Majority Floor Leader Dee Morikawa; along with Maui Councilmember Alice Lee. It scheduled for 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. I encourage you to please take this opportunity to ask us questions about what we are working on at the state Legislature this year.

Crossover is one of the busiest times at the Capitol and a feature of our bicameral Legislature. There are a few reasons why the country's Founders came

up with this system, in which we have both a House and a Senate instead of just one chamber of lawmakers. But what it means for the legislative process is that a second set of people have to review and approve proposed laws. I am working hard with the rest of the Maui delegation and our other colleagues to make sure this system results in greater accountability.

There's a Second Crossover, when the chambers get their bills back. They can agree with the changes. When they do not, Representatives and Senators have Conference Committee hearings together and work out their differences. Before it gets to that point, the public has the opportunity

and responsibility to submit testimony to influence what their elected representatives do on their behalf. I have already heard from a lot of people in our community and hope to continue receiving input as we get through the second half of session.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact my office at (808) 586-9444 or RepHashimoto@capitol.hawaii.gov.

Mahalo,



Troy met with the Maui Hotel & Lodging Association (above) and the Entertainment Software Association (left), and visited booths for Mental Health Awareness Day (top right) and Alaska Airlines (bottom right) during various events at the capitol.





Wailuku Civic Complex Redevelopment

The County of Maui is planning a large redevelopment at the current site of the Wailuku Municipal Parking lot. Many residents have stated they are unaware of the plans, and my goal is to share as much information as possible.

The redevelopment effort is a product of community workshops to design a gathering place around the parking structure to address the shortage of off-street parking space. The plan intends to preserve existing basalt walls, basalt curbs, and horse hitches.

The estimated cost is \$80 million. \$40 million has been approved and funded with the additional \$40 million still needing financing approval by the Council. Annual revenue for the County is expected to be \$435,000 from leases, rent, and cost savings at the Civic Complex and \$160,000 from the parking structure.

More information is available at rewaikulu.org.

CONSTRUCTION PLAN

June 2019—September 2020
Church St. and Vineyard St. infrastructure

September 2019—March 2021
Parking garage and shared road

January 2020—July 2021
Civic Building and public plaza

PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS

INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADES (\$13 million)

- Water and sewer lines
- Storm drain system
- Underground power and telephone lines
- Sidewalks and trees
- Road resurfacing

CIVIC BUILDING (\$34 million)

- 14,000 sq. ft. for County offices
- 4,000 sq. ft. for County hearing room
- 4,300 sq. ft. of community reception space
- 12,600 sq. ft. of retail/flex space

PARKING STRUCTURE (\$27 million)

428 stalls with a flexible design to accommodate farmers markets, festivals, and other uses.

OPEN SPACES (\$6 million)

22,610 sq. ft. for a plaza, park, shared road, and promenade.

GREEN DESIGN FEATURES

- Rooftop photovoltaic panels
- Water filtering and recycling systems
- EV charging stations

TEMPORARY PARKING DURING CONSTRUCTION

War Memorial
Employee parking

Wells Park
100 stalls, plus another 32 stalls for 2-hour customer parking

‘Iao Theater
43 stalls for 2-hour customer parking

IMPACT MITIGATION

Free Rides

Employees will have free shuttle service between the War Memorial and stops on Main St. and Wells St. The County is also looking into free ride hailing with an app and electric vehicles for anyone in the area.

Wailuku Town App

The app would share information on transportation and parking options, historic and cultural sites, and public art.

Business Interruption Fund

Grants will be awarded to offset lost sales.

Third Reading

A reading is a vote by the chamber, rather than by just select members of one or more of its committees. The Hawaii Constitution requires the state Legislature to give bills 3 readings by each chamber before it can send them to the governor for approval (or veto) and enforcement as a new law. Most bills advance through their final committee during the 5-day recess and then move on to receive their Third Reading in their originating chamber. Bills that make it through this vote cross over to the other, non-originating chamber, where it goes through another round of committee hearings and readings.

First Decking

“First Decking” is the deadline of 48-hours before Third Reading that Legislators have to file the latest versions of their bills with their chamber’s clerk’s office. This deadline is set in the Hawaii Constitution and meant to provide enough time for everyone to receive and review the bills before they vote on them. If a bill is not filed in time, it stops advancing through the Legislature.

Report Bullies with New App

The State's Department of Education released the Speak Now app which helps users send reports of bullying to the appropriate school officials. Reports can be sent anonymously, and are reviewed Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Reports received after 4:30 p.m. on those days will be reviewed the next business day.

The app can be downloaded for free from Google Play and Apple's App Store. For more information, go to www.speaknowhdoe.com.

CROSSOVER HIGHLIGHTS

A full list of bills advancing through the Legislature is available at capitol.hawaii.gov. Here are examples:

HB 89 HD2

Makes property owners liable for illegal aerial fireworks on their property and clarifies that probable cause for arrest can be based on witness statements and recordings.

HB 530 HD1

Expands funding sources for farms and other agricultural enterprises.

HB 1457 HD2

Funds the Wailuku-Kahului Transit Corridor Master Plan.

HB 543 HD1

Requires the state to acquire and preserve Maui’s Front Street Apartments affordable housing project and provides additional time to complete Maui’s Leialii affordable housing project.

HB 1455 HD2

Funds the International Office at the University of Hawaii Maui College.

HB 888 HD1

Helps fund the Maui Health System.

HB 1270 HD1

Extends the Hospital Sustainability Program.

SB 337 SD1 (Companion of HB 395)

Starts a program to create policies for the public to testify remotely for committee hearings.

HB 394 HD1

Subjects rental cars to the vehicle registration fee for funding the removal of abandoned vehicles and for other highway beautification activities.

SB 1297 SD1 (Companion of HB 1234 HD1)

Creates a \$1,000 fine against owners of abandoned vehicles and requires additional identifying information on vehicle registration forms.

HB 316 HD1

Requires the Hawaii Public Housing Authority to remove derelict vehicles valued at less than \$1,000 from the properties it manages.

HB 1142 HD1

Increases the revenue bond authorization amount for the Hula Mae Multi-Family program for affordable rental housing projects.

HB 334 HD1

Expands the eligibility and allowable uses of special savings accounts for affordable housing, education, transportation, and business development costs.

HB 465 HD1, HB 466 HD1, HB 468 HD1

Funds the Kupuna Care Program, Funds the Aging and Disability Resource Center, and Healthy Aging Partnership Program.

HB 467 HD1

Requires a plan to maximize participation in the Kupuna Caregivers Program.

HB 469 HD1

Requires new health insurance plans to cover the cost of hearing aids.

HB 428 HD1

Requires an automatic recount in close elections.

HB 627 HD1

Classifies independent expenditures for a candidate as campaign contributions and requires noncandidates to disclose all contributors to advertisements they buy.

HB 398 HD1

Requires the University of Hawaii to offer additional distance learning classes for education students.

HB 318 HD1

Requires the Department of Education to study the implications of staggered school start times.

HB 1546 HD1

Requires the University of Hawaii to create a plan to eradicate mosquitos in the state.

HB 1070 HD1

Disallows using public education money to maintain geographic features, like streams, next to schools.

HB 1143 HD1

Requires teacher salaries for long-term assignments in hard-to-staff schools to be based on the national average salary for similar assignments if it would be higher than the state’s teacher salary schedule.

HB 247 HD1

Funds air conditioning at public schools.

HB 756 HD1

Requires uniform standards for traffic control devices and determining speed limits.

HB 757 HD1

Requires a review of traffic policies and a plan to prevent traffic fatalities.

HB 488 HD2

Disallows employers from requiring nondisclosure agreements for sexual assault and harassment, and from retaliating against employees for disclosing those offenses.

HB 481 HD2

Expands insurance coverage of mammograms.

HB 1151 HD1

Requires businesses to implement certain safety measures if they use state waters for aquatic activities.

HB 1552 HD2

Creates a commission for oversight of the correctional system and to replace redundant commissions.

HB 1177 HD1

Buys the Honolulu Federal Detention Center for use as a state correctional facility.

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Save the Date for **Lawmakers Listen**

I will host a town hall to update our community about what is going on at the Legislature and answer questions.



with

Rep. Scott Saiki, House Speaker
Rep. Della Au Belatti, House Majority Leader
Rep. Dee Morikawa, House Majority Floor Leader

Monday, March 25, 2019
5:30 p.m.—7 p.m.

Pa'ina Building (Culinary Arts)
University of Hawai'i Maui College
310 W. Kaahumanu Ave.

Enter through Wahine Pio Ave.

Members of the Maui Delegation
Councilmember Alice Lee

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