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News & Updates

CENTRAL MAUI RESIDENTS WILL CONTINUE TO HAVE CENTRAL MAUI REPRESENTATION

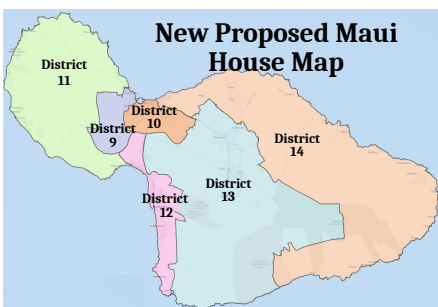
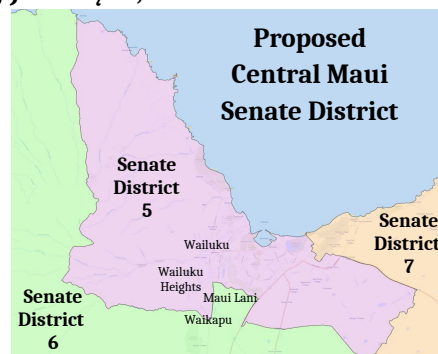
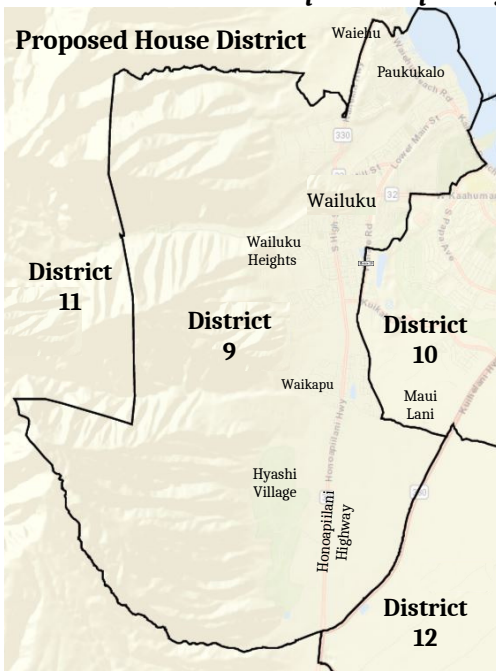
As mentioned in our last newsletter, the state Reapportionment Commission is tasked with drawing up new voting district lines. This is to ensure fair representation in each community, especially in areas where the population has either grown or decreased.

There have been changes to the plan since our last newsletter due to additional temporary military residents being removed from the population and taking into account public testimony. In the current proposal, the Wailuku House seat is slated to lose Kahakuloa, Waiehu, Waihee and will gain Old Sand Hills. The draft will also add one House seat to the Island of Hawaii, removing it from Oahu. This in turn will impact the numbering of districts. If the plan is approved, Wailuku will become House District 9.

This proposal is "far from perfect," but all **Central Maui residents will retain representation by at least one Central Maui House Representative or Senator. The previous plan proposed moving parts of Waikapu entirely into a South/West Maui District.** Go to linktr.ee/reptroyhashimoto for an explainer about the changes.

The Commission needs to finalize the boundaries before the start of candidate filing on March 1 for elections in August and November. Follow updates from this process and submit your comments to the commission at bit.ly/32KchmO.

Proposed maps as of January 13, 2022



MESSAGE FROM TROY



Happy New Year! On Jan. 19, we kicked off a new legislative session that I know will be filled with tackling many critical issues facing our community. COVID-19 tested our resiliency, but as we emerge, the most important issue will continue to be keeping our cost of living under control. Too many of our family members, friends, and neighbors, are deciding that it is far easier for their future to be based on the mainland instead of here in Hawaii.

With this in mind, my focus continues to be on tackling the largest cost of living driver in Hawaii – housing. As the Vice-Chair of the Housing Committee, my focus is on creating homes that our local families can actually afford and in areas where growth makes the most sense. There is too much at stake. Making progress on this issue is critical, despite its complexities.

I recently had two great opportunities to interact with our next generation – at a 4th Grade Business Fair at Pomaikai Elementary School and to hear from Mrs. Trisha Roy's STEM students at H.P. Baldwin High School on improving their school water fountains. We have great future leaders in our community, and it is imperative we create opportunities for these students to live and thrive right here in Maui County.

These are just a few of the issues facing us this legislative session and my staff and I will keep you informed on important developments. As usual, please feel free to reach out if you have any ideas, questions, or concerns. Take care and continue to be safe!

Mahalo,

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2022 Session Calendar



How to Testify



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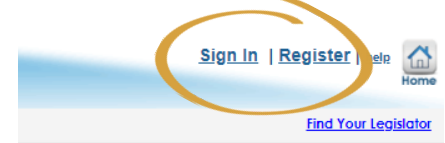
- Jan. 19 - Opening of the Legislative Session.
- Jan. 24 - Gov. David Ige's State of the State Address.
- Jan. 26 - Last day to introduce bills.
- Feb. 17 - First Lateral. Bills with multiple committee referrals must be on their way to their final committee.
- Mar. 4 - First Decking. Bills must be filed from their final committee to ensure third reading.
- Mar. 10 - First Crossover. Deadline for bills to pass third reading before moving to the other chamber.
- Mar. 16 - Budget Crossover. The House and Senate exchange their versions of the state budget for consideration.
- Mar. 24 - Second Lateral. Bills with multiple committee referrals must be on their way to their final committee.
- Mar. 4 - Second Decking. Bills must be filed from their final committee to ensure third reading.
- Apr. 14 - Second Crossover. Deadline for bills to pass third reading and return to their originating chamber.
- Apr. 28 & 29: Final Decking. Deadline for submitting bills for reading by both chambers, which includes all amendments.
- May 5 - Adjournment Sine Die / End of Session.

So your bill got a hearing? You can support, oppose or submit comments to proposed legislation by written testimony 24 hours before the hearing date, or by requesting to join the session via Zoom. All testimony submitted are public documents.

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Create an account or log-in at capitol.hawaii.gov

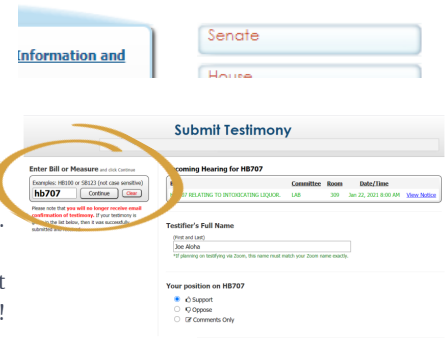
On this page, you can also review bills, add hearing notifications, read reports, and more.



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Select and enter the bill or measure number

Complete the testimony form on the right. You have an option to upload a file, or paste your comments on the provided text box. Save your draft or submit right away!

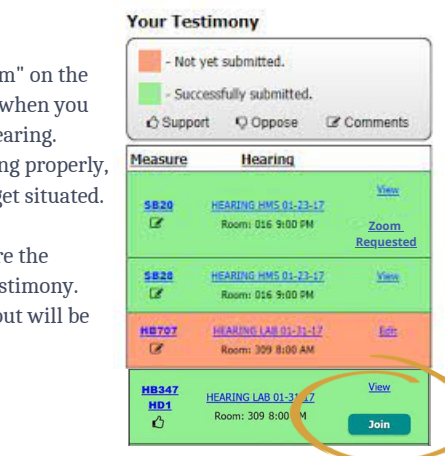


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Testifying via Zoom

If you selected testifying "remotely via Zoom" on the form and submit, your request is accepted when you see the "JOIN" button 3 hours before the hearing. Make sure your audio and video are working properly, and JOIN the meeting 30 minutes early to get situated.

The Zoom option is disabled 24 hours before the hearing, which is the deadline to submit testimony. Written testimony may still be submitted but will be marked "Late."



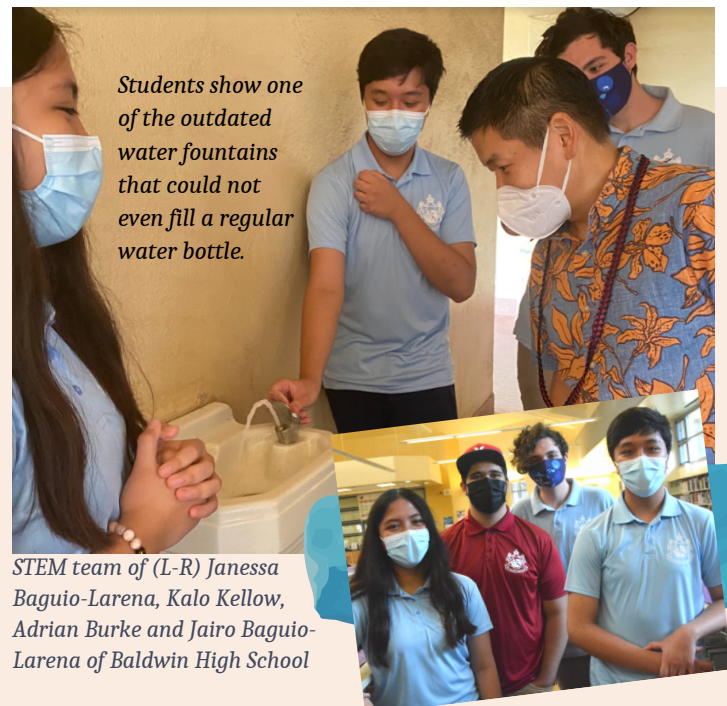
Scan code to watch the "How to Testify" video tutorial

Outdated or potentially unsafe? STEM students seek upgrade of campus drinking fountains

H.P. Baldwin High School students featured the "design thinking process" in Mrs. Trisha Roy's Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) class with research into locations of the water fountains, usage of fountains, and finally creating a prototype of a more user friendly water refilling station.

The students said the project was driven by the fact that more than 75% of students use reusable containers to stay hydrated, and most demand better water stations.

Contact Rep. Hashimoto if you would like to offer assistance in making this project a reality!



Students show one of the outdated water fountains that could not even fill a regular water bottle.

STEM team of (L-R) Janessa Baguio-Larena, Kalo Kellow, Adrian Burke and Jairo Baguio-Larena of Baldwin High School

In case you missed it...



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Existing Playcourt and Location of Proposed Clubhouse



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF MAUI

\$850,000 released for Boys and Girls Club Paukukalo Clubhouse

Governor David Ige announced the release of funding appropriated by the Legislature in a joint effort with Rep. Hashimoto and Sen. Keith-Agaran. Most CIP projects are paid for with borrowed bond funds and must be a large scale renovation, repair, or new construction.

This funding will help repurpose an existing playcourt structure into a two-story building which will include offices, meeting rooms, game and lounge areas, classrooms, fitness room, storage areas, restrooms, and covered lanai. More than 400 kids go to the existing Paukukalo clubhouse for their after-school program by the Boys and Girls Club of Maui.

ATTENDING A PARTY WITH ALCOHOL DRINKS?

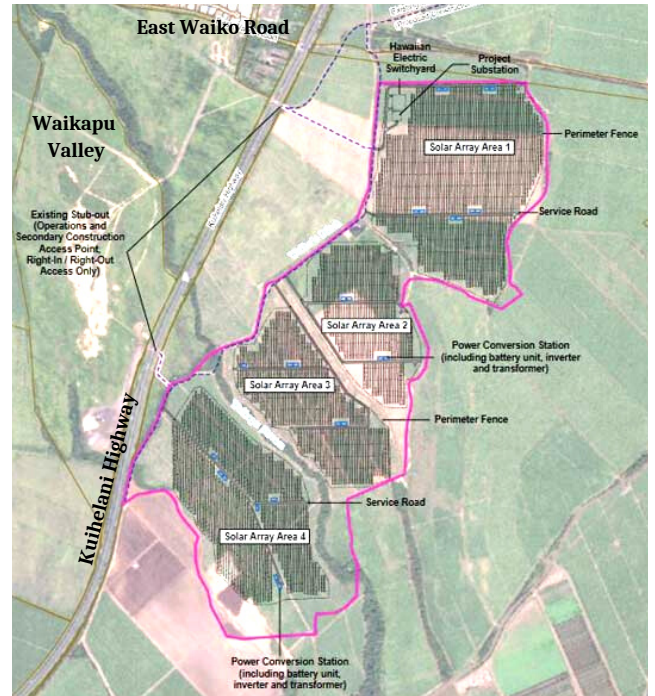
Make a plan, designate a driver

Now a statewide coordinated effort, the **3rd Hannah Brown Memorial Impaired Driving Awareness Rally** in Nov. had a clear message – arrive alive, don't drink and drive. Rep. Hashimoto stands with the efforts of the Maui Police Department, Mothers Against Drunk Driving, Maui MPO, Miss Maui Kawena Kan Hai and all the advocates against impaired driving.



Update on Kuihelani Solar Project

Late in November 2021, the Maui Planning Commission approved the Kuihelani Solar project, the largest to date in the state. This step was the final regulatory approval before permitting and construction can begin. The project site between Kuihelani Highway and Maui Veterans Highway will cover nearly 450 acres of old sugar cane fields, and is classified as E class agricultural lands. The project is within a 4,353-acre parcel about 2 miles south of Kahului and the project is anticipated to be completed by October 2023. The energy produced will power the equivalent of 27,000 Maui homes.



For updates on this project, go to www.aes.com/kuihelani-solar-storage-project

Don't forget to give back



Councilmember Yuki Lei Sugimura and Rep. Hashimoto brought some holiday cheer to grocery shoppers at the Maui Lani Safeway in Dec. while raising funds for the Salvation Army. Thank you to the generous kettle donors!

Meanwhile, hundreds of residents joined in at the County of Maui's Christmas drive-thru event on Dec. 18. Rep. Hashimoto was joined by fellow legislators Rep. Kyle Yamashita, Sen. Gil Keith-Agaran, and Rep. Justin Woodson. Thank you to Mayor Michael Victorino and his team for providing the safe and fun event!

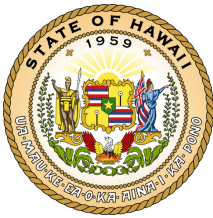


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Kicking-off the

Legislative Session

The State House and Senate quietly opened the second half of the 31st Legislature on Jan. 19, without the usual guests and fanfare due to the recent surge in COVID-19 cases. The House officially welcomed Rep. Linda Clark (East Maui, Molokai, Lanai, Kahoolawe) who was appointed by Governor Ige this past summer and was officially sworn into office. In traditional opening day remarks, leaders of the House made a commitment to focus this session on clearing the backlog of Native Hawaiians waiting to get into homes, addressing Hawaii's minimum wage, and to take up legislation to help Hawaii's families and businesses while continuing to protect Hawaii's cultural assets, to name a few. The 60-day Legislative session ends in May.



Members of the Maui House Delegation at the opening of the 31st State Legislature: (L-R) Rep. Angus Mckakey, Rep. Hashimoto, Rep. Linda Clark, Rep. Kyle Yamashita and Rep. Justin Woodson.

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Small business ideas, Big dreams

Fourth graders at Pomaikai Elementary School showcased their business proposals at their Business Fair in Dec. The students prepared presentations similar to the TV show "Shark Tank" where judges got to ask them tough questions about their business plans.

Awards were given, to students with the best logo and tagline, best presentation, most community-minded, most environment-friendly, among others. Congratulations to all the students and thank you to the hard working teachers and parents for fostering a bright future for our next generation of business owners!



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