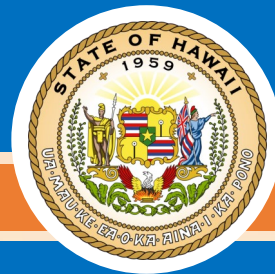




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Aloha Friends and Neighbors,

I hope you and your families are enjoying a happy and healthy summer. Although the Legislature has adjourned for the year, my staff and I continue to work throughout the interim for Mililani. We continue to address issues and concerns brought to our attention by constituents like you. We are also drafting bills and resolutions for introduction in 2020. If you have any ideas for legislation, please feel free to send them to me.

I also encourage you to sign up for my e-mail list by visiting the link provided below, or by scanning the QR code with your smartphone. At a minimum, I will e-mail monthly updates. Due to limited postage, I may not be able to mail this newsletter to you every month, so signing up for my e-mail list would be the best option to receive timely updates. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at (808) 586-9460 or via e-mail at repokimoto@capitol.hawaii.gov. Mahalo for the honor and privilege to serve you and Mililani.

Sincerely,

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COMMUNITY EVENTS



Left - Congratulations to scouts Omni Miyamoto and Ethan Kim who earned the prestigious Eagle Scout Award at their Court of Honor on July 6, 2019.

Right - On June 24, 2019, Rep. Okimoto attended the Hawaii Drug Court Program's 69th Commencement Ceremony at the Hawaii Supreme Court. Since its creation in 1996, this program has been a successful alternative to incarcerating offenders. The Drug Court judge leads the program and works with the prosecutor's office, public defender's office, substance abuse and other professional treatment providers, police, and probation officers to provide effective treatment and support to those struggling with addiction.



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Save Lives in August



Blood Bank of Hawaii

Every day, 200 blood donations are needed in Hawaii. By giving one hour of your time, you can save up to three lives by donating blood.

Listed below are the upcoming blood drives in Mililani in August. To schedule an appointment or check on drive information, call 848-4770 or visit BBH.org.

- 08/07/19 - Mililani Marketplace - Bloodmobile - 3:00-7:00 pm
- 08/10/19 - Mililani Marketplace - Bloodmobile - 7:00-11:00 am
- 08/21/19 - Mililani Marketplace - Bloodmobile - 3:00-7:00 pm
- 08/24/19 - The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints Mililani Hawaii Stake - Cultural Hall - 2:00-6:00 pm
- 08/24/19 - Mililani Marketplace - Bloodmobile - 9 am-1:00 pm

Follow Blood Bank of Hawaii on social media for updates and info on blood drives near you:

- Facebook.com/BloodBankHawaii/
- Instagram.com/BloodBankHawaii/

Drives subject to change.

Bills Co-Introduced Which Became Law

Rep. Okimoto co-introduced and co-sponsored over 100 bills during the 2019 legislative session. The following are some of the bills Rep. Okimoto co-introduced/sponsored that were signed into law by Governor Ige:

Act 26 - H.B. No. 422 - Authorizes contracts entered by the Hawaii Tourism Authority for the marketing of all uses of the Hawaii Convention Center to be issued separately from the management, use, operation, or maintenance of the facility.

Act 101 - H.B. No 1157 - Exempts students in post-secondary education programs from immunization requirements if they attend classes exclusively online or through distance learning, under certain conditions.

Act 123 - H.B. No. 465 - Kupuna Caucus - Makes an appropriation to the department of health to provide funding for the kupuna care program.

Act 125 - H.B. No. 471 - Kupuna Caucus - Establishes quorum requirements for the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs.

Act 168 - H.B. No. 843 - Appropriates funds for one Applied Technical Education position at Hawaii Community College.

Act 237 - H.B. No. 437 - Authorizes crime victim compensation for mental health services for survivors in cases involving a death and for children who witness domestic violence.

FIRE OPS 101



Mahalo to the Hawai'i Fire Fighters Association, IAFF Local 1463 (HFFA), the International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF), and the fire fighters from the Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) who invited me to participate in Fire Ops 101, which was held in conjunction with the 87th Annual Meeting of the U.S. Conference of Mayors. It was a humbling experience which increased my appreciation of the hard work our fire fighters perform on a daily basis. A special mahalo to Mililani Mauka resident, HFD Battalion Chief Keith Yasui (pictured left), for his mentorship during Fire Ops 101, and to HFFA President Robert "Bobby" Lee (pictured right) and his staff for organizing this event.

The House Minority Research Office has created a new website with useful information.

Visit: www.hihousegop.com to learn more.