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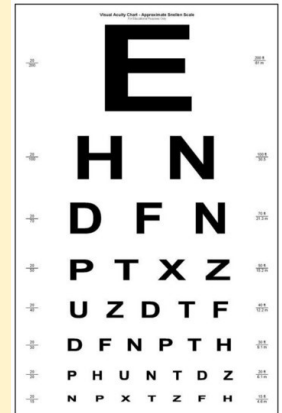
2016 Legislative Interim E-Newsletter December 2016

PROJECT VISION HAWAII—FREE EXAM DAYS

Nanawale Longhouse Vision Screening
14-855 Kehau Road, Pahoā
Wednesday, December 28, 2016: 2:00pm—3:30pm
Organizer: Food Basket
Contact: Kat Bumatay (808) 933-6030 or email kat.foodbaskethi@gmail.com

Hope Services Vision Screening
116 Kapiolani Street, Hilo
Thursday, December 29, 2016: 8:30am—12:00pm
Organizer: Hope Services
Contact: Denise Oguma (808) 936-3995 or email doguma@hopeserviceshawaii.org

Nanawale Longhouse Vision Screening
14-855 Kehau Road, Pahoā
Wednesday, January 25, 2017: 2:00pm—3:30pm
Organizer: Bodacious Ladies
Contact: Ronnette Gonsalves (808) 209-9011 or email ronnetteg7@gmail.com



You're Invited!

Seating: Open Gallery; first come, first served
(seating and parking are limited)

2017 Opening of the Hawai'i State Legislature
Date: Wednesday, January 18, 2017
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Place: Hawai'i State Capitol
415 S. Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawai'i



It's a Japanese tradition to pound mocha for the new year.
Pahoā Nikkei Jin Kai is holding its annual mocha pounding on Saturday December 24, 2016—8:00am—12noon at the YBA Hall in Pahoā Village Road.

LEILANI ESTATES LITTLE FIRE ANT (LFA) TRAINING

WHAT: BIISC will be having a special training on treating the little fire ants. The class includes:

- Talk with everything you need to know about the behavior of the ants and learn of various products to effectively treat the ants
- Hands on mixing and application of bait in the community park to help keep the neighborhood fire ant-free.

WHEN: Saturday, January 21, 2017: 9am—12noon

WHERE: Leilani Estates Community Center

Register for this free event is required email jademiya@hawaii.edu to RSVP. Attendees will receive \$45 vouch coupon from the county for ant control.





Learning skills with Rep. Richard Creagan.

I was fortunate to be selected to represent Hawaii at CSG West, 2016 Western Legislative Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado. We convened from November 30—December 3.



I was honored to be asked to be the only non-Kona legislator to speak at the Kona Judiciary Complex groundbreaking ceremony. I remember going to a mood-lit Kona circuit court when I first became an attorney because the judiciary rented whatever space was available before settling in the old Kona hospital.



At the Dec. 14 Medical Marijuana working group. I am disappointed in Aloha Greens' refusal to accept sub-contractors as growers and the Dept. of Health in its failure to expedite implementation of biotrack software so dispensaries can start growing.



The reason we chose biotrack was because they have been doing seed-to-sale tracking in other states & the Dept of Health's failure to timely implement the State's end of the tracking software is ridiculous. The dispensaries are losing \$50K-\$100K/month awaiting the Dept of Health's green light to start cultivation; and will be laying off workers soon.



I was not able to attend Representative Clift Tsuji's memorial service in Honolulu or in Hilo because I was out of state attending a conference. I was lucky to work with him at the legislature, but was considered him my friend. You will be missed.



The last photo I took with Representative Tsuji at the Disability Forum at Aunty Sally's. I'm saddened by his death.

Even if he disagrees with you, he was always a gentleman.

STATE OF HAWAII
911 CALL IF YOU CAN
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- Requires a text enabled/capable cellular phone. It is necessary that Location Services on the phone be turned on.
- Text messages only. No group messages, photos, videos or emojis will be accepted.
- Text messages must be brief and easily understood.
- Use plain English. No abbreviations, short cuts or slangs.
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- No guarantee a text message will be sent or received.
- Voice call preferred. Text only when you cannot make a call.

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Hawaii has Text to 911. For more information visit:

<http://ags.hawaii.gov/hawaii-enhanced-9-1-1-board/text-to-911/>

HAWAII COUNTY ENTREPRENEURSHIP PROGRAM

The Hawaii County Business Resource Center (a program of the Department of Research and Development), is accepting applications to its second Hawaii County Entrepreneurship Program Cohort which begins on January 6, 2017. This free program is part of the County’s ongoing efforts to promote and support local economic development.

Deadline to apply is December 28, 2016 and is on a first-come-first served basis up to 25 people. Anyone interested in applying can download complete application materials at the department’s website: <http://www.hawaiicounty.gov/research-and-development/> or by picking up a copy in either the Hilo or Kailua-Kona offices.

Questions, contact Beth Dykstra at (808) 961-8035 or email Elizabeth.Dykstra@hawaiicounty.gov. For more information visit: <http://records.co.hawaii.hi.us/weblink/1/edoc/82407/Entrepreneurship%20Program%20Application.pdf>

TWO WAYS TO HAVE THE COUNTY MAINTAIN SUBDIVISION ROADS

I have heard many residents of various Puna subdivisions being upset with their board; wanting the county to take over their road; upset with board members’ use of their moneys for other than roads; etc. Here are 2 legal ways to get the county to take over the maintenance of subdivision roads:

1. Construct the road to County Standards. HRS §264-1 Public highways and trails. When new privately owned roads are constructed and completed as required in this statute, shall be dedicated and adopted by the legislative body of a county.
2. Ask the county, through your county council person, to designate your subdivision as a special improvement district under HRS §46-80.5. The statute does not require a majority of residents or the board to make the request but the county is unlikely to act unless you can show a majority of residents want this; and that there are funds to maintain or build the roads. If the county is willing to designate your subdivision as a special improvement district, the board of your subdivision can simply give the collection of homeowner association fees directly to the county. If the county collects the HOA fees and label them as taxes, a resident can deduct these HOA fees on their tax returns; the dispute as to which roads are to be paved or maintained can then be relegated to the county.

OHIA QUARANTINE RULES BECOME PERMANENT

The Department of Agriculture has stated that the emergency interim rule prohibiting movement of ohia and soil from Hawaii Island has become permanent. For more information: <http://hdoa.hawaii.gov/blog/main/nr-ohiaquarantine/>



FEDERAL GRANT FUNDS TO HELP FIGHT INVASIVE SPECIES

Hawaii will receive \$3.1 million in Federal Grant funds from the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service. The Big Island will receive \$120,000 for response to rapid ohia death.

For more information: <http://hawaiitribune-herald.com/news/local-news/federal-grant-funds-help-fight-invasive-species>

Book deliveries for the 2017 HawaiiNext50 contest

It was an honor to deliver former Governor George Ariyoshi's book, Hawaii: The Past Fifty Years, The Next Fifty Years to Pahoa Elementary School and Pahoa High & Intermediate School. Hawaii students in grades 4-12 can enter the HawaiiNext 50 contest. After reading the book they submit an essay, photo or video. Good luck to our keiki.

For more information: <http://www.hawaiiNext50.com/>.



My first book delivery were for Ms. Uyetake and Ms. Agbayani. 6th and 4th teachers respectively from Pahoa Elementary School.



The Pahoa Music & Art Walk will be taking place from 5pm-10pm on **Saturday, January 14, 2017** at Pahoa Village. Featuring local artists, live music, and lots of fun!! This event is scheduled to occur on the second Saturday of each month.

If you have a community event that you want featured in my newsletter/e-newsletter e-mail us at b.iwasaki@capitol.hawaii.gov. No guarantee that it will be included; however, we will do our best.

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