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Proposed Redevelopment of **DOE Sites** in Waialae-Kāhala

The **Department of Education** has established a pilot program for the lease of public school land, including facilities. The pilot program aims to improve and implement modernized school facilities for 21st Century learning by generating revenue from unutilized public school lands. The revenue from the lease will be deposited in a subaccount for the purpose of construction, repair, and maintenance of existing school facilities.

Under Act 155, the Board will decide up to five public school land sites as candidates for participation in the pilot program. Subject to Chapter 92, the Board shall hold at least one public meeting in each affected community and encourage school and community participation. One term of the lease is no more than 55 years, and the Department may lease for no more than three sites. The Department will provide more information on budget distribution once there is a greater degree of certainty about expected revenue levels.

The following sites have been approved by the Board to be candidates for participation in the pilot program:

- 3633 Waialae Avenue The former Liliuokalani Elementary School.
- 4087 Diamond Head Road Office of School Facilities & Support Services.
- Facilities Maintenance Branch The property also includes 36,000 sf of storage, warehouse, workshop, and staff office space.
- **475 22nd Avenue** Office of Curricular Services. The property also includes 40,600 sf of warehouse and meeting space.

For more information, please email doe_info@hawaiidoe.org or call 808-586-3230.





Diamond Head Road

22nd Avenue



3633 Waialae Avenue



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City Pothole Hotline 808-768-7777

State Homelessness gov.homelessness@hawaii.gov 808-586-0193

City Homelessness complaints@honolulu.gov 808-768-4381

Abandoned Vehicles 808-733-2530

Building Permits 808-768-8000

Trash Collection 808-768-3200

Street Light Repair 808–768–5300

IN THE COMMUNITY



AARP

January 15, 2019 < Senator met with AARP to discuss their bill to create an automatic, opt-out retirement savings program.



AFL-CIO

January 24, 2019 < Senator Chang presented the ALOHA Homes program to the American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO), a democratic, voluntary federation of 55 national and international labor unions that represent 12.5 million working men and women.



LOAN FORGIVENESS & MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS

January 29, 2019 A Senator Chang spoke with advocates for loan forgiveness and programs to incentivize medical professionals to move into Hawai'i's rural areas.



GUNG HEE FAT CHOY!

February 11, 2019 < The Capitol celebrated Chinese New Year with lion dancers and other cultural activities. We wish everyone a happy and prosperous Year of the Boar.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION



Kokua Life is a suicide prevention app that provides users with Hawai'i resources and tools related to suicide prevention. It is designed for use by both healthcare or other professionals and the general public. The app is split into sections that enable you to look for information on finding help for yourself or others, including a resource directory for mental health and social service providers on each island. Kokua Life was created by **Mental Health America of Hawai'i** with funding from the **State of Hawai'i Department**



of Health.

If you need immediate help, call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: **1-800-273-TALK** (8255).





kokualife.org

The University of Hawai'i at Mānoa offers four fulltime internships in the State's congressional offices in Washington, D.C. for the 2019 Fall Semester.

The scholarships provide for tuition, room and board in D.C. and transportation to and from Washington. Scholarships for fulltime internships in the Office of the Governor and of the Lieutenant Governor, and in the Prosecuting Attorney's and Public Defender's Offices are also offered every semester. Students from **every major** at Mānoa are welcome to apply—there is virtually no field or activity that is not subject to national legislation in one way or another.

Applicants must be enrolled Mānoa students at the time of application, have a GPA of 3.0+, and provide a reference from a faculty member and from an employer. Application is through the Merit Scholarship section of the University's STAR

student record system. The application form will ask students to attach a résumé and a download of grades, the e-mail addresses of faculty and employer referees, and then asks students to compose a brief essay on a problem of governing related to the position for which they apply.

Applications for Fall 2019 are due via STAR no later than March 15, 2019. For more information visit socialsciences.hawaii.edu/ mpin/index.html.

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WHAT'S NEW?



RENEWING YOUR VEHICLE REGISTRATION JUST GOT EASIER

'O'ahu residents now have the option to renew their vehicle registration in as little as *two minutes* at any of four **self-service kiosks** conveniently located at **Safeway supermarkets**.

"With nearly one million vehicles on Oʻahu, the demand for registration renewals is always great, but with the help of these new kiosks, we're making it easier for our residents to get out of line and handle these basic tasks at their convenience in areas close to their communities," said Mayor Kirk Caldwell. "This partnership with Intellectual Technology Inc. and Safeway stores furthers our commitment to utilize technology to improve on the services we offer to our residents."

The freestanding, self-service terminals enable residents to use a touch screen to perform basic motor vehicle functions at any of the following four Safeway store locations:

- 888 Kapahulu Ave. in Honolulu
- 1234 South Beretania St. in Honolulu
- Waimalu Plaza Shopping Center in 'Aiea
- Kāne'ohe Bay Shopping Center
- Two other Safeway locations are currently being planned.

"All of the kiosks are available 24/7 and will be very useful for residents to quickly renew a vehicle registration," said the City and County of Honolulu's Customer Services Director Sheri Kajiwara. "With the placement of these kiosks in Safeway stores, we are hoping this technology is embraced by our local drivers."

Cars, trucks, trailers, and motorcycles can be renewed at the new kiosks, which are blue and yellow machines that look similar to an ATM.

To use one, simply type your license plate number on the touch screen or scan the bar code on your renewal postcard; then pay the fee by

credit or debit card. The city will absorb the service and card fees of \$3. The kiosk will instantly print your receipt, vehicle registration, and license plate tabs.

Already, motor vehicle registrations can be renewed through the mail, in-person at satellite city halls, and online by going to: honolulu.gov/csd.





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