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Aloha,

The holiday season is a chance to come together and celebrate with family and friends, while reflecting on the past year. As we spend some quality time with each other, let us give thanks to our first responders, volunteers that serve our communities and those in uniform here and around the world who make great sacrifices so that we can enjoy the holidays. Mahalo for all that you do!

As the year comes to an end, I wanted to take a moment to thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve another year as your Senator. In 2019, my colleagues and I worked hard to pass vital pieces of legislation relating to issues such as education, human services, land and natural resources while also securing over \$243 million in capital improvement projects for Hawai'i Island.

In the upcoming session, I look forward to picking up where we left off and will continue to work towards legislation that will help improve the lives of everyone in our community. Provided in this newsletter are important dates for the 2020 legislative session along with helpful tips on how to track legislation.

On behalf of my 'ohana and staff, I would like to wish you and your loved ones a happy and healthy holiday season.

Mele Kalikimaka a me ka Hau'oli Makahiki Hou!



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Governor David Ige
Releases CIP Funding

Governor David Ige and his administration has released funding for the following Capital Improvement Projects (CIP).

Hilo International Airport
\$2,258,448

To finance the design and construction of restroom improvements

Ha'aheo Elementary School
\$250,000

To finance the design of a multi-purpose building

East Hawai'i Historic Preservation Center
\$125,000

To finance the plans of a new East Hawai'i Historic Preservation Center in Hilo

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Senate Committee on Water & Land Statewide Tour

As Chair of the Senate Committee on Water and Land, I conducted a series of statewide visits with my fellow committee members to get a better understanding of the various issues regarding water, land and our precious natural resources here in Hawai'i. We spoke with staff from the various divisions in the Department of Land and Natural Resources while also meeting with community members and organizations in preparation of the upcoming legislative session.

I want to thank those who participated in these discussions. Because of these visits, we were able to learn about the challenges as well as opportunities that exist in Hawai'i. We hope to address and work on these issues in the upcoming session and look forward to continuing these conversations in the future. Provided below are some of the highlights from our visits.



Pohoiki Boat Ramp



Wai'ale'ale River



Pūpūkea



Waihe'e Tunnel & Watershed



Wailuku River Hydroelectric Plant



Mālaekahana State Recreation Area

Senate Leadership

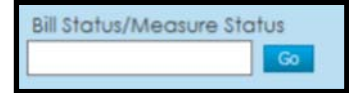
President: Ronald Kouchi
Vice President: Michelle Kidani
Majority Leader: J. Kalani English
Majority Caucus Leader: Dru Mamo Kanuha
Majority Policy Leader: Les Ihara, Jr.
Majority Floor Leader: Kaiiali'i Kahele
Majority Whip: Lorraine Inouye
Assistant Majority Whip: Gilbert Keith-Agaran
Assistant Majority Whip: Brian Taniguchi
Assistant Majority Whip: Clarence Nishihara
Minority Leader/Floor Leader: Kurt Fevella

Senate Committees

AEN Agriculture & Environment
CPH Commerce, Consumer Protection & Health
EDU Education
EET Energy, Economic Development & Tourism
GVO Government Operations
HMS Human Services
HOU Housing
HRE Higher Education
HWN Hawaiian Affairs
JDC Judiciary
LCA Labor, Culture and the Arts
PSM Public Safety, Intergovernmental & Military Affairs
TEC Technology
TRS Transportation
WAM Ways & Means
WTL Water & Land

How to Check the Status of a Bill

1. If you would like to check the status of a particular bill, please visit the Capitol's website at: <http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/>
2. Enter your bill number in the "Bill Status/Measure Status" box, located on the upper left side.
3. Please see example of a status sheet from last year's legislative session. The status sheet provides a wealth of information about each bill.
4. By clicking on the bill number on the very top, you will be able to view the most current version of the bill.
5. Below the bill number will be a brief summary of the bill, followed by the progress of the bill.
6. On the right hand column, you will be able to view all versions of the bill, committee reports, testimonies submitted, as well as the hearing notices.
7. When a bill is scheduled for hearing, a "Submit Testimony" button will appear to the right of the bill number. By clicking on this button, you will be able to submit your testimony.



Senate Committees Assignments

<p><u>WTL</u> Kaiali'i Kahele, Chair Gilbert Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair Clarence Nishihara Gil Riviere Kurt Fevella</p>	<p><u>AEN</u> Mike Gabbard, Chair Russell Ruderman, Vice Chair Karl Rhoads Laura Thielen Kurt Fevella</p>	<p><u>EDU</u> Michelle Kidani, Chair Donna Mercado Kim, Vice Chair Donovan Dela Cruz Dru Mamo Kanuha Kurt Fevella</p>	<p><u>EET</u> Glenn Wakai, Chair Brian Taniguchi, Vice Chair Lorraine Inouye Jarrett Keohokalole Kurt Fevella</p>
<p><u>GVO</u> Laura Thielen, Chair Lorraine Inouye, Vice Chair Roselyn Baker Dru Mamo Kanuha Kurt Fevella</p>	<p><u>HMS</u> Russell Ruderman, Chair Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair Les Ihara, Jr. Gil Riviere Kurt Fevella</p>	<p><u>HOU</u> Stanley Chang, Chair Dru Mamo Kanuha, Vice Chair Sharon Moriwaki Laura Thielen Kurt Fevella</p>	<p><u>HRE</u> Donna Mercado Kim, Chair Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair Kaiali'i Kahele Gilbert Keith-Agaran Kurt Fevella</p>
<p><u>HWN</u> Maile Shimabukuro, Chair Kaiali'i Kahele, Vice Chair Les Ihara, Jr. Jarrett Keohokalole Kurt Fevella</p>	<p><u>JDC</u> Karl Rhoads, Chair Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair Mike Gabbard Donna Mercado Kim Kurt Fevella</p>	<p><u>LCA</u> Brian Taniguchi, Chair Les Ihara, Jr., Vice Chair Stanley Chang Mike Gabbard Kurt Fevella</p>	<p><u>PSM</u> Clarence Nishihara, Chair Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair Roselyn Baker Breene Harimoto Kurt Fevella</p>
<p><u>TEC</u> Jarrett Keohokalole, Chair J. Kalani English, Vice Chair Sharon Moriwaki Glenn Wakai Kurt Fevella</p>	<p><u>CPH</u> Roselyn Baker, Chair Stanley Chang, Vice Chair Jarrett Keohokalole Clarence Nishihara Russell Ruderman Laura Thielen Kurt Fevella</p>	<p><u>WAM</u> Donovan Dela Cruz, Chair Gilbert Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair J. Kalani English Breene Harimoto Lorraine Inouye Kaiali'i Kahele Dru Mamo Kanuha Michelle Kidani Sharon Moriwaki Gil Riviere Maile Shimabukuro Brian Taniguchi Kurt Fevella</p>	<p><u>TRS</u> Lorraine Inouye, Chair Breene Harimoto, Vice Chair J. Kalani English Maile Shimabukuro Kurt Fevella</p>

2020 SESSION CALENDAR

Note: On the 60 session days (days when members convene in their respective chambers), the session day count appears in a box on the lower-right, like this. ►► #

Color code: ■ = bills ■ = resolutions ■ = budget or fiscal bills

See reverse side for more deadline information.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
JANUARY			15 Opening Day 1	16 2	17 Non-Admin Bill Package Cutoff & Grants/Subsidies Cutoff 3	18
19	20 HOLIDAY <i>Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day</i>	21 State-of-the-State Address & Administration Bill Package Cutoff 4	22 Recess #1 5	23 Bill Intro Cutoff 6	24 Recess #2 7	25
26	27 8	28 9	29 10	30 11	31 12	
FEBRUARY						1
2	3 13	4 14	5 15	6 Triple Referral Filing (Bills) 16	7 17	8
9	10 18	11 19	12 20	13 21	14 First Lateral (Bills) 22	15
16	17 HOLIDAY <i>Presidents' Day</i>	18 23	19 24	20 Mandatory 5- Day Recess Begins 25	21 26	22
23	24 27	25 28	26 Mandatory 5- Day Recess Ends 29	27 30	28 First Decking (Bills) 31	29
MARCH						
1	2 Recess #3 32	3 33	4 Recess #4 34	5 First Crossover (Bills) 35	6 Substantive Resolution Cutoff 36	7
8	9 Budget Decking 37	10 38	11 Budget Crossover 39	12 Triple Referral Filing (Bills) 40	13 41	14
15	16 Triple Referral Filing (House Concurrent Resos) 42	17 43	18 44	19 45	20 Second Lateral (Bills) 46	21
22	23 47	24 First Lateral (Senate Concurrent Resos) 48	25 First Lateral (House Concurrent Resos) 49	26 HOLIDAY <i>Kuhio Day</i>	27 Recess #5 50	28
29	30 51	31 52				
APRIL			1 53	2 First Crossover (Concurrent Resos) 54	3 Second Decking (Bills) 55	4
5	6 Recess #6 56	7 57	8 Recess #7 58	9 Second Crossover (Bills) & Disagree 59	10 HOLIDAY <i>Good Friday</i>	11
12	13 60	14 Second Lateral (Senate Concurrent Resos) 61	15 Recess #8 62	16 63	17 64	18
19	20 Second Crossover (Concurrent Resos) 65	21 66	22 Recess #9 67	23 68	24 Constitutional Amendments 69	25
26	27 70	28 Recess #10 71	29 Final Decking (Non-Fiscal Bills) 72	30 Final Decking (Fiscal Bills) 73		
MAY					1 Recess #11 74	2
3	4 Recess #12 75	5 76	6 Recess #13 77	7 Adjournment <i>Sine Die</i> 78	(Session pau!)	