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Should the County take over the maintenance and repair of subdivision roads by collecting homeowner association fees as part of property taxes?



Unlike older and newer subdivisions, the County of Hawaii permitted HPP, Orchidland, Tiki Gardens, Hawaiian Acres, Fern Forest and other Puna subdivisions to be created without paved roads. There have been constant disagreements among homeowners and their various boards as to whether the assessments charged them are fair or are being spent properly. There are also constant requests for the county to take over the maintenance of these private roads that are being used by the public as Honolulu has done in Kakaako, and Hawaii County has done with older subdivisions where the developer has paved all the roads to county standards.

One solution is to create a Special Improvement District. HRS Sec. 460-80.5 allows the County to create a special improvement district where it can assess homeowners a fee as part of property taxes; float bonds or otherwise finance the improvement of a district; and charter a commission to determine what the needs of that district are. Honolulu has taken advantage of this statute and created special improvement districts for Waikiki (<u>http://khon2.com/2015/05/18/new-laws-create-special-improvement-district-along-waikiki-beach/</u>) and for Chinatown (<u>http://archives.starbulletin.com/2002/07/02/news/index4.html</u>). California has a procedure in place to allow sub-standard subdivisions to petition the county or state to create assessment districts <u>http://rctlma.org/trans/Road-Maintenance/Road-Repairs/Public-Assistance-for-Roadway-Maintenance-Improvements-on-Non-County-Roads#Road_Pam_05</u>

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Puna Community Medical Center Announces Affiliation with Hilo Medical Center



of Hilo Medical Center's emergency department visits in 2015 were patients residing in Puna.

> It is estimated that 4,671 of these emergency department patients who reside in Puna had minor health issues that could have been cared for adequately at PCMC.

On June 30th, Puna Community Medical Center announced that it will be partnering with Hilo Medical Center. Since 2009, the Puna Community Medical Center has been integral in providing urgent care services to residents in the Puna community. The partnership with Hilo Medical Center will stabilize the financial stability of PCMC and expand medical services.



HMC's CEO Dan Brinkman explaining the affiliation and intent to expand primary care service in Puna, break ground on the 5 acre lease for an ER, and other services.



Chef Greg Christopher came up with the menu, shopped for food and worked with cafeteria crew on implementation.

06/29/2017- Amazed at the Lieutenant Governor's presentation of **Farm-to-school pilot project** at Kalanianaole. Chef Greg Christopher from Chicago talked to kids and staff, and found that by reducing food waste (occurs when pre-buying in bulk & kids do not like the food) he can make the budget pay for more expensive local & fresh food. 1st statewide project starts off with Kalanianaole & Keaukaha.



(from I-r): Rep. Richard Creagan, myself, Chef Greg Christopher, and Rep. Chris Todd.



With Lt. Governor Shan Tsutsui, Managing Director Will Okabe, Jerry Chang of UH Hilo, and Councilperson Valerie Souza-Poindexter.

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2017 Women's Legislative Caucus Bill Signing

July 3rd, 2017-

Members of the Women's Legislative Caucus and supporters joined Governor Ige at the YWCA Laniakea to participate in the signing of SB 505, SB513, and SB 514. These bills were part of this year's Women's Legislative Caucus' package. Among other things, these bills will help to address our nation's growing opioid epidemic, expand access to prescription contraceptives, and reduce the risk of cancers caused by HPV by expanding access to vaccination.



SB505-Relating to Health

Requires prescribing healthcare providers to adopt and maintain policies for informed consent to opioid therapy in circumstances that carry elevated risk of dependency. Establishes limits for concurrent opioid and benzodiazepine prescriptions. Clarifies Board of Nursing authority to enforce compliance with Uniform Controlled Substances Act. Repeals 6/30/2023. (CD1)

SB513-Relating to Contraceptive Supplies

Authorizes pharmacists to prescribe and dispense self-administered hormonal contraceptive supplies to patients regardless of a previous prescription, subject to specified education and procedural requirements. Enables pharmacists to be reimbursed for prescribing and dispensing contraceptive supplies. (CD1)

SB514-Relating to Health

Authorizes pharmacists to administer the human papillomavirus, Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis), meningococcal, or influenza vaccine to persons between eleven and seventeen years of age. Specifies requirements pharmacists must meet prior to administering the human papillomavirus, Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis), meningococcal, or influenza vaccine. (CD1)

Signing Ceremony for HB942—World War II Filipino Veterans Monument





Please follow this <u>link</u> to learn more about HB 942-Relating to Filipino Veterans.

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Hawaii Island Humane Society-Volunteers Wanted

To see how you can help volunteer, foster, make a donation, or learn more about the HIHS' services, please visit: <u>http://www.hihs.org/services/volunteer</u>





If you have questions or need legal assistance in the following areas: Family, Public Benefits, Consumer, Immigration, or Housing, please check out the Legal Aid Society of Hawai'i.

For brochures and a list of services, visit their website at: <u>http://</u>www.legalaidhawaii.org/

If you would like to enhance your ability to participate in the legislative process, we encourage you to visit the Public Access Room (PAR).

For outer-island residents, the Public Access Room can be accessed online at: <u>http://lrbhawaii.org/par/</u>.

Staff assistance is also available via email:

par@capitol.hawaii.gov or by phone: 974-4000 (if calling from Hawaii Island)



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Hawaii Volcanoes National Park to Offer Free Admission Days in 2017 The remaining 2017 entrance fee-free days are:

August 25: National Park Service Birthday September 30: National Public Lands Day November 11-12: Veterans Day Weekend

For more information check out: https://www.nps.gov/havo/learn/ news/20161130_pr_2017feefree.htm





Looking for live volcano updates? Check out: https://hvo.wr.usgs.gov/ for recent Kilauea status reports, updates, and information releases.

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

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