

2017 Legislative Accomplishments!!!

The following is a list of bills that I was the primary introducer and passed final votes:

HB192-Expands the law on planned community associations to apply to homeowners' associations. Requires mediation of disputes.

HB674- Requires all child care providers subject to State regulation to obtain liability insurance.

HB1501-Decriminalizes drug paraphernalia possession offenses from felonies to violations subject to a fine of no more than \$500.

Resolutions that I have introduced and passed:

HCR104/HR62– Expressing the support of the State of Hawaii for the rights of the indigenous people of North Dakota to preserve their cultural heritage and access to clean water.

HR76– Declaring Hawaii to be a Ho'okipa (welcoming) State.

HCR148/HR95-Requesting the convening of a working group to examine and develop recommendations to address the issue of squatting in the state.

The following is a list of bills that I co-introduced and have made it to the governor:

HB423-Movie film and digital media industry development.

HB453-Requires the Department of Agriculture to provide grants to farmers to assist them in paying for

the costs of compliance with the Fed laws.

HB523-Requires DAGS to reasonably provide and maintain onsite collection methods at buildings and facilities it manages, for the collection of recyclable materials.

HB552-Ensures that the benefits of the Affordable Care Act are preserved under state law in the case of repeal of the ACA by Congress.

HB847-Establishes the Innovation and Commercialization Initiative Program to expressly give the University of Hawaii the legal authority to create, promote, and participate in new economic enterprises and expand workforce opportunities based on inventions and discoveries generated by or at the University.

HB1244-Cesspool conversion tax credits.

HB1418-Amends the county exemptions from building permit and building code requirements to ensure that Hawaii's communities are not suspended from participation in the National Flood Insurance Program.

Additional Bills of Importance:

HB1235-Uniform Family Law Arbitration Act. Authorizes arbitration to resolve certain family law and child-related disputes. Will reduce costs of divorce/custody fights—and hopefully reduce animosity between parents.

HB1325-*Clift Tsuji Act;* \$1.2 million to Dept. of Ag to establish bio -security facilities to prevent invasive species from entering state.

HB2-Tiny Homes; Authorizes tiny homes of less than 500 square feet for farm workers in agricultural districts that meet certain conditions. Provides housing for farm workers which will help to address concerns relating to agricultural sustainability in our state.

HB209- Establishes a state earned income tax credit. Alleviates some of the tax burden for low-income tax payers.

HB606-Authorizes the County to enter into private property to eradicate/control invasive species/ pests.

SB575: Allows early renegotiation of public lands leases in Kanoelehua industrial area.

To ensure Healthcare Access in Rural Communities With Limited Physicians/Dentists:

SB513-Pharmacist; Prescriptive Authority. Authorizes pharmacists to prescribe and dispense selfadministered hormonal contraceptive supplies where initial prescription created by physician.

HB676: Authorizes pharmacists to provide flu, DPT, HPV, meningococcal to teens with prescription created by physician.

HB563: Allows dental hygenists to operate under general supervision of a dentist.

For a full list of bills, please visit the Hawaii State Legislature website: www.capitol.hawaii.gov





LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES, 163,761,887, 1%

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| | \$91,000 | HAAS: Arts & Science char- ter school | ASC—Replace Fire Alarm System; TIAR and Planning | \$608,000 | Invasive species treatment units, statewide | Construction of mobile hot-water treatment unit to be used in invasive species infested agricultural areas and ports statewide |
| | \$130,000 | Hawaiian Reforestation Program | Reforestation and maintenance of Mauna Kea Forest Reserve and Ka'ohe game management area | \$250,000 | Puna agricultural park, Hawaii | Feasibility study for an agricultural park in the Puna district to provide access for small scale farmers |
| | \$118,874 | Malama O Puna | Keau'ohana Forest Reserve– only lowland forest remaining | | | |
| | \$200,000 | Big Island RCDC | Removing Albizia from state highways and electrical transmission lines on the island of Hawaii. | \$500,000 | Pahoa Elementary School | Plans for a new cafeteria and administration building; ground and site improvements; equipment and appurtenances |
| | \$50,000 | Big Island Mediation, Inc. | Kupuna Mediation and conflict resolution support services in Hawaii County | \$250,000 | Swim area in Pohoiki, Hawaii | Feasibility study by DLNR to determine the best means to provide a Pohoiki safe swimming area. |
| | \$500,000 | HCEOC | Transportation—buses for seniors | \$40,000,000 | Keaau-Pahoa Road improvements, | Construction for widening the two lane highway to four lanes or alternate alignments |
| | \$150,000 | Going Home Hawaii | In-Reach and Reintegration Program for former inmates | | | |

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End of Session 2017

Big Island Delegation Meeting on Homelessness

On March 30th, I hosted a meeting of Big Island legislators to address the issue of homelessness in Hawaii Island. Presenting at this meeting were Paul Normann (Executive Director, Neighborhood Place of Puna), Brandee Menino (Chief Executive Officer, Hope Services Hawaii, Inc.), and Kimo Alameda (County Executive on Aging, Hawaii County Office of Aging). Since 2016, Big Island has had the largest decrease of homelessness: 32% Decrease. Good work to Brandee, Paul, Kimo, and County Office of Housing and Community Development.



| Some statistics about Homelessness in Hawaii Island: | | | | | |
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| 17% | 17% of the island's homeless have lived in Hawaii for less than 1 year. | | | | |
| 54% | 54% of the island's homeless have lived in Hawaii for 10+ Years | | | | |
| 51% | 51% are first-time homeless. (highest rate in the State) | | | | |
| 42% | 42% of the 1,829 homeless individuals served are families. | | | | |
| 25% | 25% of the 1,829 homeless individuals served are children. | | | | |
| 8% | 8% of the families served are single parent households. | | | | |
| 9% | 9% of the 1,829 homeless individuals served are seniors. | | | | |
| Date Source: FY 2015 Homeless Utilization Report | | | | | |

Rat Lungworm Tips

****Inspect/Thoroughly wash produce**: Before consumption, thoroughly inspect produce and discard anything that shows signs of slug slime, feces, or feeding. THOROUGHLY wash the remaining produce with potable water.

****Clean & Sanitize**: Sanitize food contact surfaces to prevent cross contamination and thoroughly wash hands.

****Eradicate hosts**: For rodents, trap in snap and live traps or poison them. For slugs and snails, set up organic or commercial baits and collect the slugs using designated tongs or chopsticks.

**Water Catchment Safety: Check to ensure that all catchment water is properly filtered. Rat lungworm larvae can survive in a water tank for several weeks and enter your body through your eyes and cuts when you shower.



With Susan Jarvi of UH Hilo's School of Pharmaceutical Sciences.



For more information on Rat Lungworm disease please visit: <u>http://manoa.hawaii.edu/ctahr/</u> farmfoodsafety/rat-lungworm/



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Highway 130 Update

**Work on the Keaau-Pahoa Road Shoulder Lane Conversion, Phase 2, Shower Drive intersection improvements project, has been temporarily stopped and is anticipated to resume in late June.



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