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**SENATOR STANLEY CHANG**  
East Honolulu Community Newsletter

FEBRUARY 2018

## 2018 Legislative Priorities

**SB 2092: Lying to Department of Planning and Permitting**

Makes knowingly making a false statement to a county inspector a crime within the offense of unsworn falsification to authorities.

**SB 2501: Homeless safe zones**

Requires the Department of Human Services to establish safe zones where homeless persons may reside. Appropriates funds.

**SB 2502: Homeless mobile clinics**

Appropriates funds to purchase, staff, and operate two mobile clinics to serve the homeless population.

**SB 2087: Rescue tubes**

Amends the Good Samaritan Law to provide liability exemptions for owners of premises where automated external defibrillators and rescue tubes are located. Provides liability exemptions for rescuers who attempt to rescue a person with a rescue tube.

**SB 2089: Youth Commission**

Establishes a youth commission within the Office of Youth Services to advise the Governor and Legislature on the effects of legislative policies, needs, assessments, priorities, programs, and budgets relating to youth. Appropriates funds.

**SB 2497: Section 8 rental insurance**

Requires the Hawaii public housing authority to establish a program to offer insurance policies to landlords who rent to tenants

using the Section 8 housing choice voucher program. Requires the authority to report to the legislature. Appropriates funds to establish and administer the program.

**SB 2498: Styrofoam ban**

Prohibits the sale and use of polystyrene foam containers statewide.

**SB 2499: Transparency in rental car fees**

Repeals Act 137, SLH 2017, relating to the pass on of vehicle license recovery fees to lessees of motor vehicle rentals.

**SB 2500: Accreditation for Department of Planning and Permitting**

Appropriate funds for a grant in aid to each county for the county agency responsible for enforcing its respective building code to be accredited by the International Accreditation Service.

**SB 2503: Automatic absentee ballots for voters**

Provides that the submission of a voter registration application either to register to vote or update the voter's registration information constitutes a request for permanent absentee voter status unless the applicant specifically indicates the applicant does not wish to be a permanent absentee voter.

**SB 2091: Suicide prevention app**

Requires and appropriates funds for the Department of Education to implement a mobile application for suicide prevention that provides twenty-four hour per day crisis support services.



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### ALEX BERENBERG

January 19, 2018 ▲ Senator Chang invited Lt. Commander Alex Berenberg to deliver the morning moment of contemplation before the Hawaii State Senate.



### KAMILOIKI SCHOOL REPAINTING

January 15, 2018 ▲ Senator Chang joined the Hawaii Kai Jaycees on Martin Luther King Day to repaint the Kamiloiki Elementary School parking lot for Adopt a School Day.



### KALANI VISIT

December 13, 2017 ▲ Senator Chang and Representative Hashem visited the students of Ms. Hayashi's civics class at Kalani High School to discuss the issues of our state and how they can get involved.



### WHITE CANE WALK

October 20, 2017 ▲ Senator Chang participated in the annual White Cane Walk from the Capitol Rotunda to Iolani Palace. The White Cane Walk is hosted by Ho'opono Services for the Blind.

## YOUR CONCERNS



Google Maps

### Concerned about wildfire? Want to reduce wildfire hazards and increase safety in Kamiloniui-Mariner's Cove? Join us on February 13!

On February 13 at 6:30 p.m. at the Mariner's Cove Bay Club, wildfire experts from **Hawaii Wildfire Management Organization** (HWMO) will share results from a recent comprehensive assessment of wildfire hazards in the Kamiloniui Farm Lots and Mariner's Cove area.

HWMO is a 501(c)3 non-profit dedicated to protecting Hawaii's communities and natural resources from wildfire. HWMO collaborates with the Honolulu Fire Department and the Division of Forestry and Wildlife of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Peak fire season is right around the corner.

A few weeks ago, a wildfire ignited but was fortunately put out quickly in the valley by firefighters—a reminder of the importance of preparing the community for wildfire now rather than later, when it is too late. We hope you can join the meeting to learn from wildfire experts, discuss next steps, and participate in a grassroots process to help Kamiloniui-Mariner's Cove become a nationally-recognized Firewise Community. As of 2017, HWMO has assisted 10 new communities across Hawaii toward Firewise Community recognition. With your kokua, Kamiloniui-Mariner's Cove can become the first Firewise Community ever on O'ahu! To find out more, visit [hawaiiwildfire.org](http://hawaiiwildfire.org).

Mariner's Cove Bay Club:  
800 Lunalilo Home Road  
near Kamiloiki Elementary School in Hawaii Kai  
[marinerscovebayclub.org](http://marinerscovebayclub.org)



### Meet Our Team

(from left to right)

- |               |                          |
|---------------|--------------------------|
| Stanley Chang | <i>Senator</i>           |
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## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

### Hawai'i Promise Scholarship

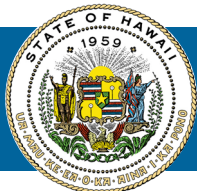
About 1,000 students from the University of Hawai'i's seven community colleges were awarded Hawai'i Promise scholarships for the Fall 2017 semester. With the average scholarship being \$1,416 per student, roughly \$1.4 million of the \$1,829,000 appropriated by the 2017 Legislature was awarded. The Hawai'i Promise Scholarship provides aid for any financial needs not met by other forms of financial aid, such as federal grants and benefits and scholarships from UH or other sources. Its goal is to provide free in-state tuition for qualified UH Community College students and covers tuition, fees, books, supplies and transportation. The figures above will change as UH has been encouraging students to apply for spring semester. Additional new awards are being made for Spring 2018.

#### HOW HAWAI'I PROMISE WORKS

There are a number of steps for students to qualify for a Hawai'i Promise Scholarship. First, a student must apply for federal financial aid by filling out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The federal government calculates the Expected Family Contribution, or what the student's family can afford to pay. Twenty-five per cent of the expected family contribution is applied to direct costs of attending college--tuition, fees, books, supplies and local transportation. The balance of the family contribution is applied to room, board and personal expenses. If eligible, a student may then be awarded Pell grant and Supplemental Education Opportunity grant money. A student may also be awarded various UH and UH Foundation scholarships and/or scholarships from other sources. If all these grants and award reviews are completed and the student still has unmet need for direct costs, such as tuition, fees and books, the student receives a Hawai'i Promise Scholarship to cover any unmet direct costs.

FALL  
2017

| Community College Campus | # Students Awarded the Hawai'i Promise |
|--------------------------|--|
| Hawai'i                  | 85                                     |
| Honolulu                 | 70                                     |
| Kapi'olani               | 119                                    |
| Kaua'i                   | 110                                    |
| Leeward                  | 386                                    |
| Maui                     | 230                                    |
| Windward                 | 71                                     |
| <b>UHCC Total</b>        | <b>1071</b>                            |



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## Lying to the Honolulu Department of Planning & Permitting (DPP)

SB 2092 adds knowingly making a false statement to a county inspector a crime within the offense of unsworn falsification to authorities.

Complaints concerning building and zoning violations, from illegal vacation rentals to monster homes, are some of the most common complaints to government and at community meetings. Many of these activities are already illegal, but enforcement is difficult. By expressly making lying to county inspectors a crime and increasing the penalties for doing so compared to other categories of falsification, these bills seek to give legal support to inspectors who can insist that property owners be truthful about their activities.

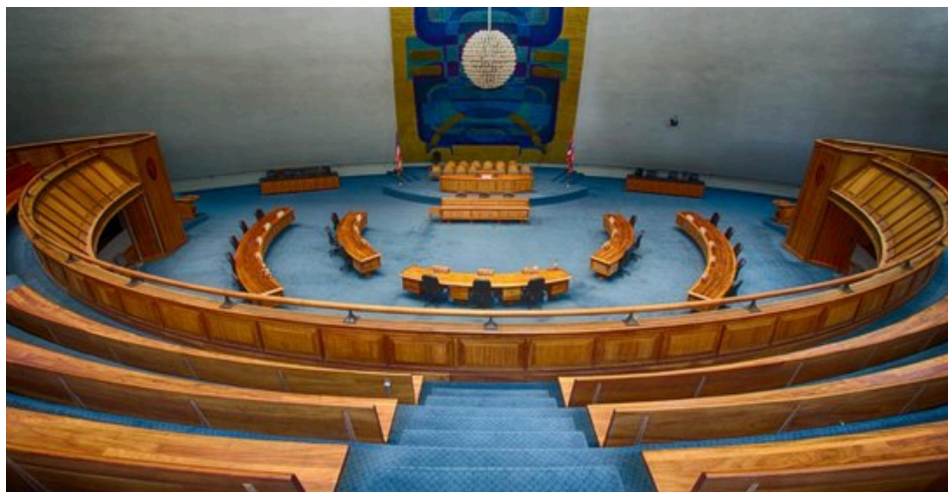
“The real issue when it comes to our land use laws is enforcement. Often, landowners just lie to inspectors because the penalties for doing so are so minor or unlikely,” said Sen. Chang. “We hope the

criminal penalties in these bills will make landowners take their compliance with the law seriously.”

On February 13, 2018, SB 2092 had its first hearing and passed out of committee unamended. SB 2092 was introduced by Senator Chang in order to help DPP inspectors during their inspection on monster homes or illegal vacation rentals.

SB 2092 is now in the Senate Judiciary Committee. Other bills that Senator Chang has introduced:

- SB 2089 Youth Commission
- SB 2497 Section 8 Housing Insurance Program
- SB 2501 Safe zones
- SB 2502 Mobile clinics
- SB 2503 Permanent absentee voting
- SB 2087 Rescue tubes
- SB 2498 Polystyrene foam container ban



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### HOPE STREET FELLOW

February 9, 2018 ▲ Lory Peroff, a teacher at Waikiki Elementary and a HOPE Street Fellow, shadowed Senator Chang throughout the morning as part of her fellowship.



### SECONDARY STUDENT CONFERENCE

January 26, 2018 ▲ Senator Chang welcomed students from Kalani and Kaiser High Schools participating in the Secondary Student Conference to his office to the issues that are important to them.



### CIVICS IS SEXY

February 10, 2018 ▲ Senator Chang and other legislators participated in "Civics is Sexy," a free public workshop sponsored by the Surfrider Foundation.

## YOUR CONCERNS

### Dcca Warns Public To Beware Of Illegal Pyramid Investment Schemes

Honolulu - The Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs' (DCCA) Commissioner of Securities wants to remind the public to remain vigilant and beware of illegal pyramid investment schemes.

In its purest form, a pyramid investment scheme is a plan or program in which people invest in the right to offer the investment to others. What distinguishes these schemes from legitimate investments is that a pyramid concentrates mainly on the quick profits to be earned by recruiting others to invest. Members make money by offering this right to new investors, down the pyramid, who in turn offer the right to those ever lower in the chain. The scheme is called a "pyramid" because the structure grows like a pyramid as each new level of participants must be greater than the previous level for the program to sustain itself. There is no legitimate product, business, or investment, just money changing hands and newer investor money being paid to older investors.

The pyramid eventually collapses, as the ever-increasing number of new participants, who are

trying to recover their initial investment, attempt to recruit the ever-decreasing number of prospects available in a particular area. Later participants lose their money with no chance of collecting, when the program reaches the point where further recruitment becomes impossible.

The Hawaii Securities Commissioner strongly cautions Hawaii residents to be cautious and not become involved in any investment which appears to be an illegal pyramid scheme. Many illegal pyramids attempt to establish their legitimacy by purporting to characterize the investment as a "donation" or "blessing."

Under State securities laws, interests in a pyramid investment scheme can constitute a "security." Therefore, participation in a pyramid scheme may be a violation of state securities laws. DCCA's Securities Enforcement Branch (SEB) receives and investigates complaints regarding potential violations of Hawaii securities laws and prosecutes securities fraud as well as other securities law violations.

Anyone who has been solicited to invest in a pyramid scheme or who may otherwise have information regarding a pyramid scheme is urged to contact the SEB at **808-586-2740** or toll free at **1-877-HI-SCAMS**.



The DCCA is providing everyone with their Fraud Prevention & Resource Guide to better inform the public about ways they may fall victim to various practices of fraud. An online resource can be found on found here: [cca.hawaii.gov/sec/files/2015/10/Fraud-Guide-2.pdf](http://cca.hawaii.gov/sec/files/2015/10/Fraud-Guide-2.pdf). If you would like to receive a physical hard copy, please contact our office at **808-586-8420**.

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION



### **New Capital Improvement Project**

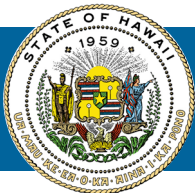
The Governor has released \$500,000 of funding to Aina Haina Elementary School to finance the design and construction for new and/or renovated ADA restrooms for public meeting attendees.

### **State of Hawaii: Language Access & The Law**

Hawaii has one of the highest per-capita rates of limited English proficient persons (LEP) in the nation. In 2006, to ensure meaningful access to services, programs and activities by LEP persons, Hawaii became the first state in the nation to pass a comprehensive language access law that removes language barriers to State and State-funded services. Hawaii's law mirrors a similar federal law.

The same law also establishes the Office of Language Access (OLA). OLA works to ensure that persons who do not speak, read, write, or understand English are able to access services, programs and activities provided by: State government agencies, courts, and schools; and State-funded organizations, including medical and social service providers. OLA also provides oversight and central coordination to State agencies, as well as technical assistance to State and State-funded entities in the implementation of the law.

For more information on the Office of Language Access visit: <http://www.health.hawaii.gov/ola/> or call 808-586-8730.



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## Kalaniana'ole Highway Resurfacing

The Hawai'i Department of Transportation has announced that it will be repaving Kalaniana'ole Highway from the **H-1 to West Hind Drive**. The project is projected to start in **June 2018** with a target completion date in **November 2018**.

The contractor, Grace Pacific, is currently applying for a noise variance for night work to take place between 8 p.m. to 4 a.m. from Sundays to Thursday. Please be aware that project work may affect your commutes. During these nighttime hours, two lanes will be closed in one direction, and contra-flow will be provided resulting in two lanes open in each direction. Should the noise variance be approved, **all lanes will be open and usable during the day**, and on **Friday and Saturday nights**.

The scope of work will include cold planing, resurfacing, reconstructing weakened pavement areas, replacing loop detectors, adjusting utility manhole frames and covers, installing traffic signals backplates with retroreflective borders on all overhead traffic signals, installing milepost reference markers, pavement markings, striping, and signing.

The resurfacing of Kalaniana'ole Highway has been planned for several years, and after community outreach and input the project has finally been set to begin. Kalaniana'ole Highway is the only major artery connecting the population of East Honolulu to the rest of the island, and many of us use it to commute to work everyday.

There is a 30-day public comment period for the proposed community noise variance which ends on **April 15, 2018**. Please provide comments to:

**State Department of Transportation**  
Highways Division, 'Oahu District  
727 Kakoi Street (808)-831-6802  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96819 [marvin.luckfield@hawaii.gov](mailto:marvin.luckfield@hawaii.gov)

Source: Google Maps



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### ALOHA, GENERAL WALLACE CHOW

February 25, 2018 ▲ Senator Chang bid a fond aloha to TECO (the Taipei Economic & Cultural Office) Director General Wallace Chow, whose term of service in Hawai'i has ended.



### KICK BUTTS DAY

▲ March 20, 2018 was Kick Butts Day, where students from across the state rallied at the Capitol for a tobacco-free Hawaii. Senator Chang was inspired to hear that students took time off their spring break to advocate for this issue.



### CITIZENSHIP WORKOUT

March 3, 2018 ▲ Senator Chang joined volunteers in assisting people with applying for US citizenship at a free citizenship workout at Blaisdell Center. The event was sponsored by Unite Here Local 5.



### CANCER AWARENESS DAY

▲ March 21, 2018, was Cancer Awareness Day at the State Capitol. Senator Chang met with advocates seeking funding for cancer research.

## YOUR CONCERNS



Source: Wikipedia

The legislative session is now over half finished.

A number of our bills are still alive and making their way through the standard process:

SB 270: Bans LGBT conversion therapy

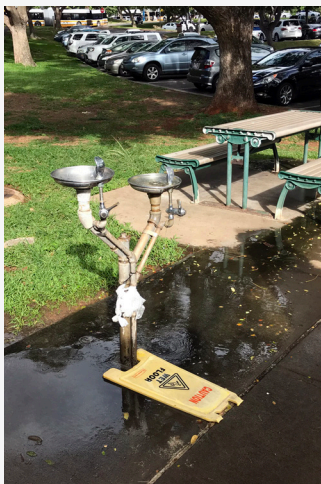
SB 2087: Exempts property owners from liability for rescue tubes

SB 2092: Criminalizes making a false statement to a county inspector

SB 2497: Property insurance for Section 8 landlords

SB 2498: Bans styrofoam containers

SB 2501: Safe zones for homelessness



BEFORE: leaking water fountain



AFTER: repaired fountain

According to a concerned constituent, a water fountain at Kapiolani Community College (KCC) has been leaking for over a year—the individual had been trying to resolve this issue for that long. Given that this fountain lies on land owned by the State of Hawai'i under the Department of Land and Natural Resources, adjacent to the KCC parking lot, and was installed by the City, there were jurisdiction issues as to who is responsible for it. With the help of KCC, the City and County of Honolulu, and DLNR, the fountain was fixed by the first week of March and now offers a safe, convenient place to refresh oneself.

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### Scam Phone Calls from the IRS



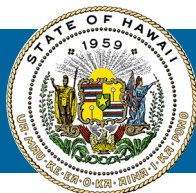
Tax season is soon approaching and the IRS wants to remind people that they can know pretty easily when a supposed IRS caller is a fake. Here are five things the scammers often do but the IRS will not do. Any one of these five things is a tell-tale sign of a scam. The IRS will *never*:

1. Call to demand immediate payment, nor will they call about taxes owed without first having mailed you a bill.
2. Demand that you pay taxes without giving you the opportunity to question or appeal the amount they say you owe.
3. Require you to use a specific payment method for your taxes, such as a prepaid debit card.
4. Ask for credit or debit card numbers over the phone.
5. Threaten to bring in local police or other law-enforcement groups to have you arrested for not paying.

If you get a call from someone claiming to be the IRS and *asking for money*, here's what you should do:

- If you know you owe taxes or think you might owe, call the IRS at **800.829.1040**. The IRS workers can help you with a payment issue.
- If you know you don't owe taxes or have no reason to believe that you do, report the incident to the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA) at **800.366.4484** or at **tigta.gov**.
- You can file a complaint using the FTC Complaint Assistant; choose "Other" and then "Imposter Scams." If the complaint involves impersonation of the IRS, include "IRS Telephone Scam" in the notes.

Remember, too, the IRS *does not* use unsolicited email, texts, or any social media to discuss personal tax issues. For more information on reporting tax scams, go to **irs.gov** and type "**scam**" in the search box.



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## The East Honolulu April Flood



To provide disaster relief following devastating flooding in East Honolulu, Kaua'i, and other affected areas statewide, House and Senate Legislators allocated a total of **\$125 million** to make road, bridge

and other infrastructure repairs in stricken communities. The funds will be administered by the state Department of Defense.

East Honolulu experienced severe weather that produced a large amount of rainfall in a very short period of time on April 13-15, causing flooding over the weekend. Rain gauges in **Niu Valley, Waimanalo, Olomana and Maunawili all reported more than five inches of rain** came down in a matter of hours. The storm drains in the areas were confirmed clear prior to the rain event. Storms and heavy rain can bring vegetation down streams and hillsides—obstructing drainage, traffic, and creating a public safety issue. Department of Transportation crews worked around the clock over the weekend removing debris from the roadways in order to return them to service as quickly as possible.

On **Saturday, May 12, 2018**, the 3rd annual **Eastside Community Preparedness Fair** will take place at Kahala Mall from **10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.** Nearly 30 exhibitors have registered to participate in this Fair, providing information on topics such as **pets, home hardening, tsunami, floods, CPR, 14-day kits, and search & rescue.** In addition, three focused presentations will take place during the fair, covering topics of timely importance.

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|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 11:00 a.m. Shelter in Place | QUESTIONS? PLEASE CONTACT   |
| 12:00 p.m. Active Shooter   | AINAHAINAPREPARED@GMAIL.COM |
| 1:00 p.m. Sea Level Rise    | FOR MORE INFORMATION        |

This session our team managed to pass a whopping

**176 BILLS**

an astounding number.

We can't wait for the positive, statewide change they will help effect. Mahalo for all your support!

*SSC*



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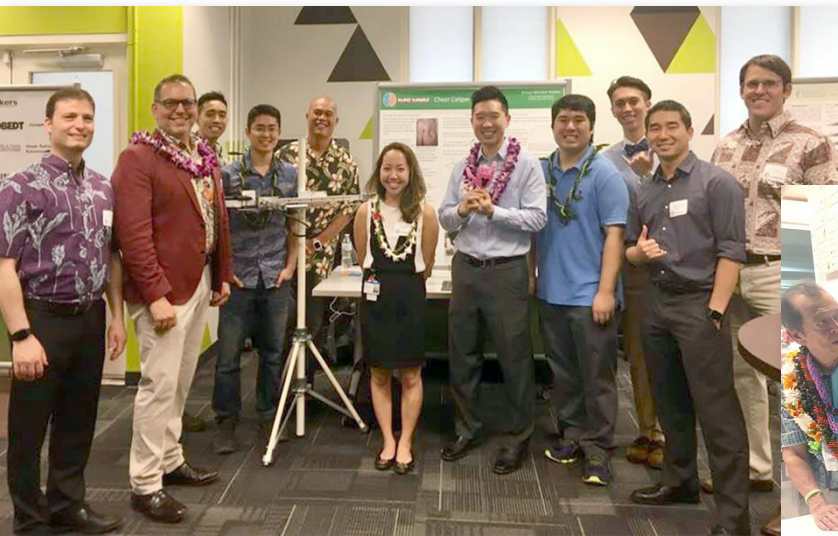
### EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION DAY

▲ March 21, 2018, was Early Childhood Education Day at the Capitol. Parents and kids from across the state visited various legislators to lobby for more funding for early childhood education.



### HONOLULU WALDORF SCHOOL FLOOD DAMAGE

April 17, 2018 ▲ Senator Chang toured Honolulu Waldorf School and met with officials to view the damage from the April 13th storm and flooding.



### MEDICAL DESIGN AT UH MANOĀ

April 17, 2018 ▲ Senator Chang joined John Cabeca, director of the US Patent and Trademark Office in Silicon Valley, at the First Medical Innovation and Design competition for college students at UH Mānoa.



### ALA MOANA'S NEWEST SHAVE ICE SPOT

April 11, 2018 ▲ Senator Chang attended the Grand Opening of Uncle Clay's House of Pure Aloha's second location in Ala Moana Center. Uncle Clay's HOPA is a community fixture in Aina Haina Shopping Center.



Source: Wikipedia

Senator Chang's **Hawaii Ratepayer Protection Act, SB2939**, was one of the first bills to be signed into law this year.

“This was a moonshot bill. We’re now the first state in the nation to base electricity rates not on what the market can bear, or to reimburse the utility’s costs plus profit, but on affordability, reliability, customer satisfaction, transparency, and renewable energy. This could be the most consequential bill we’ve passed this whole session,” stated Senator Chang.

Electric rates will be based on factors including the following:

- The economic and cost recovery impacts
- The volatility and affordability of electric rates and customer electric bills
- Electric service reliability
- Customer engagement and satisfaction, including customer options for managing electricity costs
- Access to utility system information.
- Rapid integration of renewable energy sources.
- Timely execution of competitive procurement, third-party interconnection, and other business processes.

Source: Jessica Sato



### Q: Do you have a damaged or stolen City rubbish bin?

Damaged carts in East Honolulu should be reported to **Honolulu Collection Yard**, which services Foster Village to Hawaii Kai, at **808-768-3200**. Department of Environmental Services supervisors can often repair broken wheels or lid hinges; otherwise, the cart will be replaced. Report a stolen cart first to the Honolulu Police Department. When you have the police report number, call **808-768-3200** for a replacement cart 8am–2pm.

For more information, please visit [opala.org](http://opala.org).

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

### Heavy Rain Claims

IF YOU HAVE NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM (NFIP) COVERAGE AND YOUR DAMAGE IS FLOOD RELATED, PLEASE CONTACT YOUR AGENT AND SEE THE NFIP CLAIMS PROCESS TIP SHEET AT:

<https://www.fema.gov/nfip-file-your-claim>

#### FOR AUTO CLAIMS

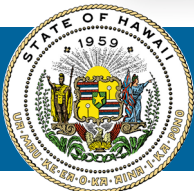
If you have comprehensive (other than collision) coverage on your auto insurance policy and your car suffered storm or flood damage, contact your auto insurance company to make a claim.

#### FOR NON-FLOOD RELATED HOMEOWNERS CLAIMS

- Check for damages and if possible take photos of the damages.
- Secure your property to prevent further damage and keep receipts for any materials used.
- Report damage to your insurance company or agent (**make a claim**).
- If your home or condo is uninhabitable ask if your policy covers the cost of temporary or alternative housing.
- Submit proof of loss forms or other claim forms if requested by your insurance company.
- Set damaged items aside for later inspection by your adjuster.
- Don't begin **permanent** repairs until damage is inspected by an adjuster or told to do so by your insurer.
- Work with your adjuster and a licensed contractor to estimate the cost of repairs.
- Receive claim check and begin repairs.
  - There may be supplemental payments issued by the insurance company if additional damage is discovered in the course of repairs and as you replace your damaged items.
  - Be careful of scams. Do not sign your entire claims check over to a contractor.
  - If the damage is extensive and you have a mortgage, your claim check may list you and your lien holder as payees.

Contact the Hawaii Insurance Division  
if you have any questions or need assistance

[cca.hawaii.gov/ins](http://cca.hawaii.gov/ins)  
(808) 586-2790



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JUNE 2018

## Another Successful Legislative Session

Aloha,

Another legislative session has just ended, and I am once again grateful for the opportunity to serve you as your state senator. I'm pleased to report that many good bills have passed, and our state is making meaningful progress in a number of areas.

Together, we established a Youth Commission to give young people a seat at the table in state policymaking; exempted property owners from being held liable for emergency rescue devices; established a performance-based ratemaking standard that would tie electric bills to customer satisfaction and renewable energy integration, among other factors; and banned conversion therapy for LGBTQ minors. The legislature has also taken steps to ban harmful sunscreens to preserve our reefs.

The legislature additionally appropriated \$570 million for affordable housing, \$45.5 million for homelessness initiatives, and \$125 million for flood relief for the islands of Kauai and Oahu. In addition, we received funding for a new track at Kalani High School and completion of the world languages classroom building at Niu Valley Middle School.

There is still much more to be done, and I look forward to continuing to work hard to address the top priorities of our community.

Sincerely,



Senator Stanley Chang



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## IN THE COMMUNITY



### KOREAN OFFICIALS AT THE STATE CAPITOL

April 25, 2018 ▲ Senator Chang greeted a delegation of overseas Korean elected officials from around the world at the State Capitol.



### SIGNATURE RESCUE TUBES BILL PASSES

May 1, 2018 ▲ One of our signature bills—**SB 2087**, exempting landowners from liability for hosting these rescue tubes on their property—passes the Legislature. The bill would not have passed had it not been for the efforts by the Hawai'i Kai Lions and numerous Rotary Clubs statewide.



### DISCUSSING THE APRIL FLOODING

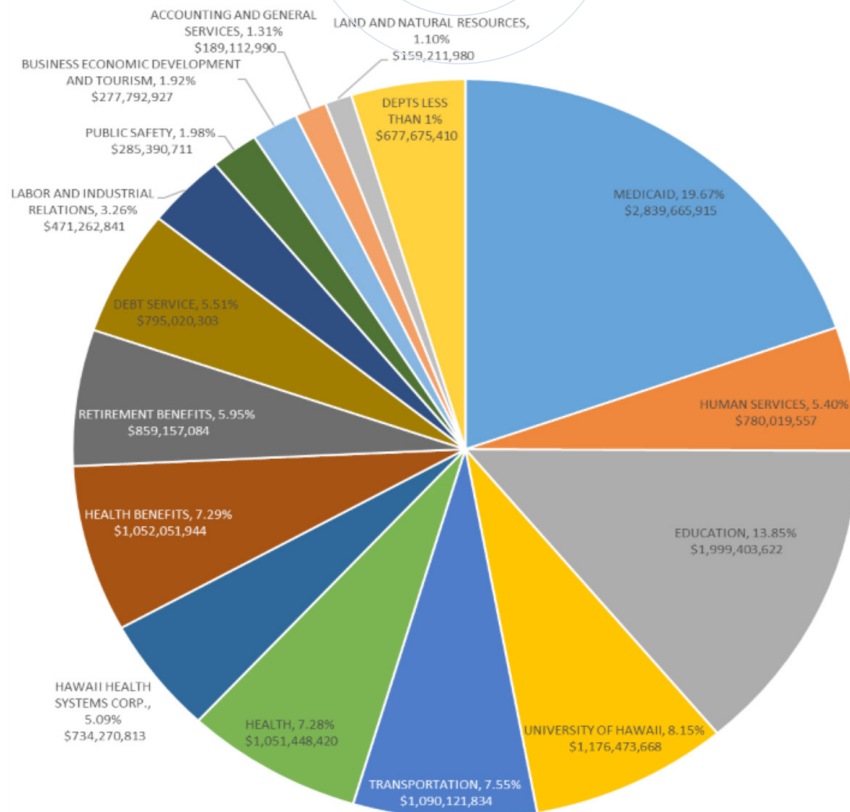
May 9, 2018 ▲ Senator Chang met with federal, state, and city agencies to discuss the April 13<sup>th</sup> flooding in East Honolulu.



### EMERGENCY READINESS FAIR

May 12, 2018 ▲ Senator Chang attended and met with constituents at the emergency readiness fair, hosted by Aina Haina Prepared.

# FISCAL BIENNIUM 2018-2019 STATE EXECUTIVE BUDGET



Source: Hawaii State Senate

*The Legislature passed a **\$14.4 billion** state budget that includes operating monies and **\$2.4 billion** in capital improvement funds to run the state government through fiscal year 2019.*

**HB1900 HD1 SD1 CD1**, the state budget bill, includes funding for homelessness and housing, critical health and human service needs, support for keiki and kupuna caregivers, and protection of our culturally important natural resources.

In addressing homelessness as a top priority for this Legislative Session, state lawmakers approved the allocation of \$15 million to fund homeless programs and services.

Investing in our children, an additional \$500,000 was allocated for the Early College Program; \$400,000 for Teacher Certification Stipend Program to help increase the number of qualified public school teachers, and \$1.1 million for the Alternative Teacher Route Program to help with recruitment and certification of potential public school teachers. To help students in higher education, \$300,000 was appropriated for the Student Success Initiative to help support the students at UH Manoa and \$750,000 for the Student Success Initiative at Community Colleges statewide.

To support our seniors, \$3.8 million in additional funds were appropriated for Kupuna Care and \$1.2 million for the Kupuna Caregivers Fund.

In recognizing the need to grow our economy, \$1.5 million was included for the Excelsior Program to aid development of local businesses and \$200,000 for the Creative Lab Hawai'i expansion to the neighbor islands.

Some of the areas addressed in the budget for Capital Improvement Projects include \$6.5 million for the construction of a First Responders Technology Campus and Cyber Security Data Center, \$3.5 million for health and safety improvements at libraries statewide, \$9.6 million for improvements and renovations to Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation facilities statewide, \$21.5 million for public housing development, improvements, and renovations statewide, \$6.5 million for the protection and restoration of watersheds statewide, \$16.5 million for Tax System Modernization, and \$40 million for the construction of new consolidated housing and other related improvements at the Women's Community Correctional Center.

# NOTABLE BILLS THAT PASSED

## HB 1716

### Youth Commission

Establishes a Youth Commission to advise the Governor and Legislature on the effects of legislative policies, as well as needs, assessments, priorities, programs, and budget relating to youth.

## HB 2442

### Removing abandoned vehicles within 10 days

Requires the counties to take into custody any abandoned vehicle on a public road within ten business days.

## HB 2501

### Need-based scholarships for community college

Establishes the University of Hawai'i Community College Promise Program to provide scholarships for the unmet direct cost needs of qualified students enrolled at any community college campus within the University of Hawai'i system.

## HB 2651

### 5G wireless infrastructure

Establishes a process to upgrade and support next-generation wireless broadband infrastructure throughout the State.

## HB 2739

### Death with dignity

Establishes a regulated process under which an adult resident of the State with a medically confirmed terminal disease and less than six months to live may choose to obtain a prescription for medication to end the patient's life.

## HB 2748

### Record funding for affordable housing

Record funding for affordable housing for the fiscal year 2017–2018.

## SB 270

### Banning conversion therapy

Prohibits specific state-licensed persons who are licensed to provide professional counseling from engaging in, attempting to engage in, or advertising sexual orientation change efforts on minors.

## SB 2087

### Removing landowner liability for emergency rescue devices

Amends Hawai'i's Good Samaritan Law to provide civil liability exemption for persons who—in good faith, without remuneration or expectation of remuneration—attempt to rescue a person with a rescue tube; and for owners/operators of any premises, property,

or facility that is adjacent to navigable waters, where rescue tubes are located.

## SB 2351

### Banning consideration of salary history

Prohibits prospective employers from requesting or considering a job applicant's wage or salary history as part of an employment application process or compensation offer.

## SB 2571

### Reef-safe sunscreen

Bans the sale, offer of sale, or distribution in the State of any sunscreen that contains oxybenzone or octinoxate, or both, without a prescription issued by a licensed healthcare provider, to preserve marine ecosystems. Beginning January 1, 2021.

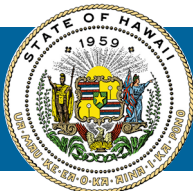
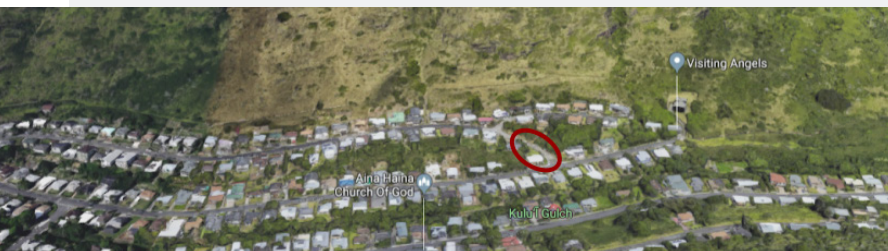
## SB 2939

### Performance-based electricity rates

Requires the PUC to establish performance incentive and penalty mechanisms that directly tie electric utility revenues to the utility's achievement on performance metrics. Exempts member-owned cooperative electric utilities

## COMMUNITY CONCERN

The Aina Haina community has long had issues with soil sliding and erosion underneath neighborhood homes and roads. This unstable earth along **Ahuwale Street** has impacted residents' homes and the streets on which they drive. We were contacted by neighbors, who were tired of driving over protruding manhole covers, large uneven surfaces and edges created by the sliding. By working with the City and County of Honolulu Department of Facility Maintenance and Councilman Trevor Ozawa's office, the uneven road surfaces have been repaired, and the residents now enjoy a much smoother ride.



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## Capital Improvement Projects for Senate District 9

The State Legislature has approved **\$4,579,000** in capital improvement projects for the fiscal year of 2018–2019 for Senate District 9. Here is a list of the projects that have been approved:

- **Niu Valley Middle School – \$3,500,000**  
Construction and equipment for world languages classroom building ground and site improvement.
- **Kalani High School – \$550,000**  
Plans and design for track and field improvements; ground and site improvements.
- **Diamond Head Seawall – \$300,000**  
Plans, design, and construction for safety improvements for a public walkway.
- **Henry J. Kaiser High School – \$404,000**  
Design for a multipurpose gathering place; ground and site improvements.
- **Kahala Elementary School – \$325,000**  
Design and construction for campus drainage improvements; ground and site improvements; equipment and appurtenances.
- **Rockfall and Flood Mitigation – \$3,000,000**  
Plans, design, and construction for rockfall and flood mitigation at various locations around Senate District 9 and statewide.

This is in addition to the **\$3,815,000** in capital improvement projects for the fiscal year of 2017–2018 for Senate District 9:

- **Aina Haina Elementary School – \$500,000**  
Design and construction of Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant restrooms for public meeting attendees.
- **Kaimuki Middle School – \$500,000**  
Design and construction to install covered walkways at Kaimuki Middle School; Ground and site improvements; equipment and appurtenances.
- **Waikiki Elementary School – \$815,000**  
Plan, design, construction, and equipment for electrical upgrades for school electrical system and replace curtains for stage in cafeteria; ground and site improvements; equipment and appurtenances.
- **Rockfall and Flood Mitigation – \$3,000,000**  
Plans, design, and construction for rockfall and flood mitigation at various locations around Senate District 9 and statewide.



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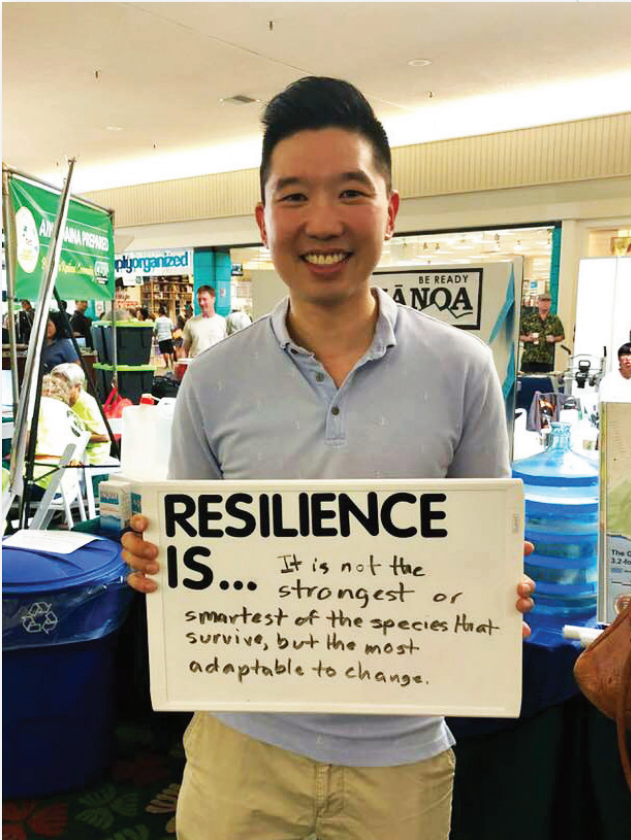
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## IN THE COMMUNITY



### WAIKIKI ELEMENTARY

May 15, 2018 ▲ Senator Chang visited Mrs. Lory Peroff's class at Waikiki Elementary, where they discussed philosophical questions and toured the school's beautiful garden.

### EASTSIDE COMMUNITY PREPAREDNESS FAIR

May 12, 2018 ▲ Several community groups organized the Eastside Community Preparedness Fair held at Kahala Mall, which included workshops, displays, and helpful information on disaster resiliency.



### COMMUNITY COLLEGE TUITION

June 1, 2018 ▲ Governor David Ige signs a bill to cover all community college tuition for students with financial need.



### NIU VALLEY PLAYGROUND

June 9, 2018 ▲ Senator Chang attended the second anniversary of the opening of the Niu Valley Playground.

# FOR YOUR INFORMATION

## Kalani High School Cottage

On **November 15, 2017**, a cottage on the Kalani High School campus on Kalanianaʻole Highway was burned. Since then, Kalani officials have been working to safely remove the cottage from the site. Due to toxic materials inside, the cottage was deemed unsafe to remove, delaying crews that intended to perform the work. On **June 19, 2018**, the cottage was safely torn down and its materials taken away. We want to thank the community for expressing their concern over this structure and for their patience in seeing to its safe removal.




Source: KITV, 2017



Source: The Office of Senator Stanley Chang

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[senatorchang.com](http://senatorchang.com)

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY



**PRIMARY ELECTION**  
Saturday, August 11, 2018

**GENERAL ELECTION**  
Tuesday, November 6, 2018

#HiCountMeIn

# Count Me In.

## 2018 Elections

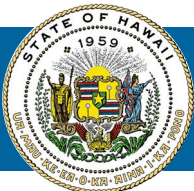
#### WHY VOLUNTEER?

- Earn money
- Serve your local community
- Ensure all eligible voters can vote
- Attend one training

#### WHO?

- Be 16 years of age as of June 30, 2018
- Be a Hawaii registered voter
- Be able to read and write English

To sign up: Call 453-VOTE (8683) or email [elections@hawaii.gov](mailto:elections@hawaii.gov)



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## Drainage Repair Estimates

During the April 13<sup>th</sup> floods this year in East Honolulu, many streams, channels, and gulches were damaged. City officials have determined the first set of repairs, which are currently underway. Here is a breakdown of the cost estimates, with a description of the damage and scope of work:

### Hahaione Channel ▲ \$1,026,485

Removal of debris, damaged concrete slope lining and concrete invert from channel and emergency shoring of damaged slope lining, invert and private property adjacent to damages.

### Hahaione Channel ▲ \$2,500,000

Restoration of slope lining, invert, fencing, and private property.

### Kului Gulch ▲ \$454,793

Removal of debris, restoration of concrete rock masonry (CRM) wall, CRM lining and fencing.

### Kuli'ou'ou Channel ▲ \$2,633,000

Removal of debris, damaged concrete invert and restoration of concrete invert.

### Wailupe Stream ▲ \$5,000,000

Emergency shoring of damaged stream bank and invert. Restoration of stream bank.



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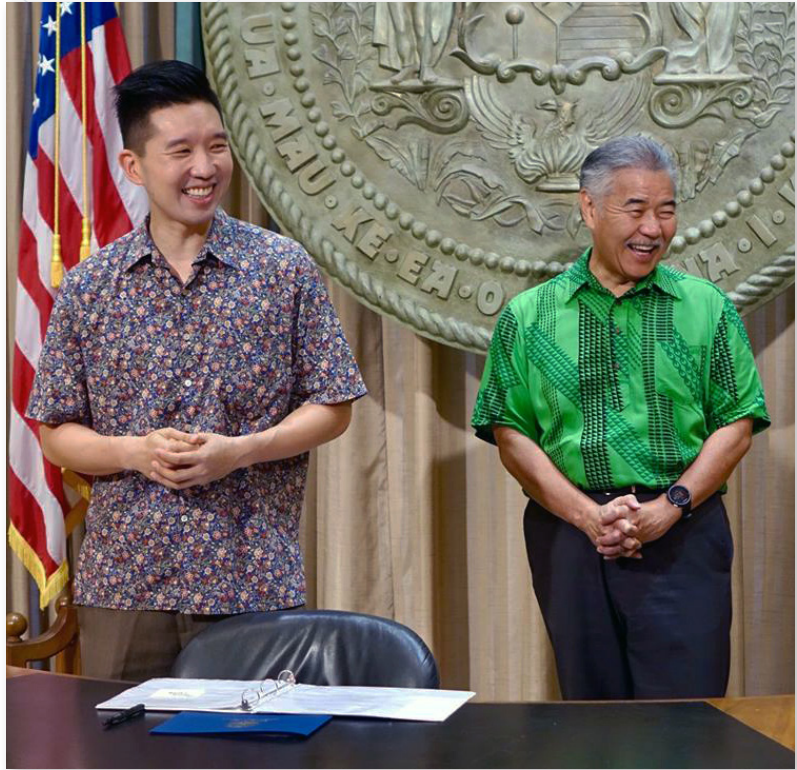


## IN THE COMMUNITY



### FIREWISE COMMUNITY WORKDAY

June 23, 2018 ▲ Senator Chang joined members of the community for the Firewise Community Workday, clearing brush to prevent future fires in East Honolulu.



### YOUTH COMMISSION BECOMES LAW

July 5, 2018 ▲ Governor David Ige signed HB 1716 into law as Act 106 of 2018. Act 106 establishes the Youth Commission, which addresses the needs of young people in Hawai'i.



### EAST HONOLULU FLOOD DAMAGE

June 28, 2018 ▲ Senator Chang made site visits to various ditches and canals to survey the damage caused by the April 13<sup>th</sup> flooding.



### GOOD SAMARITAN LAW AMENDED

July 6, 2018 ▲ Governor David Ige signed SB 2087 into law as Act 145 of 2018. Act 145 amends Hawai'i's Good Samaritan Law to provide civil liability exemption for persons or property owners who use rescue tubes.

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

### Pi'ikoi Street Onramp Closing During Weekday Afternoon Commute

The Hawai'i Department of Transportation (HDOT) has completed and reviewed its study on the **Pi'ikoi Street onramp to the eastbound H-1 Freeway** and has announced that the ramp will be closed on **weekdays during the peak afternoon commute hours, from 3:00 – 6:30 p.m.**

The study found that closing the onramp during the peak afternoon commute will help the flow of traffic, increase capacity, and reduce travel times on the H-1 Freeway, while having a minimal impact on side street operations.

“This trial period is part of my administration’s continuing effort to seek new and innovative ways to relieve traffic congestion on our freeway. A previous study indicates the peak hour closures will reduce

travel time for our families. This is an example of my administration thinking outside the box, while working within our existing highways infrastructure,” said Governor David Y. Ige.

The afternoon onramp closure is scheduled to begin **Monday, July 30, 2018**, and continue for a **six-month trial**. Upon the conclusion of the trial period, HDOT will determine if the program will continue or be modified. Signs will be added throughout the area to notify motorists of the scheduled changes.

From April 17–28, 2017, HDOT temporarily closed the Pi'ikoi Street eastbound onramp 24/7 to study traffic impacts of the ramp closure. It has been believed that much of the congestion and queuing experienced by motorists on the H-1 Freeway eastbound is a result of the heavy onramp and offramp volumes and frequent lane merges / weaving between the South Vineyard Boulevard, Ward Avenue, and Pi'ikoi Street onramps, and the Punahou Street offramp. The data showed that—during the peak afternoon hours—**drivers saved six minutes when traveling through between the Fort Shafter overpass and the Punahou Street offramp** with the onramp closure. During the morning peak hour of traffic only one minute was saved.



Source: KHON2

# YOUR CONCERNS

## New DMV Saturday Hours for Driver Licensing Centers

The Department of Customer Services announced that it will be continuing Saturday hours for certain Driver Licensing Centers, from now until **August 25**.

The department is offering the service to walk-in customers, as well as those who make an appointment. These Saturday hours are part of a broader effort to provide customers additional convenience and to address the increase of license renewals this year, as well as the heavy summer demand.

No new driver testing—road or written—or Commercial Driver's License (CDL) services are offered on Saturday. Driver Licensing Centers offer driver license renewals and duplicates and state ID services. Please reference locations with available Saturday hours below.

While appointments are recommended, walk-in customers are welcomed and as many as possible will be assisted. To help ensure a successful visit, customers are encouraged to have all of the required documents and a completed application form ahead of time. A document guide and forms can be found at [license.honolulu.gov](http://license.honolulu.gov), where customers may also schedule appointments.

### KAPOLEI

8 a.m. to noon

### KO'OLAU

8 a.m. to noon

### KAPĀLAMA

8 a.m. to noon

### WAHIAWĀ

8 a.m. to noon



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## Get Prepared for the Next Hurricane

Although Hurricane Lane has come and gone, we are still in the middle of hurricane season, and other storms may threaten Hawaii in the future. Please take the time now to prepare for your family, business, and property BEFORE a hurricane hazard affects your area:

### Develop a family and business emergency plan

- Transportation readiness
- Evacuation routes/timing
- Securement of homes, business, and property
- Care of pets and animals

### Prepare a home survival kit

- Be ready to cope with loss of water, electricity, gas, and telephone services

### Prepare an evacuation kit

- Be prepared to evacuate before the danger arrives

### Stay calm, stay alert, and stay informed

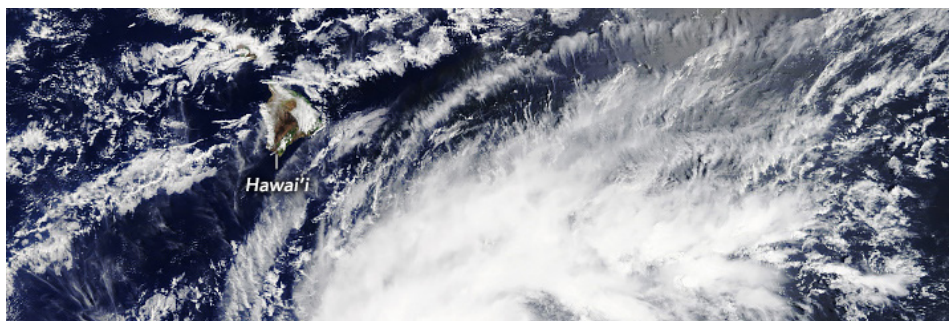
- Listen to your local radio stations for official announcements by Civil Defense and the National Weather Service

Caregivers and kupuna need to have a detailed disaster plan that involves creating a support network of neighbors and friends. Caregivers of people with dementia should have more than one person to watch over a loved one to help keep them calm and to make sure they don't wander away. Include a two-week supply of needed medication. Include extra eyeglasses and hearing aids in your emergency kit, along with extra batteries for battery-operated medical or assistive technology devices.

Hawaii's hurricane season begins **June 1** and runs until **November 30**.

For more information on hurricane preparedness:

[nhc.noaa.gov/prepare/ready.php](http://nhc.noaa.gov/prepare/ready.php)



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## IN THE COMMUNITY



### JCI BANQUET

August 25, 2018 ▲ Senator Chang attended the JCI (Junior Chamber International) Hawai'i banquet, celebrating 75 years of the Hawai'i Jaycees' service and leadership in our community.

### COUNCILLOR IAIN BOTT

July 29, 2018 ▲ Senator Chang greeted Councillor Iain Bott from the City of Westminster, London, United Kingdom, on his visit to Hawai'i.



*Give Blood. It's Safe. It's Simple. It Saves Lives.*

The Blood Bank of Hawaii needs blood donations. Hospitals depend on blood donations daily, and about **200 blood donors** are needed daily to help meet those needs.

If you are interested in donating blood, please visit the Young Street Donor Center:

**1907 Young Street**  
**6:30am to 6:30pm Monday to Thursday**  
**6:30am to 4:30pm Friday to Sunday**

To schedule an appointment or if you have any questions regarding donating blood, please call **808-848-4770** or go online at **bbh.org**.

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

### Neighborhood Repairs Update

- 1. Kealaula Kai Sidewalks (Hawaii Kai)**  
The sidewalks are scheduled for reconstruction in September 2018.
- 2. Kealaolu Street (Kahala)**  
Resurfacing is scheduled for completion by December 2018.
- 3. Monsarrat Avenue between Kalakaua Avenue and Paki Avenue (Diamond Head)**  
Resurfacing plans are underway, and work is scheduled for completion by December 2018.
- 4. Monsarrat Avenue between Paki Avenue and Diamond Head Road fronting Kapiolani Community College; Diamond Head Road (Diamond Head)**  
The Board of Water Supply construction project along the identified portion of Monsarrat Avenue is scheduled for 2021. However, due to poor conditions, a temporary repavement of the area will be done near the end of the year.



Kealaolu Street

## Same Day Voter Registration

This year, for the first time in Hawai'i, you no longer need to register in advance to vote.

**You can register to vote and cast your ballot at the same time on Election Day.**

Whether you're not a registered voter, you can show up at your polling place, and you will be able to vote.

The State Legislature passed HB 2590 in 2014, allowing voters to register to vote at polling places on Election Day and at early voting sites. It took effect this year for Election Day registration.

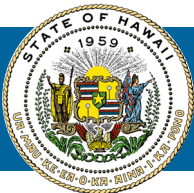
Hawai'i's voter turnout has declined steadily in recent years. **This past primary election, only 286,041 people—or 38.6 percent of registered voters—cast ballots.** Turnout in the 2014 primary election, the last gubernatorial primary election, was over 40 percent.

This trend is a direct affront to the democratic

process. When the people of Hawai'i don't participate in elections, that means a smaller and smaller minority will dictate the policies of our state. **Young people, renters, and the lower middle class are disproportionately underrepresented in the voter pool.** That means the critical issues facing these demographic categories—affordable housing, good jobs, education—are the issues that go unaddressed year after year.

As a result, I strongly support efforts to increase voter participation in elections. This past legislative session, I proposed a bill for automatic voter registration, meaning that people will no longer need to register to vote separately. In conjunction with automatic all-mail voting, that means every Hawai'i eligible voter will receive an absentee ballot in the mail every year that they can fill out and drop into any mailbox. I also proposed a bill to de-link voter registration from jury participation, one of the most common concerns I hear from people who do not wish to register to vote.

East Honolulu has the highest voter participation in the entire state. Keep up the good work. If you have any further questions on how to vote, how to receive an absentee ballot, or the election process, please contact the Hawai'i Office of Elections at **elections.hawaii.gov** or **808-453-8683**.



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East Honolulu Community Newsletter

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## Kokonut Koalition: Keepers of Koko Crater Trail

*The Office of Senator Stanley Chang recognizes community organizations dedicated to improving our neighborhoods. One such organization is the Kokonut Koalition. Here is their story.*

The Kokonut Koalition is a growing group of hikers of the Koko Crater Trail and others who are concerned about the trail's long-term prospects. We have organized in an effort to convince the City and County of Honolulu and perhaps the State to take active measures to preserve and improve this unique asset.



RADAR SET AN CPS-1, Koko Crater AFS atop Koko Head.  
Source: HANG 25, History of the Hawai'i Air National Guard  
by Colonel Walter F. Judd, 1971

This historic tramway—commonly known as the **Koko Head Stairs**, or simply **the Stairs**—was built in 1942 by the U.S. Army Signal Corps to provide access to an early radar station perched on the rim of Koko Crater. The tram is long gone, but the remaining track has been used as an endurance hike for decades. It rewards hikers with expansive views of Moanalua Bay and Diamond Head to the West, Hanauma Bay and Koko Head to the South, and the Waimanalo coast to the North.

The tramway has been deteriorating for decades without any maintenance other than what has been done clandestinely by unauthorized volunteers. It exists in a state of benign neglect by the City and County of Honolulu, which has never maintained it and doesn't even consider it to be a sanctioned trail. Their neglect is benign only because they allow it to remain open, though we wonder how long that policy can remain in light of the trail's accelerating deterioration.

The Stairs are now at what we consider a tipping point. Erosion has undermined the tramway to the extent that one major tropical storm or hurricane could do enough significant damage to make it unusable. Fortunately, there was little recent damage done by Olivia. On a busy day, **well over a thousand people** from all walks of life and many international origins climb the Koko Crater Stairs. It has become a must-do event for our adventurous visitors.

For the **Kokonuts**, it's our regular workout. Some of us have been hiking the Stairs for over twenty years, many for a decade or more. I've been hiking it regularly for four years, usually four times a week and often three-trips per session. It has become a habit that sustains me. All of us regular hikers feel this way.

I greet the day with this hike. Others enjoy a sunset hike and still, others like to broil themselves under the midday heat of the Hawaiian sun. We all feel a deep attachment to this trail and passionately believe that it deserves better treatment than it has received.

The Kokonut Koalition and our supporters want this trail first to be stabilized to ensure that it has a future, but ultimately to be completely rebuilt.

—Drew Murphy, Kokonut Koalition

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### IOLANI GROUNDBREAKING

August 29, 2018 ▲ Senator Chang attended the groundbreaking ceremony for the new K-1 classrooms at 'Iolani School, his alma mater.



### THE LEGAL CLINIC

September 12, 2018 ▲ Senator Chang met with community advocates starting The Legal Clinic, which provides legal services to needy immigrants in Hawai'i.

## Participate in Your Neighborhood Board

One of the best ways to get involved in your community is to participate in or even join your local neighborhood board. The neighborhood boards meet once a month to discuss issues facing the neighborhood, city, and state. The following neighborhood boards are in Senate District 9:

- **Neighborhood Board #1  
Hawai'i Kai**  
Meets on the last Tuesday of every month at Hahaione Elementary School at 7:00pm.
- **Neighborhood Board #2  
Kuli'ou'ou-Kalani Iki**  
Meets on the first Thursday of every month at Wailupe Community Park Library at 7:00pm.
- **Neighborhood Board #3  
Waialae-Kāhala**  
Meets on the third Thursday of every month at the Wesley United Methodist Church at 7:00pm.
- **Neighborhood Board #4  
Kaimuki**  
Meets on the third Wednesday of every month at the Kaimuki Christian Church Fellowship Hall at 7:00pm.
- **Neighborhood Board #5  
Diamond Head / Kapahulu / St. Louis**  
Meets the second Thursday of every month at the Ala Wai Golf Course Clubhouse at 6:30pm.



RSVP NOW!



# HOW TO ACHIEVE 65,000 HOUSING UNITS BY 2025

**A CONFERENCE ON  
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Presented by Senator Stanley Chang



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To RSVP, speak on a concrete idea to increase our affordable housing supply, or if you have any questions, contact:

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## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

### Heavy Rain Claims

IF YOU HAVE NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM (NFIP) COVERAGE AND YOUR DAMAGE IS FLOOD RELATED, PLEASE CONTACT YOUR AGENT AND SEE THE NFIP CLAIMS PROCESS TIP SHEET AT:

<https://www.fema.gov/nfip-file-your-claim>

#### FOR AUTO CLAIMS

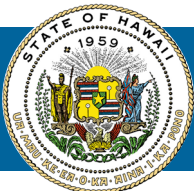
If you have comprehensive (other than collision) coverage on your auto insurance policy and your car suffered storm or flood damage, contact your auto insurance company to make a claim.

#### FOR NON-FLOOD RELATED HOMEOWNERS CLAIMS

- Check for damages and if possible take photos of the damages.
- Secure your property to prevent further damage and keep receipts for any materials used.
- Report damage to your insurance company or agent (**make a claim**).
- If your home or condo is uninhabitable ask if your policy covers the cost of temporary or alternative housing.
- Submit proof of loss forms or other claim forms if requested by your insurance company.
- Set damaged items aside for later inspection by your adjuster.
- Don't begin **permanent** repairs until damage is inspected by an adjuster or told to do so by your insurer.
- Work with your adjuster and a licensed contractor to estimate the cost of repairs.
- Receive claim check and begin repairs.
  - There may be supplemental payments issued by the insurance company if additional damage is discovered in the course of repairs and as you replace your damaged items.
  - Be careful of scams. Do not sign your entire claims check over to a contractor.
  - If the damage is extensive and you have a mortgage, your claim check may list you and your lien holder as payees.

Contact the Hawaii Insurance Division  
if you have any questions or need assistance

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## How to Achieve **65,000** Housing Units by **2025**

Housing is the top issue facing Hawai'i, according to a new poll by **Civil Beat** on September 26<sup>th</sup>. In 2015, a report conducted by the **Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism** (DBEDT) quantified how dire the affordable housing situation is here in Hawai'i. The study found that Hawai'i needs 65,000 additional housing units by the year 2025.

We are just seven years away from 2025, and the state is nowhere near 65,000 new units. According to estimates, Hawai'i produces only half the housing needed every year. Indeed, single family homes on Oahu last month hit a **record median price of \$810,000**—far out of reach for the middle class.

Over the interim, our office has been meeting with various stakeholders on various approaches to address our affordable housing crisis, particularly: how to create 65,000 housing units. I am encouraged by the feedback from these meetings, and I am excited for the future of our state.

To carry on this discussion and to bring new perspectives on affordable housing, We are hosting an affordable housing conference specifically on ideas and plans to solve our problem:



### “How to Achieve 65,000 Housing Units by 2025” Conference

When: Friday, November 16, 2018

Time: 8:00am–2:00pm

Where: Hawai'i State Capitol Auditorium  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

*Metered parking is available after entering Miller Street into the Capitol garage.*

Presentations will include the **Building Industry Association**, **Land Use Research Foundation**, **Hawai'i's Thousand Friends**, and the **State Rental Housing Task Force**, among others. I will also be presenting the results of my research on the **Singaporean model of public housing**.

Admission is free, but space is limited, so please RSVP by emailing **Adrian Tam** at [a.tam@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:a.tam@capitol.hawaii.gov) if you are interested in attending.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Stanley Chang".



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## IN THE COMMUNITY



### UN WORLD HABITAT DAY

October 1, 2018 ▲ The UN World Habitat Day conference on affordable housing brought together leaders in the community to tackle problems facing Hawai'i.



### PACIFIC AND ASIAN AFFAIRS COUNCIL ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP RECEPTION

April 21, 2018 ▲ Senator Chang attended the Pacific and Asian Affairs Council Annual Scholarship Reception. Recipients of PAAC's generous travel scholarships attended the event and received awards for their hard work.



### KAHALA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

September 28, 2018 ▲ Senator Chang attended Kahala Elementary School's open house. The open house enabled the school's leadership to share its vision for the school with families and students.



Senator Chang would like to remind *everyone* to get their flu shots for the current flu season to avoid the ordeal of catching the flu.

## YOUR CONCERNS



Courtesy of the Honolulu Star-Advertiser

Major water main breaks along Kalanianaʻole Highway have plagued the residents and commuters of East Honolulu for the last two years. These main breaks have caused many residents to be without running water and resulted in significant traffic congestion along the highway—in some cases, hours-long delays. Like many of you, I am deeply frustrated.

The Board of Water Supply (BWS) has absolutely no plan to address these water main breaks in a proactive manner, and it has resisted suggestions I have made on contraflowing and other traffic mitigation measures. The current level of water main breaks is unacceptable to the East Honolulu community. Unlike many other communities in our state, there is only one

high-capacity highway to our community. A water main break can halt all access into and out of our community, preventing ambulances and police cars from entering and exiting. This is a public health and safety issue.

This past legislative session, I introduced **SCR 3/SR 2**, which requests the Office of the City Auditor to conduct a performance audit of the BWS's maintenance program on traffic mitigation measures. Unfortunately, the resolutions were not passed, but we will be re-introducing the resolutions in the upcoming session. I will continue to hold BWS accountable for its utter failure to maintain this critical infrastructure.



Our office has received many concerns regarding the pavement issues at the entrance of **Wailupe Circle**, and have contacted the Department of Transportation.

On **September 14, 2018**, the DOT inspected Wailupe Circle and confirmed that sections of the entrance pavement are damaged and require resurfacing. They have made arrangements with a paving contractor to pave both the entrance and exit lanes to Wailupe Circle. The work will be tentatively completed by October 31, 2018. We want to thank the community for expressing their concern over the entrance and their patience for its repaving.

## IT'S FLU VACCINATION TIME!

The Hawai'i State Department of Health's (DOH) annual Stop Flu at School program has begun and will continue in 177 public schools statewide through **December 7, 2018**. The voluntary program administers free flu shots to students in kindergarten through eighth grade who are enrolled at participating schools. Approximately 30,000 students are expected to be vaccinated during the eight-week program.

“Vaccination is our **best defense** against the flu. It can help prevent illness, but more importantly, it decreases the risk of severe illness, which can result in hospitalizations and death,” said Dr. Sarah Park, state epidemiologist. “Vaccinating our school-age children will help reduce the spread of flu in our communities and protect those at risk of serious illness, including infants too young to be vaccinated, adults over 65, pregnant women, and those with chronic health conditions like asthma, diabetes, and heart disease.”

The US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends an annual flu vaccination for everyone ages six months and older. Last flu season, CDC reported **180 pediatric flu-related deaths** in the United States. Approximately **80 percent** of these deaths occurred in children who had not received a flu vaccination.

Dr. Park added, “While there were no influenza-associated pediatric deaths reported in Hawai'i during

the 2017-2018 season, flu circulates year-round in Hawai'i and is unpredictable, which is why it is crucial to get vaccinated each year.”

The traditional **flu season begins in early October and runs through late May**. The flu vaccines this season have been updated to provide protection against circulating flu viruses expected to be most common, based on data from the past season.

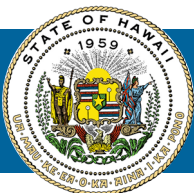
Since flu can cause severe illness in people of all ages, DOH encourages everyone to talk to their healthcare provider about the vaccine and consider getting vaccinated. For those unable to be vaccinated through the Stop Flu at School program, flu vaccine is available through healthcare provider offices and clinics as well as pharmacies, for those older than age 11 years. For a list of vaccinating pharmacies statewide, visit the DOH Vaccine Locator online at [health.hawaii.gov/docd/vaccines-immunizations/vaccine-locators](http://health.hawaii.gov/docd/vaccines-immunizations/vaccine-locators).

DOH also recommends other flu prevention strategies, including staying home when sick, covering coughs and sneezes, and washing hands frequently. For more information about the flu, visit [health.hawaii.gov/docd/disease\\_listing/influenza-flu](http://health.hawaii.gov/docd/disease_listing/influenza-flu).

To learn more about the Stop Flu at School program, go to [health.hawaii.gov/docd/about-us/programs/stop-flu-at-school](http://health.hawaii.gov/docd/about-us/programs/stop-flu-at-school) or call the Aloha United Way's information and referral line at **2-1-1**.

### ABOUT STOP FLU AT SCHOOL

*Stop Flu at School, Hawai'i's school-located vaccination program, is an innovative partnership between the State of Hawai'i Departments of Health and Education. This program is endorsed by the Hawai'i Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics and the Hawai'i Association of Family Practitioners and is paid for by federal funds and contributions from health insurers.*



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Source: HDB

Senator Chang has unveiled a new plan to address Hawai'i's housing shortage called **ALOHA: Affordable, Locally Owned Homes for All**.

The proposal adapts the Singaporean model, where 82% of the population lives in public housing. It would build high-rises on state land near future rail stations and sell **three-bedroom units (99-year leases)** to Hawai'i families at around **\$300,000 each**. These units would be sold at cost, which means it will be **revenue neutral** to the state and require no taxpayer subsidies. Down payments would be only 3%, or **\$9,000**. In order to qualify, an individual would have to be a **Hawai'i resident**, own **no other real property**, and be a **true owner occupant**.

The high rises will include amenities like vertical schools, fitness facilities, and community gardens. Taking advantage of transportation infrastructure including rail and TheBus—and the latest in rideshare, carshare, bikeshare, and pedestrian technologies—very little private parking will be available.

Senator Chang presented his plan at a November 16<sup>th</sup> conference on affordable

housing titled, **“How to Achieve 65,000 Housing Units by 2025,”** sponsored by the Hawai'i Construction Alliance and Land Use Research Foundation. **Over 150 individuals** from the private and public sectors attended the conference and left thinking about the future. The conference included economists, developers, community advocates, and government officials who all contributed insights on how to solve the housing shortage. It also included a Skype presentation from Professor Gabu Heindl of Gabu Heindl Architektur to discuss the successful public housing model of Vienna, Austria.

**Senator Chang will introduce a bill to implement his proposal in the 2019 legislative session.** He will also organize



a delegation this coming spring to Singapore and Hong Kong to learn about public housing best practices. For more information on the conference, including presentations, the bill, and to express interest in the delegation, please scan this QR code or visit: [bit.ly/2zS7HAn](https://bit.ly/2zS7HAn) #buildALOHA

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### FIREWISE MARINERS COVE

June 23, 2018 ▲ Senator Chang and volunteers came together to clean brush behind Mariners Cove and help make it a firewise community.



### AFFORDABLE HOUSING CONFERENCE

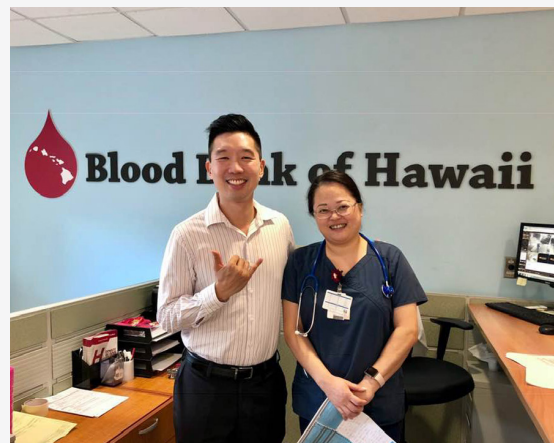
November 16, 2018 ▲ Senator Chang hosted an affordable housing conference attended by over 150 individuals. For more information, see our cover story.



### BEAUTIFUL CHINA

August 30, 2018 ▲ Senator Chang spoke at a presentation of Beautiful China, an event showcasing China's many United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) sites.

Want to do something positive for the community? **Give blood**, and you can **save three lives with one donation**. Please make an appointment at **bbh.org** or simply walk into their headquarters at **1907 Young Street** near McCully.





# HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

To Our East Honolulu Neighbors:

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you in the Hawai'i State Senate. As the year comes to an end, I want to reflect on the progress we've made as a community.

This year, we established the Youth Commission to give Hawai'i's young people a seat at the table. We extended liability protection to landowners with rescue tubes, a proven lifesaving device. Kalaniana'ole Highway was finally resurfaced after years of delays. We also banned conversion therapy for LGBT youth. After the April 13<sup>th</sup> flooding, we pushed hard to secure funding to repair some damaged infrastructure. These initiatives could not have come to fruition without the community's advocacy, and for that I am grateful.



As we bring 2018 to a close, I want to thank you for the privilege to serve, and I look forward to serving you in the new year. Happy Holidays to you and your family.

A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stanley Chang'.

Senator Stanley Chang



## Finally Repaved

Many have expressed concerns over the poor conditions of Kealaolu Avenue in Kāhala. We have repeatedly fought for the repaving of this important neighborhood artery. In October, the City finally repaved Kealaolu. We thank the community for their patience on this issue.

## HOLIDAY RUBBISH DISPOSAL

The City provides scheduled waste collection service on all holidays except Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

Bulky item collection will continue on the days following these holidays. Since bulky pickup is conducted over a 3–4 day period in each sector, crews will make up holidays on other days.

*During the holiday season, even our rubbish becomes more colorful, fragrant, and bountiful with wrapping paper, boxes, and Christmas trees. Here are a few tips for taking care of holiday waste:*



### Recycle your Christmas trees.

Remove all ornaments and tinsel. No flocked trees. Place them at the curb (in your **green cart**) for pickup on your regular green waste collection day. Alternately, drop them off at any of the City's Drop-Off Convenience Centers for Refuse and Recycling seven days a week or at the composting facility.

- **Do NOT** set out trees for bulky item collection. If cutting the tree is a bother, drop it off at the City's nearest Drop-Off Convenience Center.
- For households in the cart pickup system, please note that the tree has to fit inside the cart. Cut the tree into lengths **up to three feet** and trim branches to ensure that the pieces will fall freely during collection.

- For households on a manual collection route, cut the tree into lengths **up to three feet** and **place at curb** on your refuse day.
- **Condos and commercial buildings can deliver large loads of trees directly to a City composting facility—there will be no charge over the holidays for Christmas trees.** Contact the City's Recycling Office at 808-768-3200 to arrange a delivery.
- Please be aware that the State has discontinued the special treecycling sites at parks and other locations around the island.



### Keep your neighborhood glittering with holiday decorations, not trash.

Put your refuse, mixed recyclables, green waste and bulky items out at the curb only on collection days (or the evening before). It's not nice to leave your carts out all the time, and it's a violation of City ordinance.



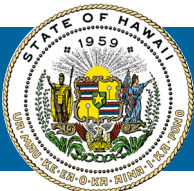
### Green gifts and wrapping ideas are everywhere these days.

Pay attention as you browse in-store and online for *real* sustainable options, as opposed to marketing-driven "greenwashing."

For more information visit:

[opala.org/solid\\_waste/holiday\\_trash\\_tips.htm](http://opala.org/solid_waste/holiday_trash_tips.htm)

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