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Aloha Friends and Neighbors,

With the rise in temperature and the ease of summer break, I hope you are all enjoying quality time with loved ones and some well-needed relief from the heat. After a productive legislative session we received news regarding the Governor's intent to veto to decide upon the fate of bills. Two in particular have raised concerns for me which I detail as they will have significant impacts upon our residents.

Successes have also continued throughout the summer with the likes of educational advances, athletic champions and personal achievements for which it has been an honor to highlight and present honored certificates. It is always a joy to shine a light on individuals making great strides in their professional careers as well as those giving selflessly to the local community. I look forward to continuing to celebrate these strides together throughout the summer season!

GOVERNOR'S VETO LIST



On June 24th the Governor announced 20 bills that he had placed on his intent to veto list. He had until July 9th to determine whether or not he would, in fact, veto the bills. I expressed strong reservations about two bills in particular that were placed on this list, SB33 RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT and SB551 RELATING TO CONDOMINIUMS.

I was greatly concerned with the possibility of SB33 because the impact of not raising the film tax credit cap could have had crippling effects for our film and television industry. With Hawaii Five-0 and Magnum P.I. anchoring us in television and films such as Jumanji and Jurassic World our film and television industry has never been stronger. As we look for ways to diversify our economy we should be looking to support these industries, not hamper their growth. I also had concerns that not raising the cap will keep private partners away from the table from the proposed plans to create a film studio

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at UHWO. This film studio would provide a tremendous boost to Leeward and Central Oahu residents in job opportunities for our UHWO graduates in our brand new Creative Media degree. A brand new Creative Media lab building is going up at UHWO and I am proud to have championed this program and facility for the past 5 years.

Throughout this past session I heard from the homeowners associations in my district, of which there are many, on the important need for SB551. I do not believe it to be fair to have homeowners who pay their dues to have the burden of making up the financial loss that associations incur while waiting for a delinquent homeowner to settle their claims in court.

BILLS VETOED:

- SB301** -- Relating to Taxation of Real Estate Investment Trusts. Would change taxation regulations for a specific type of trusts, known as REITs, that have controlling ownership in large real estate holdings like Ala Moana Shopping Center.
- SB1292** -- Relating to Transient Accommodations. Would have required hosting platforms to collect general excise and transient accommodation taxes.

BILLS PASSED WITHOUT GOVERNOR'S SIGNATURE:

- SB33** -- Relating to Economic Development. Increases annual rolling cap for the motion picture and film production tax credit from \$35M to \$50M.
- SB551** -- Relating to Condominiums. Clarifies the right of condominium associations to conduct non-judicial foreclosures.

SENATOR KIDANI SECURES CONTINUED FUNDING FOR THE "GROW OUR OWN TEACHERS" INITIATIVE

Change the lives of Hawai'i's youth and invest in education! The "Grow Our Own Teachers Initiative" is officially accepting applications from now until October 1st to become a teacher.

With the ease of online and evening courses you can earn your teaching license for grades 6-12 by completing a Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Teacher Education: Secondary Education and qualify for tuition stipends.

This initiative is open to Hawai'i residents with a bachelor's degree. Inquire with the contacts listed for more information and submit your application for Spring 2020.

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ONLINE AND EVENING COURSES NO CAREER INTERRUPTION

- Qualify for tuition stipends
- Complete a Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Teacher Education: Secondary Education
- Earn an initial teaching license for grades 6-12

**Open to Hawai'i residents who hold a bachelor's degree*



Beginning Spring 2020 | Application Deadline: October 1, 2019



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'TOGETHER FOR OUR KEIKI' CONFERENCE



I had the pleasure of attending the 'Together for Our Keiki' conference put on by the Department of Education Office of Student Support Services.

This wonderful conference offered teachers, administrators, and other DOE employees the opportunity to hear and learn best-practices, network and connect with each other, and get the latest requirements for staying in compliance with State and Federal regulations.

KA'ALA SCHOLARS PROGRAM

I was honored to attend University of Hawai'i at West O'ahu's Ka'ala Scholars Program ceremony to recognize the achievements of these dedicated students.

The Ka'ala Scholars Program connects high school students from the Nanakuli-Wai'anae Complex Area during the summer to earn college credits through project-based learning integrated with college level course content. Through the program they further their academic endeavors and become better equipped with academic skills to further their educational pursuits.



CTE PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Congratulations to Waipahu High School student **Ian Henry Acosta**, who was one of only twenty seniors nationwide that were awarded the Career and Technical Education's Presidential Scholarship.

Ian will be attending Brown University in the fall. We wish him all the best in his exciting next chapter and in all of his future endeavors!



"ONE" WORLD CHAMPION



I was proud to present Mililani resident **Christian Lee** with a certificate to congratulate him on becoming the youngest world champion in the MMA "ONE" World Champion in Singapore at 20 years old. **Christian** comes from a family of talented, dedicated athletes who are highly successful in the world of mixed martial arts. He follows in the footsteps of his sister **Angela Lee** who was the 2018 ONE Womens Atomweight champion title holder, making history for them as the first brother and sister world champions in the sport. Congratulations **Christian!**

MISS HAWAI'I SCHOLARSHIP PAGEANT



Congratulations to our office manager, **Dancia Honda**, who, as Miss Chinese Jaycees, participated with tremendous poise in the 75th Annual Miss Hawaii Scholarship Program.

We were thrilled to watch her shine onstage throughout the pageant and especially during the talent segment, where she performed a comedy monologue titled "Beyond Expectations."

Dancia has demonstrated incredible dedication to the community through various charitable efforts like the Glam Jam, which offered free makeovers for Wai'anae and Waipahu High School seniors attending senior prom and events where she represented as Miss Chinese Jaycees. We are so proud of her journey to the stage.

HONORING REPRESENTATIVE MARK TAKAI



On July 16th we shared a heartfelt throwback to commemorate the third anniversary of my friend and colleague, **Representative Mark Takai**, who passed away after a hard-fought battle with pancreatic cancer in 2016. This memory captures us in front of a Satoru Abe painting. Once hung in **Representative Takai's** office in the House, he moved it to my office before he left to serve in Congress. He is dearly missed and remembered always for his service to our country and to our Hawai'i.

HAWAI'I BLOOD BANK DONATIONS

Blood is made up of 3 components

PLASMA
Carries blood cells, water and nutrients

55%

PLATELETS
Help the clotting process

RED BLOOD CELLS
Deliver oxygen, remove carbon dioxide

44%

According to the Hawai'i Blood Bank, blood donations drop by 15% every summer but the need for blood in Hawai'i's hospitals never stops. Blood is made up of red blood cells (which deliver oxygen and remove carbon dioxide from the body), plasma (which carries blood cells, water and nutrients throughout the body and platelets (which help with the clotting process.) These platelets are powerful cells that heal the body from injuries and help with blood clotting for the likes of car accidents, traumas, surgeries and cancer treatments. Photo courtesy of ADRP Give Blood.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS TO BE A BLOOD DONOR:

- Good health
- 18 years of age or older (16-17 year old donors are required to bring a signed Blood Bank of Hawai'i parent/legal guardian consent form)
- 110 pounds or more (Additional height/weight requirements for female donors 16-18 yrs old)
- Photo ID with date of birth

MILILANI DONATION DATES/LOCATIONS:

7/27	10:00am-2:00pm	UFC Gym Mililani
7/27	2:00pm-6:00pm	The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
8/10	7:00am-11:00pm	Mililani Marketplace
8/21	3:00pm-7:00pm	Mililani Marketplace
8/24	2:00pm-6:00pm	LDS Mililani Hawaii Stake
8/24	9:00am-1:00pm	Mililani Marketplace

WAIPAHU DONATION DATES/LOCATIONS:

8/11	8:00am-1:00pm	Calvary Chapel
8/11	7:00am-12:00pm	Resurrection of the Lord Catholic Church Waipio
8/12	3:00pm-7:00pm	Waikele Community Center
8/18	7:00am-11:00pm	Waikele Community Center
8/26	3:00pm-7:00pm	Waikele Community Center