



Neighborhood Board Report

REPRESENTATIVE HENRY AQUINO

District 38 – Waipahu



Chair: Transportation
Committee Member: Housing, Consumer Protection & Commerce

Aloha!

I hope you all have had a wonderful and joyous holiday season! This year will mark my ninth year as a member of the State House of Representatives. I express my sincerest gratitude to the community for your continuous support and confidence.

As we welcome the new year, I will be gearing up for this upcoming legislative session.

A couple of issues that I would like to address during this session:

- 1) Providing resources needed for our area’s public schools
- 2) Improving our state’s transportation systems, freeways, and highways

A bill that I co-introduced last session regarding moped safety checks and registration has gone into effect this month. The newsletter will contain more information about the new law.

May this year bring you good health and success. Please know that I will continue to work hard to address the needs of our community.

Sincerely,

2017 Legislative Timetable

JANUARY

- 18th Opening Day
- 20th Deadline for organizations to submit grant and subsidy requests to the Legislature
- 23rd State of the State Address

FEBRUARY

- 17th First Lateral (Bills)
- 20th President’s Day
- 23rd Start of mandatory 5-day recess
- 29th End of mandatory 5-day recess

MARCH

- 3rd First Decking for non-fiscal bills
- 9th First Crossover (Bills)
- 13th Budget Decking
- 15th Budget Crossover
- 24th Second Lateral (Bills)
- 27th Holiday: Kuhio Day

APRIL

- 6th First Crossover (Concurrent Resos)
- 7th Second Decking (Bills)
- 14th Holiday: Good Friday
- 24th Second Crossover (Concurrent Resos)
- 27th Final Decking (Non-Fiscal Bills)
- 28th Final Decking (Fiscal Bills)

MAY

- 4th Adjournment Sine Die (Session Pau!)



LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

New Moped Law in Effect Beginning January 1st

Moped owners statewide are now required to register their mopeds and complete a safety inspection starting this year and annually thereafter.

The new law is designed to make our roads safer. It was introduced during the 2016 legislative session and later signed into law by Gov. David Ige.

Owners will receive a registration notice 45 days prior to the registration deadline. The deadline to inspect and register the moped will be the month that it was originally licensed. The moped must still be registered and inspected even if the notice was not received.

Mopeds will need to be safety inspected prior to registration. The initial inspection will indicate a lack of registration and the owner will be issued a failed safety inspection certificate.

Deficiencies that were discovered during the inspection must be corrected and re-inspected. The failed inspection certificate must be taken to satellite city hall to register the moped and pay the \$32.50 fee (\$27.00 for registration, \$5.00 for plate, \$.50 for emblem). The license plate must be placed on the rear of the moped.

The moped owner must return to the safety inspection with the new registration in order to receive a safety inspection certificate and decal.

An annual registration reminder will be sent to registered owners 45 days before the expiration date.

For more information, please go to www.honolulu.gov/csd.

2017 Bill Introduction Highlights

Rep. Aquino has introduced over 30 bills this year relating to transportation, state facility needs in Waipahu and other community needs. Here are some bills to look out for this session:

HB724– Increases the fines for violations of operating a vehicle while under the influence of an intoxicant

HB731– Appropriates funds for capital improvement projects for the benefit of the 38th Representative District.

HB902– Appropriates general funds for 6.0 FTE positions for the UH Pamantasan Council to promote access and diversity, including for programs and policies related to Philippine courses and Filipino students.

HB1256– Appropriates funds for grants to maintain and expand the weed and seed strategy, which is a collaborative effort to reclaim, restore, and rebuild communities.

HB1260– Requires county and municipal planning organizations to incorporate transportation mode share targets into county and municipal plans.

REMINDERS!

Preschool Open Doors



Applications for the Preschool Open Doors (POD) program will be soon be available for the 2017-2018 school year. They will be accepted from January 23rd through March 31st. POD provides child care payments for eligible families so their child can get a head start on their education prior to kindergarten. Families affected by the new kindergarten entry age are encouraged to apply. Applications will be available online and must be submitted to the PATCH office before the deadline. For more information, please visit the PATCH Hawaii website.

Pauahi Keiki Scholarship

The deadline to apply for the Pauahi Keiki Scholarship (PKS) is on February 17th. This scholarship is provided by Kamehameha Schools. It provides child care subsidies for eligible families who is enrolling their children in one of KS' collaborating preschools. For more information and to access the application, please visit the Kamehameha Schools website.

New Committee Assignments for 2017-2018

(Descriptions as noted in House Rules for 29th State Legislature)

Transportation, Continuing as Chair- The scope shall be those programs relating to air, ground, and water transportation.

Housing, Committee Member- The scope shall be those programs relating to housing development financing, assistance for homebuyers and renters, affordable and rental housing, public housing, and other pertinent matters referred to it by the House.

Consumer Protection & Commerce, Committee Member- The scope shall be those programs relating to consumer protection, the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, the regulation of trade, business, professions, occupations, and utilities, the Residential Landlord-Tenant Code, condominiums, housing cooperatives, and planned communities, and other pertinent matters referred to it by the House.



Rep. Aquino taking the oath of office (second from left)