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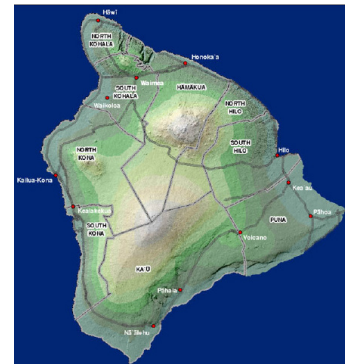
E-NEWS LETTER

COUNTY POPULATION FACTS

The U.S. Census Bureau released population estimates for Hawai'i County on March 22, 2018. The data includes total county population and the components of population changes, but no details by age, sex, and race are available at this time.

Interesting fact, our population is now estimated at 200,381.

http://files.hawaii.gov/dbedt/census/popestimate/2017-county-population-hawaii/County_Pop_Fact_2017_Final.pdf
http://files.hawaii.gov/dbedt/census/popestimate/2017-county-population-hawaii/2017_daily_est_hi.pdf



CHANGES TO HAWAII FOREST RESERVE ACTIVITIES



In light of evolving natural resource concerns and the needs of managers and people, the DLNR Division of Forestry and Wildlife (DOFAW) is proposing updates to rules regulating activities within Hawaii's Forest Reserve System. DOFAW is now inviting input and comments.

Information hearings will be held in Kona on April 24th, at West Hawaii Civic Center - Community Meeting Hale. For more information, visit: <http://dlnr.hawaii.gov/forestry/frs/rulechange/>

IMPROVEMENTS TO KEALAKEKUA BAY

A State planning process is moving forward to balance the preservation of the cultural values and historical sites with the recreational use of Kealakekua Bay. Interested community members are invited to discuss the draft environmental impact statement (DEIS) for Kealakekua Bay State Historical Park on Hawaii island at a meeting to be held on Saturday, April 14, 2018 at Konawaena Elementary School. The draft EIS has been published and is available at the Office of Environmental Quality Control website:

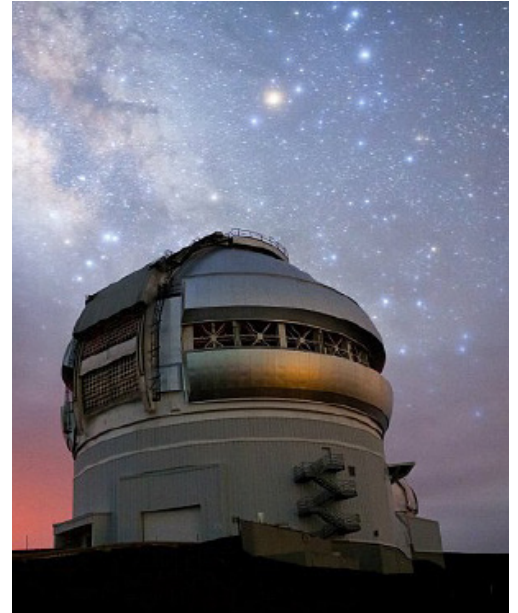
http://oeqc2.doh.hawaii.gov/EA_EIS_Library/2018-03-08-HA-DEIS-Kealakekua-Bay-Master-Plan.pdf



PISCES STAR PROGRAM

The Pacific International Space Center for Exploration Systems (PISCES) is now accepting applications from eligible High School girls to participate in the 2018 Women's STARS (STem Aerospace Research Scholars) Program. This week-long summer intensive aims to encourage more young women to pursue careers and studies in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) by exposing them to the lives and work of successful female scientists, engineers and educators.

Interested students may download the application and related forms for submission at: www.pacificspacecenter.com/2018-stars-program **The deadline to apply is June 18, 2018**



ENVISION MAUNA KEA



A bill is moving through the Legislature which establishes a new Mauna Kea management authority and limits the number of telescopes that may be authorized on Mauna Kea.

The current authority on Mauna Kea, the Office of Mauna Kea Management has just released its own version of how they plan to continue to manage the mountain. The plan is The result of two years of effort, and 15 'aha kuka listening sessions plus written submissions involving over 100 diverse Hawai'i Island voices, the Report delivers great insight into the complexities surrounding Maunakea's past, present, and future.

To view the plan, click here:

<http://www.envisionmaunakea.org/hui-hoolohe/hui-hoolohe-report/>

APRIL LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR

Sine die, the last day of the legislative session, is on Thursday, May 3rd. During the month of April, the House and the Senate meet to discuss and negotiate priorities and bill language. If you are interested in tracking the legislation, visit our website at: <https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/>. From there you may click on the 'Reports and Lists' tab and scroll down to check up on the bills and their status.

