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Aloha Friends:

As the end of 2015 draws near, I hope that you and your families had a wonderful Christmas enjoying this special time together. After the excitement of the holidays ends, the upcoming 2016 legislature will soon be in session as we begin on January 20, 2015. Please join me, my family and my staff for the opening day ceremony of the Twenty-Eighth Legislature. The ceremony begins at 10:00 a.m. and light refreshments will be served after the ceremony in my office, room 418.

If you have any ideas for possible legislation, please feel free to contact our office as soon as possible. It can often take several weeks to research and draft a bill.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support and for allowing me the honor and privilege of serving as your state representative. Should you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please feel free to contact me at 586-78500, or via email at rephar@capitol.hawaii.gov.

Wishing you and your Ohana a safe and prosperous New Year!

Malama Pono,

CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING

Please be sure to properly dispose of Christmas trees. When placing trees in your green waste bin, keep in mind that the tree should fit completely inside. Cut your trees into three-foot lengths and trim branches so that they fall freely into the cart. If you find cutting your Christmas tree is too burdensome, you may drop it off at the nearest City Convenience Center. For Convenience Center information visit:

http://www.opala.org/solid_waste/Drop_off_Centers_for_Refuse.html

HONORING COMMUNITY MEMBERS



On December 5, 2015, Representative Har and Senator Gabbard honored the founders of the "Live and Let Live, Drive Safe 4Ewa/Kapolei" event with certificates from the legislature. As a victim of a drunk driving crash, this event is very special to Rep. Har.



Rep. Har and her husband Dr. Vince Todd were in Monterey, California earlier this month, to attend and celebrate the wedding of Rep. Har's brother.



PARTICIPATE IN YOUR DEMOCRACY

In 1990, the Hawaii State Legislature established the Public Access Room (PAR) to provide the public with necessary resources for participation in the legislative process. It is the first stop for Hawaii’s citizens when working with the Legislature— whether from home, office or at the Capitol. They are deeply non-partisan and maintain their objectivity in order to serve the needs of those who use their facilities and services. There is never a fee for services.

Beginning on January 5, 2016, PAR will be holding “We the Powerful!” workshops every Tuesday from 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 pm. The 90-minute workshop ends with time for focus and collaboration on matters of interest to the participants. The flexible nature of the workshop provides a useful start for newcomers as well as information and inspiration for veterans of the legislative process.

Topics covered by the workshop include:

- Tips and techniques on effective lobbying, testimony and communication with Senators and Representatives.
- Understanding the legislative process deadlines and power dynamics.
- Easy to use tools available on the Legislature’s website.
- Helpful handouts, guides and resources.

Here's a brief glimpse of what's to come in a bill's life...



In order for a bill to become law it must be introduced by a legislator

AND

COMMITTEE HEARINGS

⇒ Successfully pass through all the committees the House and Senate refer it to



AND

FLOOR VOTES

⇒ Successfully pass three readings (votes) in both the House and Senate chambers (where all the members convene)



AND

FINAL AGREEMENT

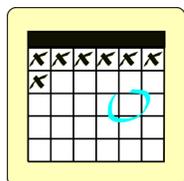
⇒ Have both the House and Senate agree on its exact wording



ENACTMENT

AND

⇒ Be signed or allowed to become law by the Governor, or have the House and Senate successfully override the Governor's veto (if vetoed, need 2/3 of each chamber to vote to override in order for bill to become law)



DEADLINES

AND

⇒ It must do all of this, while adhering to strict legislative deadlines!



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