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District 42 Update

Kapolei - Makakilo

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Dear Friends and Neighbors:

I hope you and your families are well.

At the Capitol, we continue to work through the legislative session. We are preparing for the first crossover on March 7th. In this issue, I have included a list of bills I have introduced for the 2013 legislative session. You can access up to date information on any bills, resolutions, or anything relating to the state legislature through the legislative website : <http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/>

This has been a very productive session so far, and we have much more to do before the session adjourns on May 2, 2013.

As always, please contact me at rephar@capitol.hawaii.gov or 808-586-8500 with any concerns or questions.

Aloha,

Sharon Har
Representative, District 42
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Bills introduced by Rep. Har

Below is a list of bills which I have introduced for the 2013 legislative session.

Rental Motor Vehicle Surcharge Tax; Car-sharing Organizations (HB551 HD2 SB726 HD1) Requires the rental motor vehicle surcharge tax for car-sharing organizations to be prorated at 12.5 cents per hour for rentals of less than six hours and at existing per day rates at or longer than six hours. Defines car-sharing organization.

Economic Development; Tax Credits; Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation (HB553 SB740) Creates tax credits as an incentive for companies to expand or locate their operations in Hawaii and increase employment. Provides for an application and agreement process with the Department of Taxation and Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation to obtain the tax credits.

Public Infrastructure; Smart Growth (HB555 HD1 SB707) Establishes the state smart growth public infrastructure policy. Requires state agencies involved in the planning, development and financing of public infrastructure to consider smart growth criteria prior to approving or financing any public infrastructure projects. Requires the executive officers of each state agency involved in the planning, development, and financing of public infrastructure projects to attest that a project meets the smart growth criteria or prepare a statement of justification. Requires each state agency involved in the planning, development and financing of public infrastructure to create a smart growth advisory committee. Precludes any private right of action.

High Technology; Tax Credit for Research Activities (HB559 HD1 SB1349 SD1) Extends the tax credit for qualified research activities for an additional five years. Clarifies the method of calculating the tax credit. Amends the definition of "qualified high technology business". Repeals existing certification requirements and establishes new reporting requirements. Requires the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT) to conduct studies to measure the effectiveness of the tax credit and submit reports to the Legislature.

Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation; Hawaii Community Development Authority; Development Credits; Urban Gardening (HB560 HD1 SB719) Establishes a framework and financial incentives for new and existing housing projects to incorporate urban gardening designs (traditional gardening, vertical gardening, aquaponics etc.).

DLNR; Watershed Initiatives (HB561 SB712) Establishes a "green" work force within the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) to focus on the rehabilitation of island watersheds whose activities include, but are not limited to: removal and control of invasive plant and animal species and reforestation with watershed-appropriate plants. The activities under the watershed initiative are intended to increase water availability for future generations under warming climate conditions.

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Save the Date: Talk Story with Rep. Har

Please join me on **Saturday, March 16, 2013, 9:00-10:00 a.m.**
Kapolei High School
Teachers' Lounge

Bills Introduced by Representative Har (cont.)

General Excise Tax; Monthly, Quarterly or Semiannual Returns; Payments (HB563 SB350) Amends the date of filing of monthly, quarterly and semiannual general excise tax returns from the twentieth day of the calendar, quarterly, or semi-annual month to the last day.

Media Infrastructure Project Tax Credit (HB566 HD1 SB750 SD1) Establishes an income tax credit for qualified media infrastructure projects to create an incentive for the development of a film studio adjacent to the UH-West Oahu campus. The film studio would have a synergistic relationship students majoring in creative media and other related disciplines.

Elections Commission; Oversight of the Chief Election Officer (HB568 SB853) Specifies the duty of the elections commission to provide oversight of the chief elections officer. This oversight capacity is intended prevent future occurrences of Election Day irregularities, such as the shortage of ballots at voting precincts.

Taxation; General Excise Tax; Subcontractors; Exemption; Repeal (HB1194 HD1) Restores the general excise tax exemption for subcontractors that was suspended during the Great Recession.

'Ulu'ulu: The Henry Ku'ualoha Giugni Moving Image Archive; Hawaii Moving Images; Special Fund; Appropriation (\$) (HB1392 HD1 SB678 SB1) Assigns funds for the 'Ulu'ulu: The Henry Ku'ualoha Giugni Moving Image Archive of Hawai'i to support the activities of the moving image archive located on the campus of UH-West Oahu. Prior to the archive, film and video tapes were stored in boxes and in danger of being lost. The archive is intended to preserve these pieces of island history by restoring the film and digitization of these images for future generations to use.



Opening Day festivities on Jan. 16, 2013 brought many constituents and former constituents to the Capitol, among them - **Top Left:** Pastor Guy Kapeliela of Hope Chapel Second City and Pastor Allen Cardines of Hope Chapel Nanakuli. **Top right:** Makakilo residents Stan and Jean Maria; **Lower Left:** former constituent Col. Danny Melton; **Lower Right:** Carl Vicenti of Kapolei.

