

KAILUA NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD REPORT – March 2, 2017

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Dear Residents,

We are at the halfway point of the legislative session, and the House and Senate are preparing for the first crossover on March 9, when bills exchange chambers. This means that tomorrow is the last day that a bill can be heard before it is decked with the Clerk's Office. As Chair of the Committee on Veterans, Military and International Affairs and Culture and the Arts, I introduced legislation that benefits and honors our military and support the arts. At this point, I would like to give you a brief update on the status of some of the bills I have introduced and co-sponsored and that are moving forward..

MILITARY

HB 168— Appropriations related to memorials—Appropriates funds for the planning and design of a memorial to honor service members of recent conflicts in the Persian Gulf, Iraq, Afghanistan and the various areas of war on terrorism. Memorial to be located at the Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery.

HB 420 HD1— Veterans disability—Establishes the designation of 100 percent disabled veteran on drivers' licenses, instruction permits, and civil identification cards.

HB 1436—Appropriates \$75,000 to DAGS to update statewide standards for hurricane mitigation and secure a reimbursement grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.

HB 1438—Appropriates moneys for the commemoration of the centennial anniversary of World War I.

OTHER LEGISLATION

HB 547 HD2— Foreign Exchange Student, Fellow, and Intern; Income Tax Credit - Establishes an income tax credit for host families of foreign exchange students, fellows, and interns. (HB547 HD2)

HB 882—Exempts food and over-the-counter medications from general excise tax.

HB 1172 HD1—Fireworks—Clarifies that probable cause for arrests by law enforcement officers of fireworks offenders may be established based on witness statements

HB 1417 HD1— Water Security—Requires the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency to develop a post-disaster fresh drinking water security plan. Makes an appropriation. Requires a report to the legislature prior to the regular session of 2018.

HCR 25—Urges the Hawaii Community Development Authority to keep in perpetuity the Ehime Maru Memorial at its present location at Kakaako Waterfront park.

COMMUNITY

Maunawili Trail CUP Contested Hearings. –The City Zoning Board of Appeals held a meeting today at noon to set the schedule for the upcoming hearings related to Maunawili trail. Schedule is as follow: April 27, Petitioners (HRT) position statement; May 4, DPP Director's position statement; May 11, contested hearing.