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## A MESSAGE FROM GIL

Aloha Kakou,

I remain grateful to serve the people of Central Maui in the Hawai'i State Senate. Together with my colleagues from Maui, Senator J. Kalani English and Senator Rosalyn Baker, and our six Maui House members, we will work to respond to community concerns.

This interim, the Senate convened twice for Special Session—in September and November—to Consent to judicial appointments that filled eleven vacancies in the Intermediate Court of Appeals, Family Court, and Circuit Court, including a Circuit Court judge on Maui.

Additionally, the Ways and Means Committee traveled to Maui to visit state agencies, community colleges, hospitals, homeless resource centers, and local businesses that receive funding through the state budget or Grants-in-Aid for non-profits.

The Regular Session of the 30th Legislature opens on January 15, 2020. As the session draws near, our office is preparing measures for introduction. I invite you to complete our brief survey ranking the importance of various community issues. The survey can be found at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/K3PW33Q> or by using the QR code below and at the end of the newsletter.

As always, I welcome your comments about how our work at the Capitol affects your life on the Valley Isle. Mahalo for your continued attention to keeping Maui one of the best places to live, work, and raise our families.

Sincerely,

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Scan the QR code with your smartphone camera to take our short survey.

## VALLEY ISLE SITE VISIT

The Ways and Means Committee spent two days visiting Valley Isle facilities, connecting with state agencies and non-profits that receive funding from our committee.

### NISEI VETERANS MEMORIAL CENTER



The WAM committee toured the Nisei Veterans Memorial center and visited with artist Kirk Kurokawa in front of his AJA World War II Mural.

### KAHULUI AIRPORT CONRAC FACILITY



The WAM members visited the Consolidated Rent-a-Car Center at Kahului Airport with DOT District Manager Marvin Moniz.

### UH MAUI COLLEGE



Contractors who installed the photovoltaic farm briefed the WAM members on pursuing an energy net-zero campus.



Touring UH Maui College's Water Testing Lab with Ike Lea where the committee saw a demonstration of their testing equipment.



Chancellor Lui Hokoana hosted committee members at UH Maui College.

### HALE MAKUA HEALTH SERVICES



Hale Makua CEO Wes Lo and his board described consolidation planned for its campuses.



Touring Hale Makua's campus in Central Maui.

### MAUI MEMORIAL MEDICAL CENTER



Maui Health Systems CEO Mike Rembis updated WAM members on renovations and operations at the hospital.

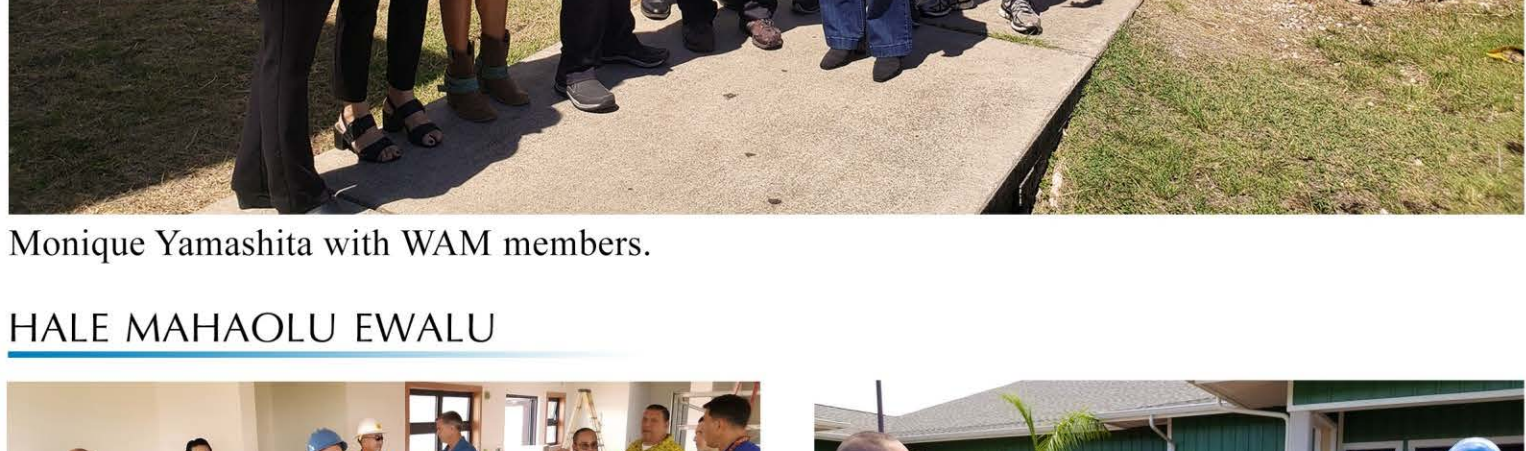
### KA HALE A KE OLA HOMELESS RESOURCE CENTER



Ka Hale A Ke Ola Executive Director Monique Yamashita and her board outlined the status of renovating facilities at its Central Maui shelter.



Monique Yamashita briefed members before a tour of the campus.



Monique Yamashita with WAM members.

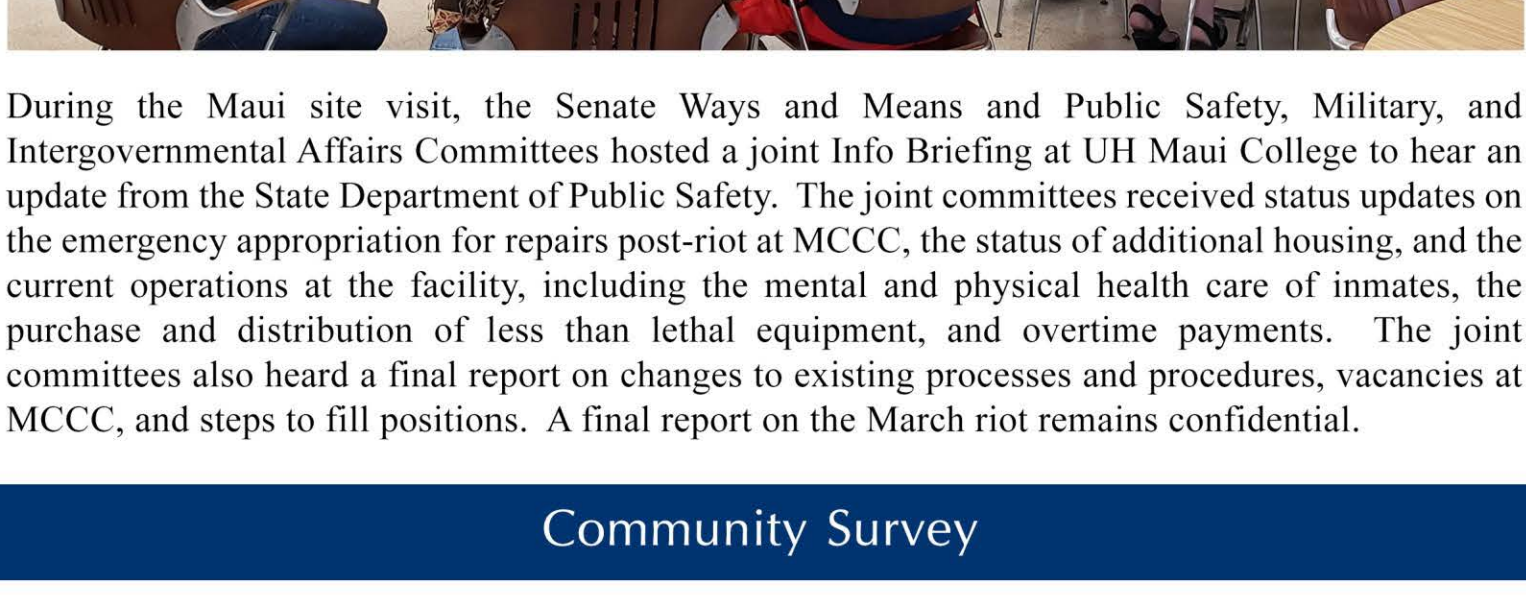
### HALE MAHAOLU EWALU



Hale Mahaolu CEO Grant Chun updated WAM members at its Pukalani Senior Housing project.



## MAUI COMMUNITY CORRECTIONAL CENTER INFO BRIEFING



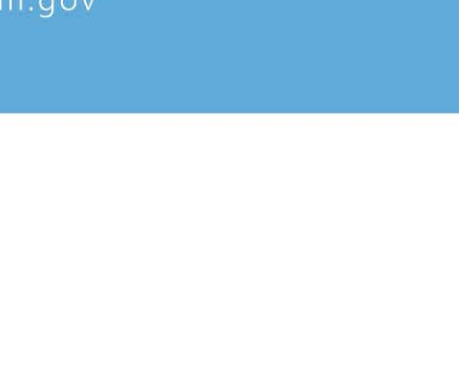
During the Maui site visit, the Senate Ways and Means and Public Safety, Military, and Intergovernmental Affairs Committees hosted a joint Info Briefing at UH Maui College to hear an update from the State Department of Public Safety. The joint committees received status updates on the emergency appropriation for repairs post-riot at MCCC, the status of additional housing, and the current operations at the facility, including the mental and physical health care of inmates, the purchase and distribution of less than lethal equipment, and overtime payments. The joint committees also heard a final report on changes to existing processes and procedures, vacancies at MCCC, and steps to fill positions. A final report on the March riot remains confidential.

## Community Survey

Is there a Central Maui issue that you would like to share with us? We want to hear from you!

Go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/K3PW33Q> or simply point your smartphone camera at the QR code to take our brief survey.

Mahalo for participating in our democratic process!



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