



Legislative Wrap-Up

SENATOR MAILE SHIMABUKURO / DISTRICT 21
Kalaeloa, Honokai Hale, Ko Olina, Nānākuli, Mā'ili, Wai'anae, Mākaha, Mākua

AGRICULTURE

SB1060 SD2 HD1 CD1 - Allows for agricultural loans to be administered for livestock biosecurity projects.

HB573 SD1 CD1 - Department of Agriculture: Establishes and appropriates funding for the Hawaii Good Agricultural Practices Program to develop and support good agricultural practices for Hawaii farms growing agricultural food products.

SB376 SD2 HD1 CD1 - Establishes and appropriates funds for the Hawaii Farm to School Program and a Farm to School Coordinator position.



Sen. Shimabukuro's keiki enjoying the Wai'anae Farmer's Market: Tyce, Jaedyn, and Keani.

COMMERCE & CONSUMER PROTECTION

HB576 HD1 SD1 CD1 - Narrows the scope of work of the State Innovation Waiver Task Force to facilitate the development of an Affordable Care Act waiver in a timely manner.

SB118 SD1 HD2 CD1 - Requires, and appropriates funds for, DBEDT, with the assistance of DOTAX, to study the impact of real estate investment trusts in Hawaii.

SB661 SD2 HD1 CD1 - Requires the department of business, economic development, and tourism to hire a Hawaii unmanned aerial systems test site chief operating officer to, among other things, serve on the Pan-Pacific Unmanned Aerial Systems Test Range Complex management team. Establishes an advisory board to oversee and manage unmanned aerial systems test site operations.



Sen. Shimabukuro presented a certificate to the Women of Wai'anae, who received the "President's Award" from Hawaii Women Lawyers at the Plaza Club on 4/17/15. L-R: Sally Ford, Mae Chung, Sharon Sandell, Karen Young, Priscilla Maynard, Donna Costa, and Sue Carpenter.

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

HB10 HD2 SD2 CD1 - Authorizes Department of Education employees and agents to volunteer to administer auto-injectable epinephrine to a student with anaphylaxis in an emergency situation and to assist in the testing and management of diabetes for students. Allows students with diabetes to self-test and self-manage their illness. Requires Department of Education to report on the status of implementation.

SB791 SD1 HD2 CD1 - Requires health insurers, mutual benefit societies, and health maintenance organizations to provide coverage for autism diagnosis and treatment.

SB226 SD2 HD1 - Abuse of a Family or Household Member; No Contact Order: Adds the definition of "business day" to the offense of abuse of a family or household

member. Repeals the 48-hour no contact provision and specifies that the period of separation a police officer orders for the person whom the police officer reasonably believes to have inflicted the abuse of a family or household member commences when the order is issued and expires at 6:00 p.m. on the second business day following the day the order was issued.



On April 15, 2015 the Senate Hawaiian Affairs Committee voted to Advise & Consent to Gov. Ige's nominations to the DHHL commission. Under the new Senate leadership, Sen. Shimabukuro will continue as Chairwoman of the Hawaiian Affairs Committee. Front row, L-R: Kehau and Pili-aloa Hew Len, Beatrice Uilani Hew Len, DHHL Director Jobie Masagatani, DHHL Commissioner Doreen Canto, DHHL Commissioner Kathleen Chin, and Sen. Lorraine Inouye. Back row, L-R: Kamaki Kanahale, Stacelynn Eli, Sen. Maile Shimabukuro, DHHL Commissioner Michael Kahikina, and Sen. Brickwood Galuteria.

HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

SB434 SD2 HD1 - OHA Package; Agriculture; Hawaii State Plan: Includes traditional Hawaiian farming systems, traditional Hawaiian crops, and small-scale farming to the Hawaii state plan objectives and policies for the economy.

HB206 HD2 SD1 CD1 - OHA Package; Hawaii Plants: Subject to exceptions, requires all plans, designs, and specifications for new or renovated landscaping of State-developed buildings, complexes, facilities, or housing to incorporate specified percentages of Hawaiian plants.

HB207 HD2 SD2 CD1 - OHA Package; Native Hawaiian and Hawaiian Rights; Training Course: Requires OHA to administer a training course on native Hawaiian and Hawaiian rights. Requires members of certain state councils, boards, and commissions to attend the training course.

SB1166 SD2 HD2 - Clarifies that preparation, burial, or cremation of a corpse in a manner consistent with traditional Hawaiian cultural customs and practices shall not constitute the offense of abuse of a corpse.

SR96 SD1 - Requesting the Department of Health to develop and implement administrative rules and policies to facilitate and encourage traditional Hawaiian burials.

SR14 - Requesting the Governor to order the exclusive display of the flag of Hawaii over state buildings on January 17 of each year.

HUMAN SERVICES

HB448 HD1 SD1 CD1 - Women's Legislative Caucus Package; Domestic Violence Fatality Reviews: Requires the Department of Health (DOH) to conduct reviews of domestic violence fatalities, near-deaths, and suicides. Authorizes DOH to enter into memoranda of understanding to obtain information relating to near-deaths resulting from intimate partner violence.

SB273 SD2 HD2 CD1 - Requires the examiner of drivers to accept a sworn statement from a victim services organization, an attorney, a member of the clergy, correctional institution staff, a medical or health professional, or a verification letter from a homeless service provider as documentary evidence of a homeless person's address. Requires the Director of Transportation's rules to direct the examiner of drivers to waive all fees for original or renewal identification cards for homeless individuals upon verification of homeless status. Establishes a working group to develop a plan to enable homeless individuals in the State to obtain necessary documentary evidence.



Sen. Shimabukuro met with representatives from WCCHC in May 2015. L-R: Dan Gomes, Amy Asselbayer, Anthony Guerrero, Sen. Shimabukuro, and Rich Bettini.

HEALTH

SB982 SD1 HD2 - Good Samaritan Policies; Medical Amnesty; Controlled Substances: Establishes limited immunity for individuals who seek medical assistance for themselves or others experiencing a drug or alcohol overdose or other medical emergency.

SB1030 SD1 HD2 - Increases the minimum age for sale, possession, consumption, or purchase of tobacco products or electronic smoking devices from eighteen to twenty-one. Defines "tobacco products" to include electronic smoking devices.

SCR107 SD1 HD1 - Requesting the convening of a family caregivers working group to examine and assess legislation relating to the role of caregivers of patients discharged from hospitals.

SB768 SD1 HD1 - In Vitro Fertilization Procedure Coverage; Infertility Disability: Provides insurance coverage equality for women who are diagnosed with infertility by making available to them expanded treatment options, ensuring adequate and affordable health care services. Measure has gained international attention, will carry over into 2016 session, and has caused HMSA and Kaiser to remove the marriage requirement from their IVF policies.



NFL-YET Nānākuli Boys & Girls Club brought their Youth of the Year finalists to meet legislators. L-R: Kekoa Tupua, Ashley Guerrero, Torae Redd, Senator Shimabukuro, Kiana Redd and Lala Fernandez

EDUCATION

HB820 HD2 SD1 CD1 - Establishes the Executive Office on Early Learning Public Prekindergarten Program to be administered by the Executive Office on Early Learning and provided through Department of Education public schools and public charter schools.



On 1/23/15, Maui High School exchange student Verencya Oktaviani, age 17, was selected to shadow Sen. Shimabukuro and her staff for a day at the state capitol. Verencya was one of many participants with the International Hospitality Center's Kennedy-Lugar Youth Exchange & Study (YES) Program. The program advances mutual understanding between the U.S. and countries with significant Muslim populations by bringing students (ages 15-17) to the U.S. to study at a high school and live with a volunteer American host family for up to one year. L-R: Stacy Garcia, Jr.; Sen. Shimabukuro; Verencya Oktaviani; Colleen Tera-mae; and Lopaka Baptiste took a photo on the Senate floor.

HB1251 HD1 SD2 CD1 - Requires state departments, upon the closure of facilities, to consider the facility's suitability for use by public charter schools or early learning programs that are affiliated with a public charter school, and to notify the Superintendent and State Public Charter School Commission of the availability and suitability of the facility. Requires more detailed annual reporting by the BOE on public charter school funding. Establishes a Charter School Facilities Funding Working Group, exempt from Chapter 92, HRS, within the DOE to operate in an advisory capacity on issues regarding charter school facilities funding.

SB1345 HD1 CD1 - DOE; Multi-Track Schools: Requires the department of education to develop a transition plan to end multi-track schedules in public schools and report to the legislature regarding the plan and any proposed legislation. Appropriates funds to the department of education for the purpose of developing a transition plan to end multi-track schedules in public schools

HOUSING

HB1140 HD1 SD2 CD1 - Income Tax Credit; Cesspool Upgrade, Conversion, or Connection: Provides a temporary income tax credit for the cost of upgrading or converting a qualified cesspool to a septic system or an aerobic treatment unit system, or connecting to a sewer system. Permits DOH, as a pilot program, to certify no more than 2 residential large capacity cesspools as qualified cesspools. Defines terms. Effective 7/1/2015. Sunsets 12/31/2020.

HB830 HD1 SD1 CD1 - Creates an exemption from DLNR historic review for proposed projects on privately-owned single-family detached dwelling units or townhouses that meet certain criteria. Defines "dwelling unit", "single-family detached dwelling unit", and "townhouse".

HB277 HD1 SD1 CD1 - Infrastructure; Community Facilities Districts: Allows counties to use community facilities districts as a method for repayment of infrastructure development loans administered by the Hawaii housing finance and development corporation to help support infrastructure for affordable housing developments.



Buffalo Kealauna and Sen. Shimabukuro on April 6, 2015 when the Legislature honored the original crewmembers of the Hokulea.

WATER AND LAND

HB393 HD2 SD2 - Hawaiian Fishponds: Waives DOH water quality certification requirement for restoration, repair, and operation of Hawaiian loko i'a (fishponds) that are permitted under the Statewide Programmatic General Permit process, administered by the DLNR.

SCR55 SD1/SR24 SD1 - Requesting the Aha Moku Advisory Committee to engage stakeholders in order to develop and adopt rules for its operation and administration.

HCR68 - Requesting the Aquatic Resources and Division of Conservation and Resources Enforcement to collaborate with federal partner agencies to protect important state marine resources.

HCR119 - Requesting a study of limu and reef fish decline in certain areas of the Ewa coast of Oahu.

LABOR

HB1168 HD1 SD1 - DLNR; DOBOR: Authorizes the boating special fund to be used to pay for the hiring of full- or part-time positions for the planning, development, management, operations, or maintenance of lands and improvements under the control and management of the board.

SB1324 SD2 HD1 - Provides statutory authority for the ERS Administrator to make direct payment of benefits to a former spouse of a member pursuant to valid court judgment, order, or decree for divorce. Allows for the ERS Administrator to assess a ten per cent administrative fee.

HB553 HD1 SD2 - Allows part-time and full-time graduate student assistants employed by UH to collectively



John Monis of the Hawaii Operating Engineer's Stabilization Fund met with Sen. Shimabukuro to discuss various labor-related bills. Sen. Shimabukuro is the Vice Chair of the Senate Judiciary and Labor Committee.

bargain their wages, hours, and other terms; provided that no collective bargaining agreement shall take effect prior to July 1, 2016. Requires UH and the relevant exclusive representatives to meet and report to the legislature.



Demont Conner of Ho'omana Pono and his wife Rachel Kailianu-Conner visited the Capitol often during the 2015 session to testify on various bills.

PUBLIC SAFETY

HB1343 HD1 SD1 - Appropriates moneys for the establishment of a business recovery center within the Department of Defense.

SB1211 SD1 HD1 - Increases the expenditure ceiling on Major Disaster Fund moneys. Requires the Adjutant General to report any allotment of fund moneys or any expenditure of Fund moneys to the Legislature within one month of the allotment or expenditure.

SB913 SD1 - Requires the department of public safety to collect data relating to the number of incoming offenders into the state correctional system who are parents, the number of children they have that are under the age of eighteen, and any other information that the department of public safety deems useful to facilitate services to incarcerated parents or their children.



Sen. Shimabukuro had the honor of introducing Retired U.S. Senator Daniel K. Akaka as a guest in the Senate Gallery on April 6, 2015.

VETERANS & MILITARY AFFAIRS

SB181 SD1 HD1 CD1 - Veterans; Wartime Internment; High School Diploma: Allows the department of education to continue, until June 30, 2020, awarding high school diplomas to qualified veterans who did not receive a high school diploma as a result of compulsory induction into active service in the armed services of the United States or any person whose high school education was interrupted due to wartime practices such as internment during World War II.

HB1153 SD2 CD1 - State Vehicle Registration Fee; Veterans; Exemption; Report: Exempts qualifying totally and permanently disabled veterans from paying the state motor vehicle registration fee. Requires the Director of the Office of Veterans Services to report the number of qualifying veterans to the Legislature and Department of Taxation.

SR44 SD1 - Urging Congress and the President of the United States to support the passage of legislation to expedite family unification for certain Filipino veterans of World War II.



On 4/2/15, Sen. Shimabukuro met with Mayor Caldwell. They discussed various City issues needing attention on the Wai'anae Coast, including the Wai'anae Coast Emergency Access Road, Ulehawa Canal, trucks at late night hours on Lualualei Naval Road. They also discussed HB134, which proposed to extend the rail tax.

TRANSPORTATION

HB 500 - Construction for improvements along Farrington Highway for alternative congestion relief and/or safety improvements along Farrington Highway between Honokai Hale and Hakimo Road. This project is deemed necessary to qualify for federal aid financing and/or reimbursement. (\$1m)

HB1010 HD1 SD2 CD1 - Authorizes the counties to

adopt an ordinance requiring employers to offer employees specified commuter benefits options.

SB1124 HD1 CD1 - Small Boat Harbors; Permit; Waitlist: Clarifies the requirements for obtaining a small boat harbor use permit to specify the documentary requirements to obtain a permit or to be placed on the permit waitlist. Authorizes vessel inspections by the DLNR to satisfy permit requirements.

SB225 SD1 - Amends the offense of habitually operating a vehicle under the influence of an intoxicant to include operating a vehicle under the influence of an intoxicant after at least one conviction within the previous ten years for habitually operating a motor vehicle under the influence of an intoxicant.



John Allen and Candy Suiso of Wai'anae High School's Searider Productions met with Maile at the Capitol to discuss their CIP request.

TECHNOLOGY

HB 500 - Construction to renovate, expand, and/or connect two existing Searider Productions Media Building (SP and T). Ground and site improvements; Equipment and Appurtenances (\$2m)

HB1069 HD1 SD2 CD1 - Authorizes and appropriates funds for HTDC to provide grants to businesses with a federal small business innovation research phase II or III award.

HB1513 HD1 SD2 CD1 - Authorizes the High Technology Development Corporation to provide 50 per cent matching grants to Hawaii awardees of alternative energy research grants from the Office of Naval Research.

HIGHER EDUCATION

SB387 SD2 HD3 CD1 - Establishes an affirmative consent task force to review and make recommendations on the University of Hawaii's executive policy on domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking.

SR97 SD1 - Requesting the University of Hawaii Office of the President and the College of Hawaiian Language to establish a working group to consider the restructuring of the College of Hawaiian Language and examine the expansion of Hawaiian language instruction throughout the University of Hawaii system.

SB374 SD2 HD2 CD1 - UH; DOE; Dual Credit Program: Renames the "running start program" as the "dual credit program". Broadens participation to include ninth and tenth graders. Broadens participation to include home-schooled students for courses offered on University of Hawaii campuses. Replaces a standardized test with an assessment. Repeals tuition and fees requirement.



Gov. David Ige visited Maile in her office on Opening Day

GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

SB1211 SD1 HD1 CD1 - Increases the expenditure ceiling on Major Disaster Fund moneys. Requires the Adjutant General to report any allotment of fund moneys or any expenditure of fund moneys to the Legislature within one month of the allotment or expenditure. Appropriates funds for deposit into the Major Disaster Fund.

HB179 HD1 SD1 CD1 - Specifies the in-state mailing address in a voter's registration record as the forwarding address for receiving absentee ballots permanently. Requires voters seeking to have permanent absentee ballots forwarded to another address to re-apply for an absentee ballot.

HB15 HD1 SD1 CD1 - Specifies that the Chief Election Officer is an at-will employee. Requires Elections Commission to provide notice and reason for removal of a Chief Election Officer. Requires a performance evaluation of the Chief Election Officer after a general election. Requires a public hearing on the Chief Election Officer's performance for purposes of considering reappointment. Creates a statewide standard for the distribution of absentee ballots.