

WAIPAHU NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD DISTRICT 38 WAIPAHU

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Greetings Board Members & Guests,

2015 marks the Twenty-eighth Legislature and my seventh year as your legislative representative. The start of the year usually is an opportunity for new beginnings or resolutions.

After serving four years as Chair of the House Committee on Public Safety, I was appointed to a new role as Chair of the House Transportation Committee for the 2015 session. This position provides me with the opportunity to develop policies to address the state's roadways, airports, and harbors. As a daily commuter from Leeward Oahu, I am very aware of the traffic and its impact on Hawaii drivers. As chair, I look forward to working with state, county and federal transportation officials, businesses, advocacy groups and residents to address critical issues.

I am also a member of the House Committees on Public Safety, Labor & Public Employment, Higher Education and Education. I hope we will continue to promote policy to ensure continued progress and innovation in these areas.

There is much work to be done this session; however, I will do my best to balance my new assignment, with existing committee and legislative responsibilities as well as ensure community needs are addressed. While challenging, I am confident that together we will be able to achieve great things for Waipahu.

I wish everyone success with their New Year's resolutions or goals. May this year bring you good health and prosperity. I look forward to working with you in support of our community and state.

Please call or contact me at 586-6520 or email repaquino@capitol.hawaii.gov if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rep. Aquino'.

NEW BEGINNINGS



Walgreens Waipahu celebrated its grand opening on January 4, 2015. Rep. Aquino transmitted a legislative certificate welcoming the company to the community.



University of Hawaii-West Oahu's
Fall Commencement Ceremony. Congratulations graduates!



Opening Day 2015

On January 21, 2015 the Hawaii State Legislature gathered to celebrate the start of the 28th Legislature. Rep. Aquino marks his seventh year as a legislator representing the 38th district, Waipahu.

Although a majority of the House of Representatives are returning, there are a handful of new members. In addition, Hawaii voters also elected a new governor.

The general public is always welcomed to participate in the legislative process. Many also attended the Opening Day ceremonies and met with lawmakers throughout the day.



Representative Aquino's Committee Clerk, Mie Omori delivers invocation for the start of session



Representative Aquino with members of Adult Foster Homecare Association of Hawaii



Representative Aquino with wife, Cyndi and youngest son, Quincy at opening day

2015 Legislative Timetable

January

- 21st Opening Day.
- 23rd Last day to introduce all packages of bills except for the State Executive Branch.
- 26th State of the State Address.
Last day to introduce the administration's package of bills (State Executive Branch).
- 27th One-day recess.
- 28th State of the Judiciary Address.
- 29th Last day for bill introductions.
- 30th Last day for organizations to submit grant & subsidy requests to the Legislature.
One-day recess.

February

- 11th One-day recess.
- 26th Start of Mandatory 5-day recess.

March

- 4th End of Mandatory 5-day recess
- 6th Filing deadline for First Decking. Last day to deck non-budget bills for Third Reading in the originating body.
- 9th One-day recess.
- 11th One-day recess.
- 12th First Crossover. Last day for Third Reading of bills in the originating body.
- 13th Last day to introduce substantive resolutions.
- 16th Filing deadline for budget bills.
- 18th Last day for Third Reading of budget bills in the originating body

April

- 9th First Crossover for concurrent resolutions. Last day to pass concurrent resolutions to the non-originating body.
- 10th Filing deadline for Second Decking. Last day to deck bills that were amended by the receiving (non-originating) body.
- 13th One-day recess
- 15th One-day recess
- 16th Second Crossover. Last day for Third Reading of bills that were amended by the receiving (non-originating) body. Disagree. Last day to disagree with the other body's drafts of bills.
- 24th Deadline for transmittal of final form of Constitutional Amendments to Governor.
- 27th Second Crossover for concurrent resolutions. Last day to pass concurrent resolutions that were amended by the receiving (non-originating) body.
- 30th Last day to file non-fiscal bills to deck for Final Reading.

May

- 1st Last day to file fiscal bills to deck for Final Reading
- 4th One-day recess.
- 6th One-day recess.
- 7th Adjournment Sine Die.



How to Participate in the Legislative Process

You fulfilled your civic duty and voted for your elected officials. Now what? In the spirit of democracy, it's key to take an active role in our government by participating in the legislative process.

Don't know where to start? In 1990, the Hawaii State Legislature made it easy for the public to participate in the legislative process by establishing the Public Access Room (PAR).

PAR also maintains a website, newsletters and information sheets with clear, accessible materials on the legislature and effective participation.

PAR, located at the state capitol, is a one-stop shop. For help with the legislative process, access to computers and reference materials, please visit Room 401.

If you are not able to visit the capitol, please call 587-0478, email par@capitol.hawaii.gov or visit the website, <http://lrbhawaii.org/par> for more information on PAR services and resources.



'Ike-Knowledge is Everywhere

Waipahu High School was showcased in the inspirational documentary 'Ike-Knowledge is Everywhere'. Throughout its personal and emotional segments, 'Ike' is a celebratory film about the power of compassion, collaboration and community to help improve Hawaii's educational system.

This documentary highlights how Waipahu High School, guided by a visionary principal, transforms itself into a laboratory of innovation. Four students chronicle their journey from hardship to success and provide hope and a pathway to a brighter future for all.



'Ike-Knowledge is Everywhere screening at the State Capitol

The film was part of the Fall Honolulu International Film Festival. A special screening was held at the state capitol in December. Congratulations to WHS students, Keith Hayashi, principal as well as the faculty, administrators, staff, parents, and community.



Hawaii Gas Site Visit

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Hawaii Gas hosted several legislators including Rep. Aquino during a site visit to the company's Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) operations as well as share the company's plans to bring low-cost natural gas to Hawaii.

Pictured at left is Rep. Aquino and Hawaii Gas President and CEO Alicia Moy. Pictured below includes Hawaii Gas Alicia Moy, Senator Brickwood Galuteria, and Rep. Ty Cullen, Speaker Emeritus Calvin Say, Rep. Aquino and Hawaii Gas employees and legislative staff.

Upcoming Events

Carnival of Hearts

Date: Wednesday, February 11th

Events Scheduled

5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Mask Decorating Contest*

6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Kiddie Carnival
with Valentine Doodles by Allen Tsukamoto

6:30 to 6:45 p.m.

Judging and Prizes with entertainment by
The Five-O's Magic Group
FREE! NO registration required.
Contest open to ages Pre-K to 12th grade

Family Movie Night @ Waipahu Public Library

February 4th 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

March 4th 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

April 1st 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

*For more details call: 675-0358