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Aloha,

At the end of the 2015 Session of the 28th Legislature, over 200 bills were passed. They addressed Hawai'i's keiki, kupuna, health care, the environment, and the economy. In this newsletter you can view some key bills that were signed into law.

Most notable is the budget bill Act 119 (HB500, CD1). The next page shows you how operating funds have been allocated to each department, the Judiciary, and Office of Hawaiian Affairs. HB500, CD1 appropriates nearly \$12.9 billion dollars in state spending for the fiscal year that begins July 1, 2015 and budgets nearly \$13.3 billion dollars for the following fiscal year. Please note the state constitution requires we pass a balanced budget.

Listed also are some of the highlights of capitol improvements benefiting our district. West Hawai'i legislators worked together to get \$55 million dollars to fully fund the Judiciary Court House Complex. In addition to those listed, each department got funding for repair and maintenance projects, as well as planning and design funds. I work closely with each department to ensure we get a fair share of those funds.

Over the next two years, we will be inconvenienced by the widening of Queen Ka'ahumanu Highway. I have asked the department to work with the Big Island media on developing best ways to communicate time delays and alternative routes.

I am happy to report Hawai'i Community College, UH West Hawai'i Center at Palamanui, opens for classes on August 24. The college is situated above Kona Airport. The main road to the campus is accessed from Kaiminani Drive. For more information on classes and programs being offered, go to <http://hawaii.hawaii.edu>.

People are always wondering what legislators do when we are not in session. The time from the day after session ends to the start of the next session is called "Interim". During this interim, I have attended two conferences, one hosted by the Council of State Governments and another hosted by the National Conference of State Legislatures. These conferences allow me to get more educated on federal legislation impacting the state and to speak with legislators from other states to get ideas on how to better our state and community. I serve on certain committees within these two organizations.

Mahalo for your support and comments. My office staff, Terii Perez and Lyndon Redona, and I hope you have an opportunity to stop by our office or call for any assistance.

Regards,
Cindy Evans



Rep Evans sitting with other panel members to discuss how to encourage people to save for retirement.



Rep Evans speaking with guest speaker on intergenerational communications and the use of social media. Each generation has unique preferences.

Highlights from Approved Budget for Fiscal Year 2016 - West Hawai'i

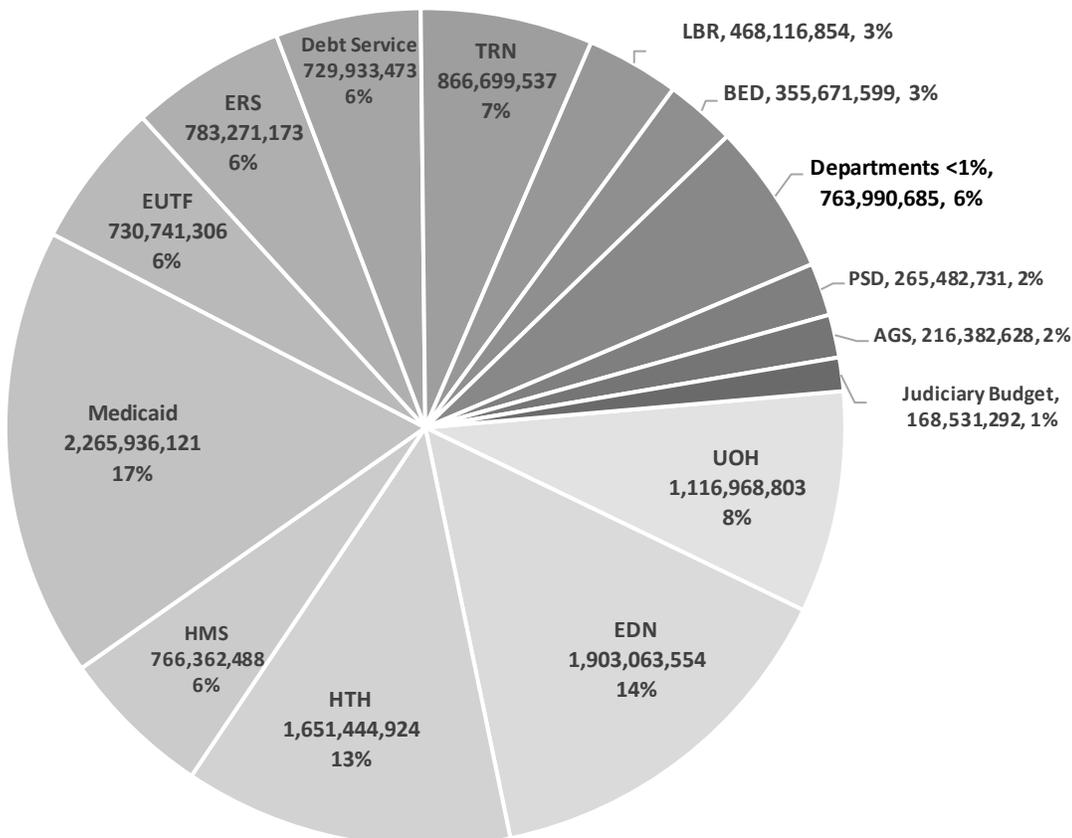
"Projects such as these are critical components of the public infrastructure and contribute to building a Better home for our kupuna, keiki and all residents of Hawai'i" -Governor Ige

2016 CIP District Projects	FY16 - June '15-July
Kamuela Vacuum Cooling Plant	\$1,000,000
Kohala Ditch Irrigation System Improvements	\$1,500,000
Waikoloa Elementary and Middle School- new classroom building	\$1,580,000
Friends of Kona Pacific Public Charter School – Design and construction for community kitchen	\$1,200,000
Kailapa Community Association – plans, design, and construction for community resource center	\$315,000
Hawai'i Wildlife Center	\$100,000
North Kawaihae Small Boat Harbor	\$400,000
Kona International Airport at Keahole, Federal Inspection Station	\$2,500,000
Kona International Airport at Keahole, Regional ARFF Training Facility	\$5,000,000
Daniel K. Inouye Highway, Mamalahoa Hwy to Queen Kaahumanu Hwy	\$660,000
Kohala Mountain Road Drainage Improvements	\$3,600,000
Kona Judiciary Complex	\$55,000,000

Every year, the Legislature allocates money to DOE schools for new infrastructure, repair and maintenance ie. Painting, reroof, paint. This year money was also given to schools for network infrastructure. Below is a breakdown of monies allocated to schools in the district.

Honokaa High & Inter	\$735,424
Kealakehe Elem	\$569,808
Kealakehe Inter	\$279,808
Kealakehe High	\$331,616
Kohala Elem	\$156,808
Kohala Middle	\$373,616
Kohala High	\$1,217,424
Waikoloa Elem & Middle	\$243,616
Waimea Elem	\$128,808
Waimea Middle	\$238,616

HB500 CD1 FY2016 APPROPRIATIONS ALL MEANS OF FINANCING



Departments <1%	CD FY2016
AGR	49,641,767
ATG	80,577,375
BUF	72,637,711
CCA	78,193,107
Charter Comm.	1,815,700
Charters	79,581,712
DEF	116,274,822
GOV	4,060,494
HHL	57,504,167
HRD	21,834,643
Libraries	37,425,189
LNR	123,514,584
OHA Budget	9,647,208
TAX	29,686,027

KEY LEGISLATION FOR 2015

This year 243 bills have become law with 4 becoming law without the Governors signature. Below are a few that I have highlighted as key legislation. To view the entire list or to review these bills, go to www.capitol.hawaii.gov, click on '2015 List of Acts'

ACT 011, 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.

ACT 036, HB253 HD2 SD1: Authorizes pharmacists to administer vaccines to persons between 14 and 17 years of age who have a valid prescription from the patient's medical home.

ACT 097, HB623 CD1: Increases renewable portfolio standards to 30 percent by December 31, 2020, 70 percent by December 31, 2040, and 100 percent by December 31, 2045. Requires the Public Utilities Commission to include the impact of renewable portfolio standards, if any, on the energy prices offered by renewable energy developers and the cost of fossil fuel volatility in its renewable portfolio standards study and report to the Legislature.

ACT 117, HB444 CD1: Authorizes the use of certain transient accommodations tax revenues for beach restoration and conservation. Makes appropriations for fiscal year 2014-2015 and 2015-2016. Effective upon approval, except for part 1 which is effective 7/1/2016.

ACT 119, HB500 CD1: Appropriates funds for the operating and capital improvement budget of the Executive Branch for fiscal years 2015-2016 and 2016-2017.

ACT 120, HB1140 CD1: 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.

ACT 122, 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.

ACT 124, SB181 CD1: 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.

ACT 143, SB892 CD1: Makes various appropriations for the Hawai'i resilience and sustainability strategy.

ACT 155, SB1060 CD1: Allows for agricultural loans to be administered for livestock biosecurity projects.



ACT 164, SB1316 CD1: Establishes a working group to examine the issues regarding requests to the board of directors of an association of apartment owners, condominium association, cooperative housing corporation, or planned community association regarding the installation of electric vehicle charging systems.

ACT 188, SB964 CD1: Appropriates funds for the Kupuna Care Program.

ACT 191, SB64 CD1: Makes an appropriation for subsidies for the preschool open doors program.

ACT 200, SB464 CD1: Requires persons charging a consumer's credit or debit card or account for automatic renewal or continuous service offer to first obtain the consumer's affirmative consent. Requires acknowledgment of terms, cancellation policy, and information on how to cancel the automatic renewal or continuous service to be provided to the consumer. Requires free trial offers to clearly and conspicuously disclose how to cancel the agreement prior to the consumer being charged for goods and services.

ACT 223, SB555 CD1: Increases the refundable food/excise tax credit. Repeals credit for individual taxpayers with adjusted gross incomes of \$30,000 or above and for heads of households, married couples filing jointly, and married couples filing separately, with adjusted gross incomes of \$50,000 or above. Repeals residency requirement. Applies to taxable years beginning after 12/31/2015. Repeal and reenactment on 12/31/2017.



Getting ready to vote in conference 2015.

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ACT 235, SB791 CD1: Increases the refundable food/excise tax credit. Repeals credit for individual taxpayers with adjusted gross incomes of \$30,000 or above and for heads of households, married couples filing jointly, and married couples filing separately, with adjusted gross incomes of \$50,000 or above. Repeals residency requirement. Applies to taxable years beginning after 12/31/2015. Repeal and reenactment on 12/31/2017.

ACT 241, HB321 CD1: Establishes a licensing system for medical marijuana dispensaries. Prohibits counties from enacting zoning regulations that discriminate against licensed dispensaries and production centers. Allows a qualifying patient, primary caregiver, or an owner or employee of a medical marijuana production center or dispensary to transport medical

marijuana in any public place, under certain conditions. Replaces the requirement that a certifying physician be the qualifying patient's primary care physician with a requirement that the physician have a bona fide physician-patient relationship with the qualifying patient. Allows persons authorized to use and possess medical marijuana in other states to be treated similarly to qualifying patients in this State pursuant to rules adopted by the department of health after 1/1/2018. Prohibits primary caregivers from cultivating medical marijuana after 12/31/2018, subject to certain exceptions. Authorizes the department of health to conduct criminal history checks on license applicants, licensees, prospective employees of dispensaries and production centers, subcontractors, and persons authorized to enter and remain on such premises. Appropriates funds.



I serve as the Majority Floor Leader, member of Energy & Environmental Protection, Ocean, Marine Resource & Hawaiian Affairs, Water & Land, and Legislative Management Committees.

Getting ready for the legislative session, this is where legislators make some tough decisions affecting the State.



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Hurricane Season, Be Prepared!

EVACUATION KIT

- Bedding (blankets, sleeping bags, etc.)
- Change of clothing
- Special medications and dietary foods
- Important papers and documents
- Infant necessities (formula, diapers, etc.)
- Personal toilet articles and sanitary needs
- Non-perishable snacks for 3 days
- Portable radio, flashlights and extra batteries
- Water—2 quarts per person per day for drinking

*Be sure to provide for your pets as they may not be allowed in shelters. **If you evacuate, leave a note for those absent—start time, destination and telephone number.***Identify a person who lives out of the area for family to contact if separated.