

FROM THE OFFICE OF

SENATOR STANLEY CHANG

East Honolulu Community Newsletter

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2018 Legislative Priorities

SB 2092: Lying to Department of Planning and Permitting

Makes knowingly making a false statement to a county inspector a crime within the offense of unsworn falsification to authorities.

SB 2501: Homeless safe zones

Requires the Department of Human Services to establish safe zones where homeless persons may reside. Appropriates funds.

SB 2502: Homeless mobile clinics

Appropriates funds to purchase, staff, and operate two mobile clinics to serve the homeless population.

SB 2087: Rescue tubes

Amends the Good Samaritan Law to provide liability exemptions for owners of premises where automated external defibrillators and rescue tubes are located. Provides liability exemptions for rescuers who attempt to rescue a person with a rescue tube.

SB 2089: Youth Commission

Establishes a youth commission within the Office of Youth Services to advise the Governor and Legislature on the effects of legislative policies, needs, assessments, priorities, programs, and budgets relating to youth. Appropriates funds.

SB 2497: Section 8 rental insurance

Requires the Hawaii public housing authority to establish a program to offer insurance policies to landlords who rent to tenants

using the Section 8 housing choice voucher program. Requires the authority to report to the legislature. Appropriates funds to establish and administer the program.

SB 2498: Styrofoam ban

Prohibits the sale and use of polystyrene foam containers statewide.

SB 2499: Transparency in rental car fees

Repeals Act 137, SLH 2017, relating to the pass on of vehicle license recovery fees to lessees of motor vehicle rentals.

SB 2500: Accreditation for Department of Planning and Permitting

Appropriate funds for a grant in aid to each county for the county agency responsible for enforcing its respective building code to be accredited by the International Accreditation Service.

SB 2503: Automatic absentee ballots for voters

Provides that the submission of a voter registration application either to register to vote or update the voter's registration information constitutes a request for permanent absentee voter status unless the applicant specifically indicates the applicant does not wish to be a permanent absentee voter.

SB 2091: Suicide prevention app

Requires and appropriates funds for the Department of Education to implement a mobile application for suicide prevention that provides twenty-four hour per day crisis support services.



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Trash Collection

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Street Light Repair

808-768-5300

Lawyer Referral & Information Service

808-537-9140

Current Bill Status

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IN THE COMMUNITY



ALEX BERENBERG

January 19, 2018 ▲ Senator Chang invited Lt. Commander Alex Berenberg to deliver the morning moment of contemplation before the Hawaii State Senate.



KAMILOIKI SCHOOL REPAINTING

January 15, 2018 ▲ Senator Chang joined the Hawaii Kai Jaycees on Martin Luther King Day to repaint the Kamiloiiki Elementary School parking lot for Adopt a School Day.



KALANI VISIT

December 13, 2017 ▲ Senator Chang and Representative Hashem visited the students of Ms. Hayashi's civics class at Kalani High School to discuss the issues of our state and how they can get involved.



WHITE CANE WALK

October 20, 2017 ▲ Senator Chang participated in the annual White Cane Walk from the Capitol Rotunda to Iolani Palace. The White Cane Walk is hosted by Ho'opono Services for the Blind.

YOUR CONCERNS



Google Maps

Concerned about wildfire? Want to reduce wildfire hazards and increase safety in Kamiloniui-Mariner's Cove? Join us on February 13!

On February 13 at 6:30 p.m. at the Mariner's Cove Bay Club, wildfire experts from **Hawaii Wildfire Management Organization** (HWMO) will share results from a recent comprehensive assessment of wildfire hazards in the Kamiloniui Farm Lots and Mariner's Cove area.

HWMO is a 501(c)3 non-profit dedicated to protecting Hawaii's communities and natural resources from wildfire. HWMO collaborates with the Honolulu Fire Department and the Division of Forestry and Wildlife of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Peak fire season is right around the corner.

A few weeks ago, a wildfire ignited but was fortunately put out quickly in the valley by firefighters—a reminder of the importance of preparing the community for wildfire now rather than later, when it is too late. We hope you can join the meeting to learn from wildfire experts, discuss next steps, and participate in a grassroots process to help Kamiloniui-Mariner's Cove become a nationally-recognized Firewise Community. As of 2017, HWMO has assisted 10 new communities across Hawaii toward Firewise Community recognition. With your kokua, Kamiloniui-Mariner's Cove can become the first Firewise Community ever on O'ahu! To find out more, visit hawaiiwildfire.org.

Mariner's Cove Bay Club:
800 Lunalilo Home Road
near Kamiloiki Elementary School in Hawaii Kai
marinerscovebayclub.org



Meet Our Team

(from left to right)

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| Allen Awaya | <i>Legislative Aide</i> |
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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Hawai'i Promise Scholarship

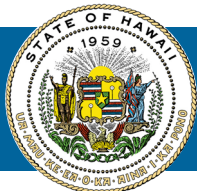
About 1,000 students from the University of Hawai'i's seven community colleges were awarded Hawai'i Promise scholarships for the Fall 2017 semester. With the average scholarship being \$1,416 per student, roughly \$1.4 million of the \$1,829,000 appropriated by the 2017 Legislature was awarded. The Hawai'i Promise Scholarship provides aid for any financial needs not met by other forms of financial aid, such as federal grants and benefits and scholarships from UH or other sources. Its goal is to provide free in-state tuition for qualified UH Community College students and covers tuition, fees, books, supplies and transportation. The figures above will change as UH has been encouraging students to apply for spring semester. Additional new awards are being made for Spring 2018.

HOW HAWAI'I PROMISE WORKS

There are a number of steps for students to qualify for a Hawai'i Promise Scholarship. First, a student must apply for federal financial aid by filling out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The federal government calculates the Expected Family Contribution, or what the student's family can afford to pay. Twenty-five per cent of the expected family contribution is applied to direct costs of attending college--tuition, fees, books, supplies and local transportation. The balance of the family contribution is applied to room, board and personal expenses. If eligible, a student may then be awarded Pell grant and Supplemental Education Opportunity grant money. A student may also be awarded various UH and UH Foundation scholarships and/or scholarships from other sources. If all these grants and award reviews are completed and the student still has unmet need for direct costs, such as tuition, fees and books, the student receives a Hawai'i Promise Scholarship to cover any unmet direct costs.

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Community College Campus	# Students Awarded the Hawai'i Promise
Hawai'i	85
Honolulu	70
Kapi'olani	119
Kaua'i	110
Leeward	386
Maui	230
Windward	71
UHCC Total	1071



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