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Aloha!

Hawaii's 28th legislative session is now in full swing and the halls of the State Capitol are bustling with legislators and citizens working hard to craft the best laws possible. As Vice President of the Senate and Chairman of the Committee on Public Safety, Military and Intergovernmental Affairs, I am excited to serve the Senate and the public in an expanded leadership role.

The legislation that has been introduced this session includes exciting opportunities to grow our state's economy, address the issue of unfunded liabilities with our state's pension system, reform our prison system and bring higher transparency and accountability to government, especially with respect to our police departments.

In the upcoming months, I highly encourage you to take a look at our bills and contact me with any questions or concerns. With the manao of our community, we will be able to finish this session with the best possible policies to move our state forward. I can be reached at 586-6360.

Mahalo.

Will Espero



Left: Pictured is the leadership team of the 28th legislature. The team collaborates with the members of the Senate to determine operational and strategic goals for the body. This year, the Senate is led by President Donna Mercado Kim; Vice President Will Espero; Majority Leader J. Kalani English; Majority Policy Leader Les Ihara Jr.; Majority Caucus Leader Gilbert Kahele; Majority Whip Brian Taniguchi and Minority Floor Leader Sam Slom (not pictured).

Left: Former Philippine Ambassador to the United Nations and Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the Philippines visited Hawaii and the Senate. Pictured here is Senators Will Espero, Donovan Dela Cruz and Gilbert Keith-Agaran.



A FEW OF WILL'S BILLS FOR THE 2015 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

SB683 SD1	RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLE DRIVER LICENSING.	Creates a limited purpose driver's license, limited purpose provisional driver's license, and limited purpose instruction permit. Provides that limited purpose driver's licenses, limited purpose provisional driver's licenses, and limited purpose instruction permits shall not be acceptable for federal identification and voting purposes. Requires satisfactory proof of identity and Hawaii residency. Effective 1/1/2016. (SD1)	ESPERO, INOUYE, NISHIHARA
SB686	MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR A WAR MEMORIAL.	Appropriates moneys to the office of veterans services for the planning, design, and construction of a veterans' memorial.	ESPERO
SB101 9	RELATING TO MEDICAL USE OF MARIJUANA.	Requires hospitals to designate a specific room on site where a qualifying patient who is admitted for at least one night may use prescribed medical marijuana for the duration of the qualifying patient's inpatient stay; provided the qualifying patient presents evidence of a current medical marijuana registration certificate.	ESPERO, Galuteria
SB102 0	RELATING TO ELECTRONIC MONITORING.	Appropriates funds to the department of public safety and the judiciary for the purpose of electronic monitoring of released inmates.	ESPERO, KEITH-AGARAN, Galuteria
SB102 1	RELATING TO HISTORIC PRESERVATION.	Removes the public funds restriction and appropriates general funds for construction of the state law enforcement memorial.	ESPERO, KEITH-AGARAN, Galuteria
SB102 2	PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF HAWAII	Proposes a constitutional amendment to repeal the minimum one-year Hawaii residency requirement for appointment as an executive of a principal department pursuant to article V, section 6, of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii.	ESPERO, KEITH-AGARAN
SB115 7	RELATING TO STARLIGHT RESERVE.	Changes the Starlight Reserve advisory committee from a temporary committee to a permanent committee.	ESPERO, BAKER, Keith-Agaran
SB115 8	RELATING TO THE PACIFIC INTERNATIONAL SPACE CENTER FOR EXPLORATION SYSTEMS SPECIAL FUND.	Establishes the Pacific international space center for exploration systems special fund for the operation, maintenance, and management of the Pacific international space center for exploration systems' projects, facilities, services, and publications.	ESPERO, Baker, Galuteria, Keith-Agaran
SB115 9	RELATING TO VETERANS DISABILITY BENEFITS.	Exempts federal veterans disability benefits from seizure to enforce a court judgment, except for certain child and spousal support cases.	ESPERO, BAKER, Keith-Agaran, Slom
SB116 0	RELATING TO HIGHWAY SAFETY.	Establishes a three-year pilot photo red light imaging detector system program. Authorizes counties to administer the program. Makes other amendments regarding highway safety. Repeals July 1, 2018.	ESPERO, Harimoto, Inouye, Nishihara
SB126 7	RELATING TO THE HAWAII CENTER FOR ASTRONAUTICS RESEARCH.	Establishes the Hawaii center for astronautics research. Makes an appropriation.	ESPERO, Baker, Kahahele, Keith-Agaran
SB126 8	RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY.	Requires the department of public safety to construct a multi-story correctional facility at the Halawa correctional facility to replace the existing Oahu community correctional center. Authorizes the issuance of general obligation bonds and appropriates funds for the planning, design, and construction of the multi-story correctional facility.	ESPERO, Baker
SB126 9	RELATING TO SOCIAL MEDIA.	Prohibits employers from requiring or requesting employees and potential employees to grant access to personal account usernames and passwords.	ESPERO, Gabbard, Nishihara, Shimabukuro, Slom
SB133 2	RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY.	Establishes an additional sanction available to the judiciary prior to full parole revocation.	ESPERO, Baker, Galuteria, Keith-Agaran, Shimabukuro
SB133 3	RELATING TO SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION EDUCATION.	Appropriates moneys for positions for the UH prevention awareness understanding violence program to provide sexual violence and domestic violence prevention education and services.	ESPERO, CHUN OAKLAND, INOUYE, Harimoto, Riviere
SB133 4	RELATING TO OPERATING A VEHICLE WHILE INTOXICATED.	Allows law enforcement officers to seize and tow a motor vehicle if operator is arrested or cited for various alcohol-related traffic offenses.	ESPERO, Keith-Agaran, Shimabukuro

SB109	RELATING TO POLICE.	Provides that county police commissions shall have the duty to establish procedures regarding the suspension, removal from a specified duty for disciplinary reasons, or termination of any police officer.	ESPERO, BAKER, Galuteria, Slom
SB184	RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY.	Makes an appropriation to the state department of defense emergency management agency to assemble twenty-five civilian community teams and hire a coordinator to help establish, train, and assist the teams.	ESPERO
SB185	RELATING TO LAW ENFORCEMENT.	Prohibits any state and county law enforcement agency employee from using a respiratory neck restraint or a vascular neck restraint as a method of force to restrain a person; and defines respiratory neck restraint and vascular neck restraint.	ESPERO, BAKER, Galuteria, Ihara, Shimabukuro, L. Thielen
SB195	RELATING TO FIREARMS.	Sets a minimum age at which a minor, accompanied by an adult, may use a rifle or shotgun for hunting or target shooting with a hunting license.	ESPERO, Baker
SB196	RELATING TO FIREARMS.	Allows each county council to establish a processing fee for a firearms permit to acquire and firearm registration.	ESPERO, Galuteria, L. Thielen
SB197	RELATING TO FIREARMS.	Prohibits police department officers and employees, department of public safety employees, department of land and natural resources employees, and department of transportation employees who are authorized to carry firearms from consuming alcohol or ingesting prescription medications that would impair the judgment or physical response of the employee while carrying a firearm;	ESPERO, Galuteria
SB255	RELATING TO ELECTIONS BY MAIL.	Requires the office of elections to establish a vote-by-mail pilot program for the 2016 elections in one state representative district within each county. Requires the office of elections to submit a written report to the legislature before and after the 2016 elections regarding the status, implementation, and results of the pilot program. Appropriates funds for the implementation of the pilot program.	ESPERO, GABBARD, Baker, Galuteria, Keith-Agaran, L. Thielen
SB258	RELATING TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS.	Requires the department of education and department of accounting and general services, in consultation with the Hawaii state energy office of the department of business, economic development, and tourism and the Hawaii natural energy institute of the University of Hawaii, to conduct a comprehensive study and develop a master strategy for the cooling of all public schools.	ESPERO, DELA CRUZ, KEITH-AGARAN, Nishihara, Slom, L. Thielen
SB568	RELATING TO A LAW ENFORCEMENT STANDARDS BOARD.	Establishes a law enforcement standards board for the certification of county police officers, state public safety officers, and employees of the departments of transportation and land and natural resources with police powers. Beginning on 1/1/2018, prohibits appointment or hiring of these officers unless certified by the law enforcement standards board. Establishes a special fund.	ESPERO, BAKER, GREEN, IHARA, KAHELE, RUDERMAN, Chun Oakland, Gabbard, Harimoto, Kim, Nishihara, Riviere, Shimabukuro, L. Thielen, Wakai
SB661	RELATING TO UNMANNED AERIAL SYSTEMS TEST SITES.	Establishes the Hawaii unmanned aerial systems test site chief operating officer position 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. Appropriates funds to staff and operate Hawaii's unmanned aerial systems test site activities.	ESPERO, Baker, Galuteria, Keith-Agaran
SB664	RELATING TO CORRECTIONS.	Requires that every person newly hired as an adult corrections officer shall have, at minimum, a high school diploma.	ESPERO, Galuteria, Keith-Agaran, Shimabukuro, L. Thielen
SB666	RELATING TO MARIJUANA.	Provides that possession of less than one ounce of marijuana shall be a civil rather than criminal offense. Establishes penalties for violations. Provides for enforcement, notice, and adjudication of violations.	ESPERO, GALUTERIA
SB674	RELATING TO WILDLIFE PROTECTION.	Establishes the offense of the unlawful sale or trade of ivory or rhinoceros horn for any person who sells, offers to sell, possesses with the intent to sell, or imports with the intent to sell any ivory or rhinoceros horn. Creates exemptions for the sale or trade of ivory or rhinoceros horn. Effective 01/01/16.	ESPERO, KEITH-AGARAN, Kahele, Nishihara
SB677	RELATING TO LAW ENFORCEMENT.	Provides the mayor of each county with the authority to remove the respective county chief of police for good and just cause.	ESPERO
SB680	RELATING TO RESISTING ARREST.	Establishes the offense of resisting arrest in the first degree as a felony and reclassifies the existing resisting arrest misdemeanor offense as resisting arrest in the second degree.	ESPERO, Galuteria
SB681	RELATING TO MARIJUANA.	Establishes a civil penalty for possession of one ounce of less of marijuana or marijuana concentrate that is subject to a fine of not more than \$100. Makes various conforming amendments to statutes to reflect the establishment of the civil violation for possession of marijuana or marijuana concentrate of one ounce or less.	ESPERO, GALUTERIA
SB682	RELATING TO MEDICAL MARIJUANA.	Prohibits discrimination against medical marijuana patients and caregivers by schools, landlords, employers, courts, and licensing boards, or with regard to medical care or parental rights.	ESPERO, GALUTERIA

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