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#### ALOHA FRIENDS & NEIGHBORS

The 2020 Legislative Session officially ended on Friday, July 10, sine die. This session has been like no other I have encountered while being in office. I witnessed the Senate transition overnight from in-person meetings and briefings at the Capitol to online Zoom briefings, meetings via Microsoft Teams, and virtual floor session. Due to the limited time frame of this session, we were limited by leader-ship to only bills that had preliminary agreements by both House & Senate committee chairs prior to the session reconvening to be considered. While the legislature will be back in session in 7 months, the Senate will be back for Special Session in September for the confirmation of judges. Should Congress appropriate more CARES Act monies, we may reconvene to appropriate the funds. While the Capitol is still closed to visitors, my staff and I continue to be in the office to take your calls and emails. Also, the Senate Special Committee on COVID-19, of which I'm a member, will continue to meet during the interim to get timely updates and ask questions of the administration. Correspondence, reports and links to past meetings can be found at https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/specialcommittee.aspx? comm=scovid&vear=2020. Please stay safe and take care.



# SENATE HONORS BREENE HARIMOTO WITH MEMORIAL SERVICE

The Senate honored their late colleague Breene Harimoto with a memorial service in the Senate Chamber on July 7. The memorial began with a processional for Senator Harimoto's family, from Beretania Street into the Senate Chamber, honored by dignitaries in the rotunda. A service followed in the Senate Chamber, where Senator Kim provided remarks on behalf of the Senate. Senator Harimoto passed away Thursday, June 18, after a long fight with pancreatic cancer. He was 66 and served the residents of District 16 – Pearl City, Momilani, Pearlridge, 'Aiea, Royal Summit, 'Aiea Heights, Waimalu, Halawa, and Pearl Harbor for six years. He was elected in 2014 and re-elected in 2018. Prior to his election to the Senate, Breene Harimoto served on the Honolulu City Council for four years.



#### SENATE PASSES BILLS DURING FINAL READING

The Senate passed a number of bills during final reading, including legislation to address COVID-19. Some of the bill highlights include the following:

HB 1523: Covers the costs of devices for schools having identified needs and student populations of fifty per cent or greater who qualify to receive free or reduced price lunch for the period from July 1, 2020, to December 30, 2020.

HB 1676: Establishes the Photo Red Light Imaging Detector Systems Program (Program). Establishes a two year pilot program in the City and County of Honolulu

HB 285: Requires county police departments to disclose to the Legislature the identity of an officer upon an officer's suspension or discharge

SB 3054: Requires every person who permanently moves firearms out of State to contact county police departments where the firearms are registered to notify that particular police department that the firearms have been moved out of State.

Purpose	Target	Funding
UI State \$100 weekly benefit to replace Federal \$600 after July	117,000 UI	230,000,000
HHFDC rental assistance lesser of 50% or \$500 / month	34,000+ families	100,000,000
PPE distribution system		100,000,000
Airports thermal sreening, facial recognition, traveler app, testing	1.4 million residents +? million visitors	90,000,000
Workforce development	2,000 to 4,000 jobs	36,000,000
BED innovation grants to manufacture cleaning supplies and PPE	30 companies	15,000,000
Childcare facilities subsidy	900 facilities	15,000,000
Food distribution		5,000,000
Fishing industry subsidy		3,000,000
2020 graduate education support	11,000 high school seniors	2,000,000
Total:		596,000,000
Total amount available		635,986,000
Governor discretionary use remaining amounts		39,986,000
SB 126: Appropriates funds designated for the State by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act)		

# 2020 ELECTION DATES

Beginning with the 2020 Elections, Hawaii votes by mail and all voters will automatically receive their ballot in the mail 18 days prior to each election.

Primary Election Ballot Delivered: July 21, 2020

Primary Election: August 8, 2020

General Election Ballot Delivered: October 16, 2020

General Election: November 3, 2020

### FACE COVERING REQUIREMENTS EXPANDED FOR CERTAIN INDOOR AND OUTDOOR AREAS



The amended Restore Honolulu requires everyone on Oahu to wear face coverings over their noses and mouths at indoor public spaces and outdoor areas where physical distancing is unlikely or difficult to maintain. The wearing of face coverings under this Order is intended to complement, not serve as a substitute, for physical distancing and cleanliness.

Face masks will be required in private offices when people aren't working alone or sitting at a desk. They will also be required in outdoor spaces that have a lot of foot traffic — such as crowded sidewalks or in lines outside of stores.

## WAYS TO RETURN YOUR VOTED BALLOT



OPTION 1: BY MAIL The return envelop is postage paid via the US Postal Service and addressed to your County

Elections Division.

#### **OPTION 2: VOTER SERVICE CENTERS**

Voter Service Centers open from July 27 through August 8. Services include accessible in-person voting and same-day voter registration.

- 1. Honolulu Hale
- 2. Kapolei Hale

#### **OPTION 3: PLACES OF DEPOSIT**

- You may drop off your voted ballot at these designated sites.
- 1. Honolulu Hale 5. Kaneohe District Park
- 2. Kapolei Hale
- 6. Waianae District Park
- 3. Neal Blaisdell Park
- 7. Kahuku District Park
- 4. Hawaii Kai Park and Ride

For more information, visit elections.hawaii.gov.

# SATELLITE CITY HALLS REOPEN TO THE PUBLIC; ROAD TESTS RESUME

Satellite city halls across Oahu reopened July 1 for regular in-office service on an appointment-only basis. Customers and employees will be required to wear facial coverings and remain six-feet apart from others during all in-office transactions.

To make an online appointment, visit AlohaQ.org

Scheduled road tests are resuming, starting July 6. Customers whose appointments were cancelled, between March 23 and July 5, are being called directly to reschedule their appointments. Acceptance of new appointments will be announced at a later date.

# CIP FUNDS RELEASED FOR KALIHI

#### MAEMAE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

<u>Project:</u> To finance construction for the renovation or expansion of a basketball court that would include a covering. <u>Amount Released:</u> \$4.3M <u>Total Project Cost:</u> \$4.8M <u>Estimated Completion:</u> June 2022

#### KAPALAMA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

<u>Project:</u> To finance design for improvements at to comply with current ADA standards. <u>Amount Release:</u> \$180

#### KALIHI WAENA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

<u>Project:</u> To finance design for a new multipurpose center which will include a covered basketball court, cardio room, equipment room, restrooms, and support spaces. <u>Amount Released:</u> \$760k <u>Total Project Cost:</u> \$760k



# IN-PERSON DRIVER'S EDUCATION CLASSES APPROVED TO RESUME AUG. 1

The Department of Transportation (HDOT) has authorized Driver's Education instructors to resume in-person classes and behind-the-wheel train-

ing as part of the State's Graduated Licensing Program on Aug. 1, 2020. Instructors may teach classes in-person, virtually, or by using a combination of these methods. For more info, Oahu – <u>https://www.honolulu.gov/cms-csd-menu/site-csd-</u> sitearticles/38020-city-services-smart-options.html





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