

## Aloha Neighbors and Friends,

The 31st Legislative Session is slated to end on April 29 barring no extensions. The House and the Senate deadline for bills to pass 3rd reading was Friday, April 9th. Bills that are not in agreement by both houses will go to conference to work out the differences.

Despite the Capitol lockdown, we have heard from many of you on a slew of issues via email, mail, zoom, phone calls, and written testimonies. Mahalo to those of you who have made your voices heard, and especially to those who participated in the Community Bulletin survey. Your comments were on point and thoughtful. The responses are being tallied and analyzed, and the results will be included in the next Community Bulletin. As always if you have any additional comments and/or concerns, my office is available at 587-7200.

Sincerely,

Senator Donna Mercado Kim

## **BILLS OF INTEREST**

### Impactful bills that are still alive

HB 525- Clarifies that DOE, in partnership with the Hawaii public housing authority, Hawaii housing finance and development corporation, and the school facilities agency, may construct housing for teachers on a public school campus. Requires that housing units constructed or acquired on a school campus after 6/30/2021, be rented at an affordable cost to new teachers or teachers teaching in a rural or hard-to-staff location, with priority given to teachers employed full-time at the school where the housing unit is located. SB 266- Exempts any person from the post-arrival mandatory self-quarantine if the person receives a negative test result prior to arrival. Allows the governor to establish statewide conditions for exemption. Requires certain COVID-19 tests for travelers who do not have a test result upon arrival to avoid mandatory self-quarantine. Requires any person who does not obtain a negative test result for COVID-19 pre-arrival to be responsible for all costs associated with that person's mandatory self-quarantine. Prohibits the suspension of the quarantine requirements except by legislative approval via a concurrent resolution. Repeals quarantine requirements on 12/31/2021.

<u>SB 159</u> – Automatic voter registration: Requires any person eligible to vote and applies for a motor vehicle driver's license or identification card to be automatically registered to vote unless the applicant affirmative-ly declines.

<u>**HB 940**</u> – Mandates reporting of suspected financial exploitation of elders and vulnerable adults in relation to securities. Provide immunity for good faith reporting. Authorizes the delay of disbursements and transactions in situations of suspected financial exploitation.

	Capital Improvement Projects (Funds released in March & April)	
•	Dole Middle School- Architectural barrier removal	\$ 300,000
•	Covered Learning Center	\$4,000,000
•	Moanalua High School – Softball Field improvements	\$3,175,000
•	HCDA Stadium Development District – Legal services & structural engineering study	\$2,500,000
•	Farrington High School- Replace gym bleachers	\$ 875,000
•	Linapuni Elementary- Covered walkway & parking lot improvements	\$ 800,000
•	Shafter Elementary- Design of campus improvements & replacement facilities	\$6,000,000
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**Easter Basket Drive**— Senator Kim and other legislators donate to the Domestic Violence Action Center, Institute for Human Services, Parents and Children Together, and Salvation Army Hawaii.



Jarret White Sanitary Sewer Replacement Project

The Jarrett White Sanitary Sewer has experienced recent failures requiring emergency maintenance and repair and is due for replacement. The sewer pipe to be replaced begins on the Tripler Army Medical Center campus, continues south down Jarrett White Road to Mahiole Street, turns east down Mahiole Street, and ends near Moanalua Middle School.

We received assurance that the design team is looking for the best approach that will allow construction while limiting impacts to the community. Traffic will be maintained in both directions, and temporary sewer bypassing will maintain wastewater service throughout the duration of construction.

Construction is projected to begin in April 2022 through December 2022.

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Kalihi Waena Elementary School Project

On March 27th Senator Kim visited with Principal Dan Larkin and volunteers working on the new "Yellow Fruit Road" project at Kalihi Waena Elementary School. The project involves constructing a 250' long sidewalk covered by a pergola supporting fruit trees and fruit-bearing vines. The lemon tree walkway will not only provide a covered walkway for students who walk to school, but will also give students access to fresh fruits like lemons, limes, oranges and other citrus fruits, and educate them about sustainability, economics and agriculture. A special mahalo goes out to the International Union of Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers Local 1 for being a community partner and making this project a reality.



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# Helpful Information



Age Group

\* Includes all cases diagnosed in-state (excludes residents diagnosed out-of-state)
\*\*Excludes 3 cases with unknown age

Outcomes	Gender	Table
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Total Cases\*\*

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## Age of COVID-19 Cases\*, Hawaii 2021

Last updated Monday, April 5, 2021 (updated weekly)

		22,192

### Percent of Cases That Were Hospitalized or Died by Age Group 0-17 years 18-29 years 30-39 years 40-49 years 50-59 years 60-69 years 70-79 years 80+ years 1% 2% 4% 7% 13% 22% 37% 56%



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\* Includes all cases diagnosed in-state (excludes residents diagnosed out-of-state)

\*\* Excludes 7,024 cases with unknown outcome

Gender Age Table
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