



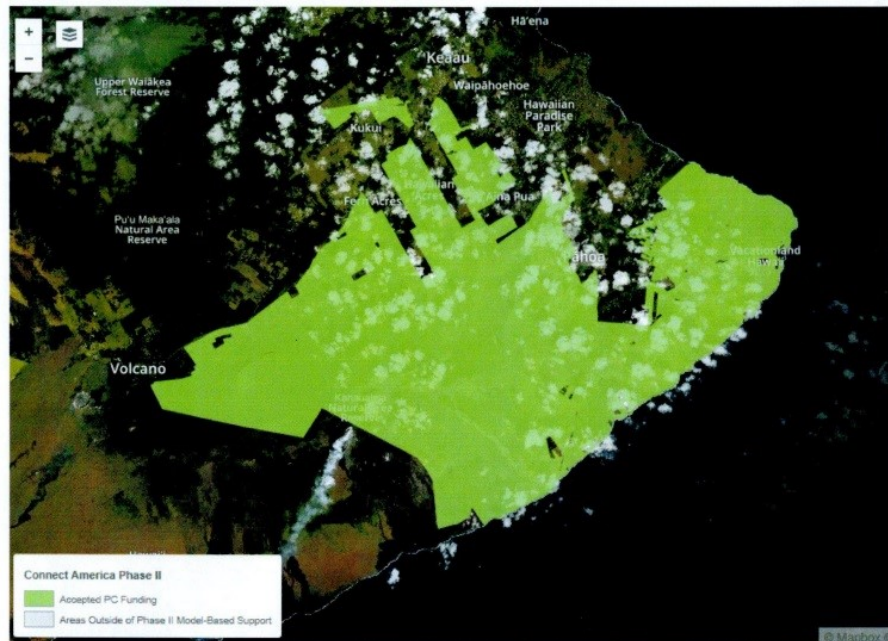
At a recent meeting with Ken Hiraki of Hawaiian Telcom, we discussed plans to bring broadband internet access to lower Puna. With funding from the Connect America Fund, Hawaiian Telcom has expanded broadband internet to areas across the state. These areas include: Fern Acres, Hawaiian Acres, Orchidland, Nanawale Estates, Leilani Estates, and Hawaiian Ocean View. I am very pleased to see that they have completed planned work before schedule.

<http://hawaiitribune-herald.com/news/local-news/hawaiian-telcom-expands-broadband>

Connect America Fund Locations

➤ General Puna areas in funding area - 2021

- Kalapana
- Leilani Estates
- Kapoho
- Eden Roc
- Fern Forest
- 2016 ✕ Hawaiian Acres
- Kurtistown
- Nanawale



Interactive map available at fcc.gov

August 30, 2017

To learn about the Connect America Fund, please visit: <https://www.fcc.gov/general/connect-america-fund-caf>

Medical Cannabis Updates



Below are some of the subcommittee recommendations that have passed during the most recent Act 230 Meeting:

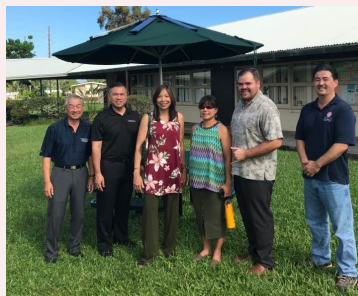
1. The existing schedule under HRS Sec. 329D -2 as amended by HB1488 remain. i.e. The State of Hawaii Dept of Health may open new dispensary application process after October 1, 2018 for additional dispensaries/retail establishments based upon the factors stated in HRS Sec. 329D-2. There are no current obstacles to the dispensary application process so long as the law on the dispensary application procedure remains unchanged.
2. Recommend another working group in 2018 to determine the need for production or other non-retail dispensary licenses and requirements for such new licenses.
3. Allow for intrastate travel
4. Allow for ALS & Substance/Opioid use disorder



Speaking about the status of Cannabis legislation with Senator Will Espero and Senator Russell Ruderman at the 2nd Annual Cannabis Expo in Hilo. I was very pleased to see that this year's turnout was even bigger than last year. Mahalo to Brent Norris for organizing the event and Councilmember Jenn Ruggles for moderating. I look forward to an even bigger event next year.



With Chief Justice Mark Recktenwald congratulating Brandon Kimura who had recently been appointed Hawaii State Judiciary Deputy Administrative Director of the Courts.



At a tour of Hawaii Community College and UH Hilo. Behind us is a solar powered charging station/picnic table at Hawaii Community College.



Supporting our state's teachers with Mitzie Higa and Corey Rosenlee of the Hawaii State Teacher's Association. Investment in education is vital to the future of our community.



December 12, 2017-Spent the morning with newly-formed Community Action Network formed by volunteer community leaders Darryl Oliveira and Barry Taniguchi. The goal is to meet East Hawaii's medical needs by integrating services offered by non-profits. It is great to see these two stalwarts continue to do good things!



3rd Annual Big Island Sakada Day Celebration. My grandfather was a Sakada in the Maui Sugar fields. The Sakadas did back-breaking work for meager pay and would eventually lead the way to the formation of unions, risking their lives for \$2 / day and 8-hour workdays. I was honored to be able to share my grandfather's story and grateful to the Pahala Filipino Club for inviting me to speak at this event.



I was honored to have been invited to be the commencement speaker at this year's Hawaii National Guard Youth Challenge Academy graduation. I have high hopes for this year's graduates, especially after seeing their volunteer work at the Pahoia Parade, Punakai opening, and other community events.

Concerned about all of the Front Page Puna Crime Stories?
2018 Community Forum on Crime and Drug
Abuse in Puna

Representative Joy A. San Buenaventura
 will speak on 2018 proposed legislation

Date: Saturday, 01/06/2018

Place: Pahoia Community
Center

Time: 1:00pm-5:00pm



For more information, please contact: j.honda@capitol.hawaii.gov or
 call (808) 586-6530

Hawaiian Paradise Park

Meeting Schedule for Master Plan Presentations

The purpose of the first public meeting is to present the Department's proposed vision, goals, and preliminary alternative plans and to gather input from the community and interested parties. The purpose of the second public meeting will be to present the preliminary master plan and gather any additional input.

January 7th - 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

February 19th - 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Hawaiian Paradise Park Owners Association Activity Center located at 15-1570 Maku'u Drive between 16th and 17th Streets in Kea'au.

For more information or to request special assistance for these meetings, please contact Jared Chang from SSFM International at 808-356-1242 or jchang@ssfm.com. If requesting special assistance, please contact Jared at least three days prior to the meeting.

Rat Lungworm Support Group

Where: Neighborhood Place of Puna, 16-105 Opukahaia St, Kea'au, HI 96749

When: Tuesday, January 9, 2018 4:00pm-6:00pm

Why: To gather and support survivors of Rat Lungworm and their caregivers

For more information, contact: Elena Cabatu, Director of Public Affairs, ecabatu@hhsc.org at (808) 932-3160



Mele Kalikimaka Hauoli Makahiki Hou!!

You are cordially invited to Opening Day at the Hawaii State Legislature

Date: Wednesday, January 17, 2018

Time: 10:00am-4:30pm

Place: Hawaii State Capitol

415 S. Beretania St.

Honolulu, HI 96813

We would like to invite you to come visit my office (room 302) to enjoy refreshments and meet me and my 2018 legislative staff.

(*Due to this being the second half of the 29th legislature there will be no opening day reception ceremonies in the house chamber this year)

Hawaii Island Humane Society-Volunteers Wanted

To see how you can help volunteer, foster, make a donation, or learn more about the HHS' services, please visit: <http://www.hihs.org/services/volunteer>

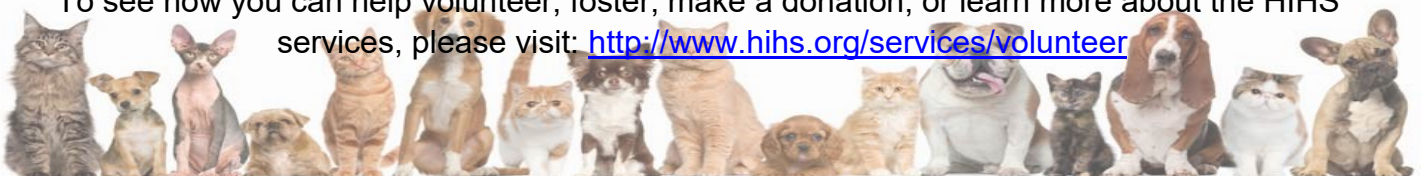


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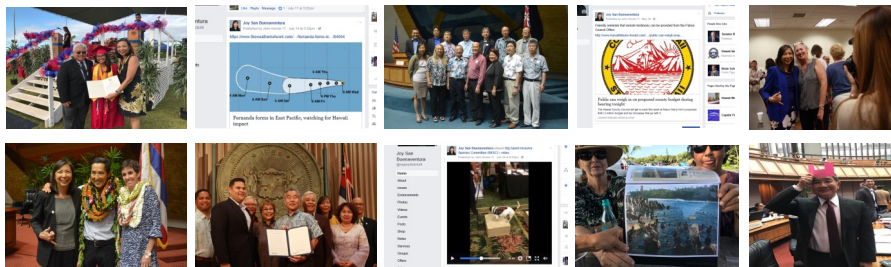
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Second Saturdays on Mainstreet
No cover charge! Free!



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