



2015 Legislative Session E-Newsletter

October 2015

State House of Representatives Leaders in PUNA for the very first time

Do you have issues you feel need to be heard?

In preparation for the 2016 Legislative Session, I am hosting a community talk story event with the House Leadership at Pahoia Community Center on Thursday, November 5, 2015 from 5:00pm — 7:00pm



Representative Joseph M. Souki Speaker



Representative John M. Mizuno Vice Speaker



Representative Scott K. Saiki Majority Leader



Representative Cindy Evans Majority Floor Leader



Representative Sylvia Luke Chair of Finance

Want to have a say about the new Puna library?

Hawaii State Public Library System (HSPLS) PUNA LIBRARY FOCUS GROUP MEETING

October 27, 2015 at 6 - 8 pm. Pahoia Community Center

During the 2014 Legislative Session, \$800,000 was allocated to the planning and design of a new library in Puna. The aim of the meeting is to seek input from the community regarding what is needed and wanted in the new library space. All are welcome and encouraged to attend!

UPDATE ON "We the Powerful" Free PUBLIC ACCESS WORKSHOP:

To understand how laws are created each year or to learn how to voice your opinions on each bill before it becomes law, the Public Access Room (PAR) is coming to Pahoia & Hilo.

Wednesday, October 21, 2015 @ 6:30pm in Hilo, at Ho'oulu Terrace (UCB 127), 200 W. Kawili Street

Thursday, October 22, 2015 @ 3:30pm at the Pahoia Community Center

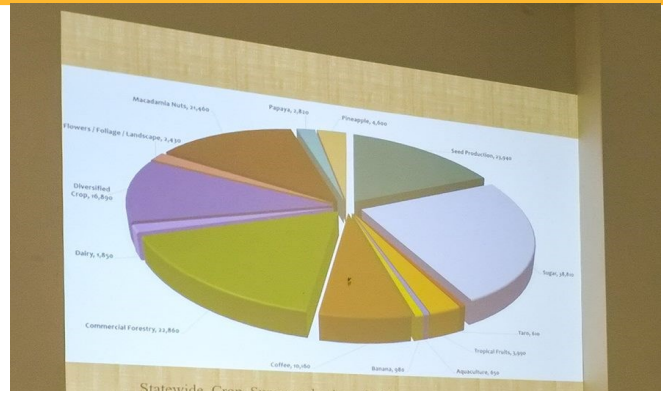
For more information or to register call toll free 974-4000, ext 70478; email them at par@capitol.hawaii.gov; or visit their website at http://lrhawaii.org/par/workshop.html

UPDATE on Highway 130

- Delay of the roundabout, slated for construction on August 10, was caused by a paperwork snafu. Once the project starts the projected completion remains at 9 months. For more information visit the website at <http://hawaii-tribune-herald.com/news/local-news/paperwork-snafu-delays-roundabout-construction>
- Shower Drive intersection traffic light construction begins 2016.
- Highway 130 4-lane expansion project design begins 2016 with construction starting 2018.

2nd Annual `Ohana Health Plan Art Show:

Marr Ortaleta and Rep San Buenaventura in front of an Abled Hawaii Artists' entry entitled: "Underwater", photo taken by Special Olympian gold medalist Louie Perry of Nanawale.



The above graph shows what ag lands in Hawaii are being used for. Surprisingly sugar is still the largest use even though the only sugar plantation left is on Maui; and central Oahu has become Hawaii's bread basket-. Although Oahu's ag land is getting smaller though with Hoopili a bout to be developed.

National Manufacturing Day—showcases an industry other than tourism

Hawaii island Chamber of Commerce for the first time highlights 4 East Hawaii manufacturers.

- **Pacific (Big Island) Biodiesel.** This Keaau plant is the only biofuel manufacturing plant in the state and it produces the highest quality of diesel in the US. No French fry smell when you use it.. They refine cooking oil that would normally go into the landfill and create diesel & glycerine. Pure recycling with little to no waste. For more information go to their website at <http://www.biodiesel.com/>
- **HPM** with its creation of kit homes, trusses & wall panels, & how they use 3d scale models for quality control. For more information go to their website at <http://hpmhawaii.com/>
- **Mehana Beer** brewery with its Island craft beers
- **Meadowgold** and Mountain Apple brand products will be unveiling their new premium ice cream soon.



NA`I AUPUNI REMINDER:

If you are a Native Hawaiian and want to be part of the process of organizing an `Aha, check Na`i Aupuni website at: <http://naiaupuni.org/faq.html#faq1>.

The deadline to register to file as a delegate has passed however below are additional deadlines:

October 15, 2015 - voter certification by the Hawaii Roll Commission closes

November 2015 voting will commence and end on November 30, 2015

College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources (CTAHR) at University of Hawaii, Manoa



CTAHR is researching ways to add value to Hawaii produce such as creating sake from low value fruit, like papaya. Rep. Matt LoPresti, Rep. Kyle Yamashita from Kula, Maui; Rep. McKelvey from Lahaina; Rep. Isaac Choy of Manoa holding 1 bottle of papaya sake, Prof Jun, Rep. San Buenaventura holding another bottle of sake, & Senator Mike Gabbard



At CTAHR, Professor Jun showed his latest research on preserving fish and other food through "super cooling". He reengineered the freezer to prevent ice from forming so fish remains fresh for up to 8 days. Prof Jun is holding cube of super cooled ahi. Photo on right shows super cooled block of ahi on right and frozen ahi in cube on left. Its applications can revolutionize human organ transplants.



At Hawaii County FEAST- a community food organizing event. Left photo is Senator Russell Ruderman, Carol Ignacio of Blue Zones Project and Rep. Joy San Buenaventura. Photo at right is of Senator Ruderman talking about competing with the mainland by creating value-added products so that local farmers can make a living with higher prices



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If you wish to stay up on all of the legislation, events, and news happening in the Hawaii State House of Representatives then check out the Hawaii House Blog! It has news and updates along with photos from the House! Check it out at: <http://hawaiihouseblog.blogspot.com/>



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