



**2016 Legislative Interim E-Newsletter** **October 2016**

**HAWAII DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (HDOT) CONFERENCE**



At the conference where HDOT explained a proposed pilot project that would replace gas taxes with road usage taxes. For more information <http://HawaiiTribune-Herald>, <http://start advertiser> and/or <http://hidot.hawaii.gov/>. Oregon will fully implement it and 14 other states (mostly western) have either completed or are implementing pilot projects. New Zealand has already implemented it. They found that people in rural areas actually paid less tax because they usually have less fuel-efficient vehicles. It's a way to ensure that all vehicles that use the road pay their fair share. Be ready to comment when this bill is in the 2017 legislative session.

**ABSENTEE VOTING!!!**

- ◆ Absentee ballots will be mailed out on **October 12, 2016**.
- ◆ If mailing absentee ballots; **please** mail in ballots ASAP, however mail no later than **November 5, 2016** (remember our mail goes to Oahu before it's delivered in Hilo) or walk ballots in because over 750 ballots were not counted in the August primary due to their late arrival. <http://opi-data.s3.amazonaws.com/hilo/edition/2016/08/19/index.html#/1/>

**Registration Deadline:** Monday, **October 10, 2016** Register at <https://olvr.hawaii.gov/>

**Absentee Application Request Deadline:** Tuesday, **November 1, 2016:**

<http://elections.hawaii.gov/wp-content/uploads/2015/03/AB-Form-English.pdf> complete and mail in

**Early Walk-In Voting: October 25 - November 5, 2016**

- Hours: Monday - Saturday (8:00a.m. - 4:00p.m.)
- Walk-in at: County of Hawai'i Aupuni Center  
101 Pauahi Street, Suite 1  
Hilo, Hawaii 96720



**Election Date:** Tuesday, November 8, 2016 - hours 7:00am - 6:00pm

**Q. MAY I WRITE-IN A CANDIDATE?**

**A. NO**, Hawaii is one of six states that do **NOT** allow for any "write-in"s. Doing so spoils the ballot and invalidates the portion of your ballot that has been written on. Checking off too many boxes, spoils your ballot.

For more information contact the Hawaii County Elections Office at (808) 933-1591 or <http://www.hawaiicounty.gov/lb-clerk-elections/> or <https://www.honolulu.gov/elections/voter-info.html>



HAWAII TOURISM 2016 CONFERENCE  
"Transforming Tourism Together"



Sunrise tai chi with Tai Chi Master Ren.



Tai Chi  
Master  
Ren  
Guangyi



With Rep. Cindy Evans, Rep. Lynn DeCoite, Rep. Tom Brower, myself, George Szigeti and Rep. Jo Jordan



At the Hawaii Community College meet and greet in honor of Rachel Solemsaas, the new College Chancellor.

Pictured: Senator Kaiali'i Kahele, Chancellor Rachel Solemsaas, Rep. Mark Nakashima and myself.



At the Governor's chamber where I learned about grant disbursement policy to ensure that the money we allocated for in the legislative process actually gets disbursed.



I attended the KWXX Ho'olaule'a and was surprised to see Tai Pa, my former legislative aide.



Are you interested in learning how laws are created?  
 Would you like to learn how to voice your opinions on bills before it becomes law?  
 Attend the Hawaii State Legislature's PUBLIC ACCESS ROOM's FREE presentation/workshop:

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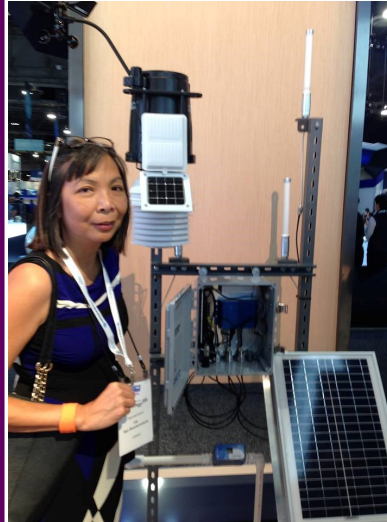
<b>Volcano*</b>	<b>Monday, October 17*</b>	<b>Volcano Arts Center</b> 19-4074 Old Volcano Road
<b>Ocean View</b>	<b>Monday, October 17</b>	<b>Ocean View Community Center</b> 92-8924 Leilani Circle
<b>Hilo</b>	<b>Tuesday, October 18</b>	<b>Hilo Public Library</b> 300 Waiawa Avenue
<b>Pahoa</b>	<b>Thursday, October 20</b>	<b>Pahoa Community Center</b> Kauhale Street
5:00 - 6:00 p.m. = <b>Public Access Room (PAR) drop-in "office hour"</b> Stop in with questions or to pick up information		
6:00 - 7:00 p.m. = <b>"Your Voice" presentation/workshop</b>		

**FREE WORKSHOPS/DROP-INS**

- Tips and techniques on effective lobbying, testimony, and communicating with Senators and Representatives
- Understanding the legislative process, deadlines, and power dynamics at the Capitol
- Learn more about easy to use tools available on the Legislature's website
- Helpful handouts, guides, and resources
- Contact PAR to register for workshop, or just drop in
- Newcomers and seasoned advocates welcome!

For additional information, contact the Public Access Room (PAR)  
 • Toll-free phone: 974-4000, ext. 7-0478 (direct dial: 808/587-0478)  
 Email: [par@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:par@capitol.hawaii.gov) • Website: [LRBHawaii.org/PAR](http://LRBHawaii.org/PAR)

**NCSL WIRELESS U CONVENTION**



I learned how other states implement broadband in rural areas & future needs. Photo is a sustainable farm model where soil acidity, its moisture and other needs are monitored. Monitoring is powered by solar & wind and data is collected/sent through 5G.



At the ESSA (Every Student Succeeds Act) meeting at Waialae High. Photo with HSTA President Cory Rosenlee, BIISC Franny Kinslow Brewer and Rep. Mark Nakashima

**LITTLE FIRE ANT (LFA) CONTROL TRAINING:**

Thanks to Hawaii County Council's committed funds and personal contributions to continue and expand the Little Fire Ant education efforts on Hawaii Island control training is being offered.

BIISC has planned a Puna-based LFA control training at Hawaiian Paradise Park. The first training will be on **October 29 from 9:00am-1:00pm** and will include mixing and application of bait.

Space is limited and registration is **REQUIRED**.

If you would like to qualify for the voucher program you may register by emailing [biisc@hawaii.edu](mailto:biisc@hawaii.edu) or calling 933-3340.



**Big Island Invasive Species Committee (BIISC) will be holding albizia tree workday and training**

Are you interested in learning how to control young albizia before they become a menace?

Hands-on trainings or workdays are scheduled for:

- **Lava Tree State Monument event - Saturday, October 15 at 9:00a.m.** Meet at the Lava Tree parking lot. All volunteers will receive a free Albizia Assassin t-shirt and sticker.
- Nanawale Roadside, **Wednesday, October 19 at 9:00a.m.** Meet at Nanawale Longhouse
- Nanawale VFW Post, **Wednesday, October 26 at 9:00a.m.** Meet at the VFW post in Nanawale Estates

For more information visit their website at <http://www.biisc.org/> or email them at [biisc@hawaii.edu](mailto:biisc@hawaii.edu).

\*Ainaloa Community (ongoing, weekday & weekend events) - contact Judy at [haneypaws@aol.com](mailto:haneypaws@aol.com)

Please wear/bring: long pants, long sleeved shirts, sturdy, closed-toe shoes and water. The little fire ants may be in the area so it is recommended that you also bring a hat and towel or cloth to protect your neck and collar line.

Hatchets, hardhats, and gloves will be provided, although if you have your own it would be useful for them to bring on this day. Please email your attendance so that they can make sure to have enough equipment: [biisc@hawaii.edu](mailto:biisc@hawaii.edu)



The Pahoa Music & Art Walk will be taking place from 5pm - 10pm on **Saturday, October 8** at Pahoa Village. Featuring local artists, live music, and lots of fun!! This event is scheduled to occur on the second Saturday of each month.

**If you have a community event that you want featured in my newsletter/e-newsletter e-mail us at [b.iwasaki@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:b.iwasaki@capitol.hawaii.gov). No guarantee that it will be included; however, we will do our best.**

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<http://capitol.hawaii.gov/memberpage.aspx?member=Sanbuenaventura&year=2016>

**Vice Chair:** Judiciary

**Committee Member:** Consumer Protection & Commerce; Public Safety; Labor & Public Employment; Transportation

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