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Announcement:

In February, the Governor approved the Capitol Improvement Project Release Funds, which includes \$650,000 for August Ahrens Elementary

DEAR NEIGHBORS,

I hope you and your family are safe and healthy in the new year. As your representative, I am committed to continue to work with you as a community to define our new normalcy during this post-pandemic time.

The thirty-second Legislature convened on January 18, 2023, and after two years, we opened the ceremony and festivities to the public once again! I encourage you to stop by and visit.

We are fast approaching the midway point of the 2023 Legislative session with First Crossover set for March 9, 2023. This deadline marks a significant point in which bills must be passed by the third reading to continue moving to the other chamber. If successful, House bills will be sent to the Senate, and Senate bills are sent to the House to continue through session.

As the session continues, stay connected with me at replamosao@capitol.hawaii.gov or at (808) 586-6520.



Rep. Chun, Sen. Aquino, Rep. Nakamura, Rep. Woodson,
Rep. Takayama,
Sen. Elefante at the State of the Judiciary



Hawaii LifeSmarts



Attended Waipahu High School Band Program



Women's Legislative Caucus Breakfast

LEGISLATURE AT HALWAY POINT:

BILLS THAT ARE GAINING MOMENTUM

Typically, only 25 percent of bills introduced survive the First Crossover deadline. Bills that crossover will be heard in the non-originating chamber to review. There are still opportunities to testify on bills that are important to you and to make amendments to bills that continue to move through session. In addition to the bills, I mentioned in the Q&A segment, below are some measures we are closely monitoring that support our community in a variety of ways.

HB491 HD1: RELATING TO A LEAVE GRANT PROGRAM

Establishes within the department of business, economic development, and tourism a two-year leave grant program to help small businesses offer their employees paid family leave and paid sick leave. Requires reports to the legislature. Appropriate moneys.



HB492: RELATING TO TAXATION

Increases the state earned income tax credit from twenty to twenty-five percent of the federal earned income tax credit.



HB493 HD1: RELATING TO TAXATION

Amends the income brackets and credit amounts of the refundable food/excise tax credit.



HB494: RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES

Subjects to the rights, responsibilities, and liabilities of transferees under section 286-52, Hawai'i Revised Statutes, organizations that receive motor vehicles as charitable donations.



HB495: RELATING TO FIREWORKS

Increases fines that may be assessed against certain fireworks-related violations.



HB1341: RELATING TO MEDICAID

Appropriates moneys for the achievement of full funding, including estimated payment increases, of Medicaid Home- and Community- Based Services.



To learn more about the latest versions of the bills, testimony submitted and more, *go to capitol.hawaii.gov*



American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists Advocacy Day



Chamber of Commerce Student Advocacy Day



HSTA Advocacy Day with Leeward Chapter



WHS Journalism Students



Waipahu High School Student Government



UH Research Day with Rep. Kahaloa, Rep. Kila, Rep. Garrett, Rep. Chun, & Rep. Poepoe

Keeping Up With It All- Session's in Full Swing

Asking for a Hearing

The chair of the committee to which a bill is referred has the authority to schedule a hearing for that said bill. The lateral and first decking deadlines approach quickly, so monitor your bills and get in touch with the appropriate chair's office to request a bill be heard.

Finding committee information and contacting them is easy. Go to the capitol website (capitol.hawaii.gov) and give them a call or send an email. Have a few sentences with your request ready. If the legislator is not available, speak with the office manager or the committee clerk.

Be aware that the chair has a number of things to consider when scheduling a bill, including committee referrals, pertinent deadlines and timelines to hold hearings, competing legislation, and merits and implications of the bill. If you're having an issue getting your bill heard, consider asking others to advocate, too! You can also reach out to other members of the committee to request if they are willing to convince the chair that the bill deserves to be heard.

Keeping Up with the Legislature- A Mid Session Training

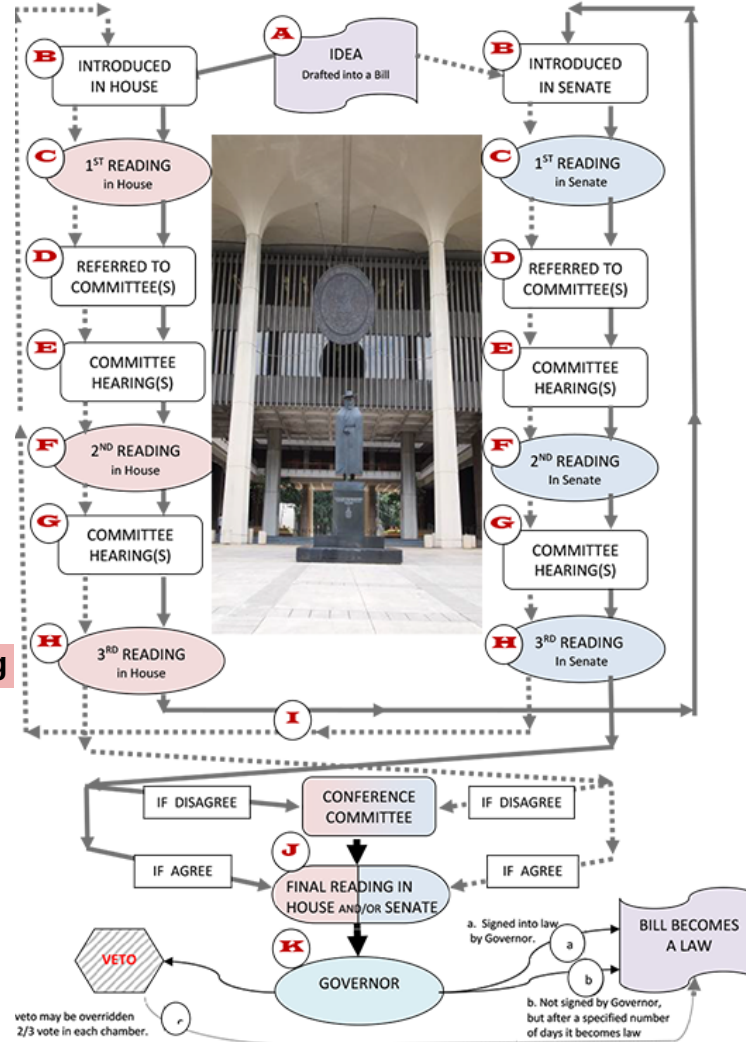
The Public Access Room is a phenomenal resource to stay on top of the Legislative Session. Hearing notices, committee reports, amended drafts and decking deadlines are all topics that the Public Access room provides tips and trainings on to help improve your advocacy efforts and make your work this session a little easier.

Register for one of the Public Access Room's trainings through their website at www.lrbhawaii.gov/par

Recognizing Who's Who

With eighteen new representatives, and six new senators this year, there are lots of new faces. The Public Access Room also provides handouts that has information and pictures of all Legislators. Pick up their map's booklet, the House or Senate "Pictures & Profiles" handout, or posters of the legislators. There are even flashcards that can help you learn.

A BILL'S JOURNEY: Bill to Law



Looking for information on the Legislative process?

The Legislative website: www.Capitol.Hawaii.Gov

is a great place to start!

For more hands-on help visit or contact the Public Access Room, they are located at the State Capitol room, 401. Visit their website: www.lrbhawaii.org/par or call (808) 587-0478

Anti-Smoking Press Conference at the Capitol with Rep. Chun and Rep. Kahaloa



ILWU Local 1000 Care Home Operators



Filipino Caucus Advocates

WIS Future Farmers of America with LG Luke

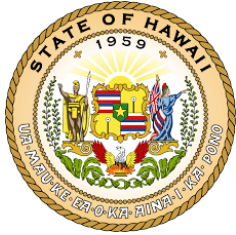
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The Green Affordability Plan (HB1049)

During the first State of the State Address, Governor Josh Green announced his Green Affordability Plan (GAP) that creates a targeted tax bill that provides income relief for working families.

If passed, the plan will increase income assistance to lowest income families and allow Asset Limited Income Constrained Employed (ALICE) households receive tax relief by increasing tax credits, support working parents by reducing childcare costs, and provide tax credits for teacher expenses.

Follow HB1049 or any bills listed above at capitol.hawaii.gov

Ready Keiki: The Promise of Universal Access to Preschool

Ready Keiki is a public-private initiative led by Lt. Governor Sylvia Luke, which aims to create universal access to preschool by creating 80 additional preschool classrooms by August 2024 and 465 classrooms by 2032. The plan identifies sites for more classrooms, increases subsidies to expand access to preschool for children in lower-income households, and envisions educational partnerships to build the early learning workforce by training new teachers and educational assistants. The Ready Keiki initiative also envisions on-site early learning classrooms at private businesses and UH campuses across the State.

