

# NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD REPORT

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### District 38 – Waipahu

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Aloha friends and neighbors!

I would like to extend my sincerest gratitude for the opportunity to serve our community and to tackle other issues which affect our state at large.

This month's neighborhood board report will contain updates of some bills that are moving forward, along with some other helpful information that will benefit the members of our community.

If you have any questions about any bills, the legislative process, or if you would like to just say hello, please feel free to contact me at 808-586-6520 or email [repaquino@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:repaquino@capitol.hawaii.gov).

With warmest aloha,

#### UPCOMING EVENT:

**OPEN COCKPIT DAY at the Pacific Aviation  
Museum**

Kids of all ages will have a chance to explore the cockpit of a historical aircraft and talk story with pilots. Flight suits and helmets are provided.

Saturday, March 4th 10:00 AM— 4:00 PM

The event is free to with museum admission and free to museum members.



Students from Waipahu High School's Academy of Hospitality and Tourism at the State Capitol for the Hotel and Lodging Day event.

# Session Updates

Listed below are a few bills that are currently moving through the Legislature:

**HB902**– Appropriates general funds for 6.0 FTE positions for the UH Pamantasan Council to promote access and diversity, including for programs and policies related to Philippine courses and Filipino students.

**HB607**- Requires the executive office on aging to establish the kupuna caregivers program to assist community members who are providing care for elders to stay in the workforce. Clarifies the kupuna service and support options provided by area agencies on aging within the kupuna care program. Appropriates funds for establishing and implementing the kupuna caregivers program.

**HB612 HD1**- Appropriates funds for the Aging and Disability Resource Center.

**HB723**- Increases the fines for violations of driving a motor vehicle at an excessive speed.

**HB1443 HD1**- Establishes the Hawaii Airport Corporation within the Department of Transportation for administrative purposes, to be operational on July 1, 2018. Sets out appointment of members to the board of directors and powers and duties of the Hawaii Airport Corporation. Transfers the aeronautics functions of DOT to the Hawaii Airport Corporation.

**Updates on all measures introduced can be found on the Hawaii State Capitol website at [www.capitol.hawaii.gov](http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov)**



Kupuna and caregivers from the community have come to show their support for HB607 and SB304.



A rally attendee holds up her sign as she listens to the speaker.



Rally participants hold up their signs to oncoming traffic.

Various organizations who are pushing for long-term care assistance in Hawaii have come together at the State Capitol to show their support for HB607 and SB534. These bills would establish the Kupuna Caregivers program. The program is intended to help provide additional assistance to the working caregiver. This program isn't meant to cover the expenses for long-term care facilities. This bill would fund up to \$70 per day for the respite that working family caregivers need in order to stay active in the workforce while caring for their kupuna at home.