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NEWS AND UPDATES FROM Representative Troy N. Hashimoto

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Aloha! It is hard to believe that we are already entering the holiday season! This is my favorite time of year as we spend time with family and friends.

These past few months have also been busy in preparation for the upcoming legislative session, which is slated to begin on January 16, 2019. Nine new members will be entering the House and I look forward to working with my new colleagues.

I have also placed a high priority on understanding and identifying the needs of our district. I have been making as many site visits as possible. I have visited Maui Memorial Medical Center, Baldwin High School, Iao Intermediate, Waihee Elementary, Puu Kukui Elementary, Wailuku Elementary, Maui Community Correctional Center, and Mental Health Kokua, just to name a few. There are many needs throughout our district and my focus will be on securing resources to assist State entities and non-profits that support our community. If you have any ideas or would like to share your priorities, please do not hesitate to contact me.

I also have moved offices at the Capitol and I am now located in **Room 332**. Please come and visit anytime if you are on Oahu! My contact information will remain the same. Finally, from my family to yours, Happy Holidays!



Our new office is 332 in the Capitol. Come visit!



Troy with new House colleagues, (L-R) Stacelynn Eli, Rida Cabanilla, Scot Matayoshi, Speaker Scott Saiki, David Tarnas, Dale Kobayashi, Tina Wildberger and Lisa Kitagawa. Missing: Amy Perruso and Val Okimoto



Maui House and Senate members meeting with Maui Health Systems Board of Directors and CEO Michael Rembis.

Troy with the "Maui Men's March Against Violence" coordinators Aris Banaang and Chris Kanemura along with Governor's Liaison Leah Belmonte. The march from Keopuolani Park to UH Maui College helped to increase awareness about issues of violence towards women in our community.



Troy congratulating Fukumoto Engineering on their 30th Anniversary.

500-acre solar project proposed in Central Maui

AES Distributed Energy was recently selected by the Hawaiian Electric Companies for two of its seven solar-plus-storage projects in Hawai'i, representing the largest addition of renewable energy in the state's history. One of AES Distributed Energy's projects is on the island of Maui with the Maui Electric Company.

The AES Maui project is located just east of Kuihelani Highway near Waikapu. A community meeting on the project was held in mid-November. Additional meetings are planned and will be announced. The solar project is aimed to help the State of Hawai'i realize its goal of reaching 100 percent renewable energy by 2045. Residents are encouraged to provide any comments or questions by email at: KuihelaniSolar@aes.com.

Details of the project include:

- 60 MWac solar PV plus 240 MWh battery energy storage system
- Approximately 200,000 solar panels
- Enough energy to power about 18,000 homes
- Solar panels mounted on single-axis-tracking system
- Containerized Lithium-Ion battery energy storage system
- 25-year Power Purchase Agreement in negotiations with Maui Electric Company
- Up to 500 acres of land required (Agricultural soil type D and E only)
- Estimated Construction Commencement in 2020
- Estimated Commercial Operations in 2021 or 2022



House announces committees

House Speaker Scott K. Saiki announced in early November the committee line-up and the committee chairs for the Thirtieth Legislature.

Committee vice-chairs and assignments for each member are still pending and will be announced before the start of the session in January.

COMMITTEE

- AGRICULTURE
- CONSUMER PROTECTION & COMMERCE
- ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & BUSINESS
- EDUCATION
- ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
- FINANCE
- HEALTH
- HOUSING
- HUMAN SERVICES & HOMELESSNESS
- INTRASTATE COMMERCE
- JUDICIARY
- LABOR & PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT
- LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT
- PUBLIC SAFETY, VETERANS, & MILITARY AFFAIRS
- TRANSPORTATION
- TOURISM & INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS
- WATER, LAND, & HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

CHAIRS

- Richard P. Creagan
- Roy M. Takumi
- Angus McKelvey
- Justin H. Woodson
- Nicole E. Lowen
- Sylvia Luke
- John M. Mizuno
- Tom Brower
- Joy San Buenaventura
- Takashi Ohno
- Chris Lee
- Aaron Ling Johanson
- Ty J.K. Cullen
- Gregg Takayama
- Henry J.C. Aquino
- Richard H.K. Onishi
- Ryan I. Yamane

Department of Health to hold immunization public hearings

The Hawai'i State Department of Health (DOH) has scheduled additional public hearings on the counties of Kaua'i, Maui and Hawai'i to gather public comments on the proposed amendments to Title 11, Chapter 157, "Examination and Immunization," which include health examination and immunization requirements for school attendance in Hawai'i.

Scheduled hearings are open to the public and will be held at the following dates, times and locations:

Date: Friday, Dec. 14, 2018

Time: 2 – 4 p.m.

Place: Maui – Waialuku State Office Building, 54 South High Street, Waialuku, Maui

"We decided that hearings should be conducted statewide based on the interest around these changes," said Health Director Dr. Bruce Anderson. "The proposed rules conform with current national recommendations by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) on vaccinations."

The proposed changes update and clarify the immunization and examination requirements for school, post-secondary school, and child care facility attendance in Hawai'i, which were last revised in 2001. Since then, updates have been made to the vaccine recommendations from the CDC, resulting in differences between current national standards and Hawai'i's pediatric and school entry and attendance requirements.