



Representative Bertrand Kobayashi Community Update

DIAMOND HEAD, KAHALA,
KAIMUKI, KAPAHULU

March 2017

One-Third of State Legislative Session is Over

The Legislative session is one-third over but many important issues won't be decided until the last third of the session. Three of the most current important bills still alive are:

1. State Budget for FY 2018-2019 Biennium (HB100) – The Governor's original December 2016 request was **reduced by \$500 million** over the biennium by the House because of lower revenue estimates by the Council on Revenues. The Governor earlier reduced/eliminated many of his add-ons for DOE, UH, and early pre-funding for the unfunded deficits in State health insurance. House budget details will be available next week.
2. Medical Aid in Dying (SB1129) - This bill would allow Hawaii residents with medically confirmed terminal disease with six or fewer months to live to obtain a prescription to end their life. The medication would be self-administered by the patient. The bill is modeled after Oregon's Death with Dignity Act. Other states with similar legislation include California, Colorado, Vermont, and Washington. Senate vote was 22 to 3.
3. Rail Tax Extension (SB 1183) - The City proposed that the current half percent county surcharge on GET state tax be extended in perpetuity to fund rail. The Senate rejected the City's proposal and gave the City only the State's 10% "skim" for administrative costs to provide more surcharge revenue to the City to cover the costs for rail. Senate vote was 25 to 0.

Less important bills include:

1. Diamond Head shoreline fishing ban was not heard by the House Ocean/Marine/Hawaiian Affairs committee.
2. Several low income tax relief bills are still alive.
3. Tax collection from Airbnb and other visitor rental units is still alive.
4. Allowing photographic evidence to show probable cause for fireworks violations, not police eye-witnessing, is alive.
5. Electronic monitoring and alternatives to prison are alive.
6. Several elderly care and homeless bills are alive.
7. The House killed DOT highway tax increases and passed a complicated ad valorem [according to value] option to substitute for the current vehicle weight tax.
8. A paid sick leave with many details blanked out is still alive.
9. Several near-shore fishing restrictions are alive.
10. A controversial bill to require U.S. President and Vice President candidates to disclose their tax returns is still alive in the House but may be unconstitutional.



2017 Legislative Timetable

March

- 3rd**-First Decking: Last day to file non-budget bills for Third Reading in originating chamber
- 9th**-First Crossover (Bills)
- 10th**-Last day to introduce Substantive Resolutions
- 13th**-Budget Decking
- 15th**-Budget Crossover
- 16th**-Second Triple Referral Filing (Bills)
- 24th**-Second Lateral (Bills): Bills must be moved to final committee in non-originating chamber
- 27th**-Holiday: Kuhio Day
- 29th**-First Lateral for Concurrent Resolutions

April

- 6th**-First Crossover for Concurrent Resolutions
- 7th**-Second Decking (Bills): Last day to file bills for Third Reading in non-originating body
- 13th** Second Crossover (Bills) & Last day to disagree
- 14th**-Holiday: Good Friday
- 21st**-Constitutional Amendments: Deadline for final form
- 24th**-Second Crossover Concurrent Resolutions
- 27th**-Last day to file Non-Fiscal Bills to deck for Final Reading
- 28th**-Last day to file Fiscal Bills to deck for Final Reading

May

- 4th**-Adjournment *sine die* (Session pau!)



Culinary Institute of the Pacific at Diamond Head Phase I Facilities

Kapiolani Community College celebrated the completion of the first phase of the Culinary Institute of the Pacific at Diamond Head on Friday, March 3, 2017. The \$25 million first phase was financed by private donations and federal and state funds and will create a home for what will be the only four-year, baccalaureate culinary degree in Hawaii. Classes are not scheduled to start till fall 2017, though some non-credit classes will begin to be offered at the new site in the coming months.

The Culinary Institute of the Pacific Diamond Head, in partnership with the University of Hawaii – West Oahu, will offer a four-year bachelor of applied science degree in culinary arts with a concentration in culinary management. The University of Hawaii Community College system's pathway to excellent professional culinary education offers associate degrees and certificates in culinary arts, baking and pastry arts, as well as a third-year advanced professional certificate in culinary arts.

The first phase on the 7.878-acre site includes four single story buildings, outdoor cooking area, landscaping, the first of two parking lots and all of the offsite utility infrastructure (electrical, water, sewer, gas) for the entire project and wide new pathway connecting to the existing pathway.

Phase I Building breakdown –

- 1st building – two labs, one advanced multi-function lab and one Asian cuisine lab (6,500 total sq. ft.)
- 2nd building – locker room, restrooms and lounge (1,752 sq. ft.)
- 3rd building – storage room (866 sq. ft.)
- 4th building – electrical and mechanical plant (2,880 sq. ft.)

The House budget includes \$30 million for Phase II, which UH says is needed for Phase II for an auditorium, large dining hall, classroom building, and instructional labs.

The Culinary Institute of the Pacific has been designed with extensive community input that will naturally blend into the Diamond Head landscape with its arrangement of single-story buildings that are set back more than 100 feet from Diamond Head Road with extensive landscaping. The traffic impact will be minimal because of onsite parking.