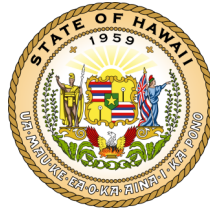


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## 2020 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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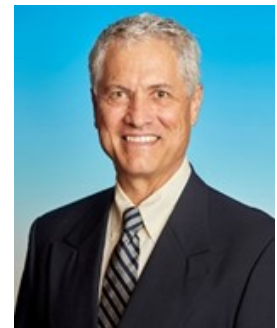
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**Aloha Friends and Neighbors,**

The Legislative Session is in full swing, with hundreds of bills introduced in the Legislature now moving through their committee hearings. This handout summarizes a selection of the bills that I introduced this session. More details on all these bills is available at [www.capitol.hawaii.gov](http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov). This handout also lists the Capital Improvement Project priorities that I requested funding for this session.

Please contact me at 808-586-8510 or [reptarnas@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:reptarnas@capitol.hawaii.gov) for more information on these bills or to discuss my legislative priorities this session.

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# LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

Here is a list of the bills for which I am a Primary Introducer.

*\*Denotes bills for which I am the First Primary Introducer.*

## 2020 JOINT LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE

*Legislative package introduced in the House and Senate to restore income equality to the working class in Hawai'i.*

- HB2541** Gradually increases the minimum wage to \$13/hr by 2024. Increases food/excise tax credit based on earned income.
- HB2542** Makes provisions for the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation to increase affordable housing by identifying publicly-owned properties that can be used to develop 99-year leasehold homes. Authorizes funds to establish infrastructure for development projects and provides for tax exemptions.
- HB2543** Creates a Learning to Grow Agency to increase the capacity at existing childcare facilities supported with public funds and also develop new facilities for early learning programs for 3-4 year-old children by 2030.
- HB2544** Appropriates funds to establish the School Facilities Agency to be responsible for all public school development, planning, and construction related to capital improvement projects.

## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>*HB2193</b> Requires all habitat conservation plans (HCP) to include stand-by emergency services for native wildlife affected by activities subject to the HCP.</li> <li><b>*HB2196</b> Increases outreach and compliance oversight for homeowners with on-site sewage disposal systems.</li> <li><b>HB1121</b> Requires an update of the statewide framework for the Hawaii water plan.</li> <li><b>HB2160</b> Establishes a State tree nursery special fund.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>*HB2591</b> Appropriates funds to provide DLNR with necessary resources for statewide consultation with fishers and other stake holders to develop management measures associated with the marine 30x30 initiative.</li> <li><b>HB1847</b> Requires DLNR to adopt rules to protect herbivorous fish in all state waters.</li> <li><b>HB1860</b> Bans the sale of sunscreen that includes homosalate, octocrylene, &amp; octisalate.</li> </ul> |
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### COMBATTING INVASIVE SPECIES

- HB1849** Appropriates funds to create an extension agent position for the Hawaii Ant Lab West Hawaii Office.
- HB2265** Establishes and funds an invasive species rapid response special fund.
- HB2532** Appropriates funds to mitigate and control two-lined spittlebug infestations.

### ENERGY

- HB1844** Creates the Clean Energy and Energy Efficiency Revolving Loan Fund to provide financial assistance for clean energy investments.
- HB1863** Requires a study on the development of electric vehicle infrastructure.
- HB1934** Provides a funding source for programs to create jobs relating to clean and renewable energy generation.
- HB2699** Establishes clean ground transportation goals for State agencies.

## HEALTH & WELL-BEING

- HB1796** Creates a task force to study capping the amount an insured person can be charged for a prescription insulin drug.
- HB2022** Authorizes expenditures to expand treatment facilities for patients with chronic substance abuse and mental health disorders.
- HB2236** Funds review and cost analysis of the State emergency medical system to improve efficiency, quality, and cost-effectiveness.
- HB2457** Bans the sale of flavored tobacco, authorizes public school teachers to confiscate e-cigarettes, and increases fines for possession of tobacco products by persons under 21.
- HB1945** Allocates TAT funds to the Hawaii Tourism Authority to address homelessness in tourist and resort areas.
- HB2061** Requires a study group to examine the impacts of allowing child support payments for recipients of the TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) Program.
- HB2062** Establishes a sexually exploited children statewide coordinator program, and committee to address the needs of sexually exploited children in the state.

### PUBLIC SAFETY

- \*HB2425** Amends the definition of domestic abuse to include coercive control between family or household members.
- HB2703** Appropriates funds to establish a pilot program to prevent targeted school violence.
- HB1818** Requires individuals riding a bicycle to ride within a bicycle lane whenever available.

### AGRICULTURE

- \*HB2192** Increases the maximum area for certain agricultural buildings that are exempt from building permit and building code requirements.
- HB1892** Requires the Department of Agriculture to establish a five-year food hub pilot program to increase access to local food.
- HB2689** Requires the Department of Agriculture to establish a permanent hemp program.

### EDUCATION

- HB1915** Establishes the Workforce Readiness Program to help students develop skills needed to be employable.
- HB1956** Requires persons under 21 who use tobacco at a public school to attend a tobacco education course.
- \*HB2426** Allows charter school students to participate in sports programs at other DOE schools in their service area.
- HB2250** Establishes the UH Promise Program Plus to provide scholarships to qualified students who commit to work for at least three years in Hawaii.
- HB2021** Clarifies that DOE may construct teachers' housing on a public school campus and rent it at low or no cost to full-time teachers.

## GOOD GOVERNANCE

- \*HB 2195** Relieves certain homeowners who condominiumize and sell an adjacent lot from reporting and fee requirements.
- \*HB766** Establishes a task force within the Judiciary to review allowing service of notice and process by electronic mail.
- \*HB1153** Establishes the remote testimony access program which would allow the public to present oral testimony at hearings through remote testimony.
- HB1868** Lowers the age exempted from jury duty from 80 to 75 years of age or older.
- HB2750** Allows a person to renew or obtain a driver's license regardless if they have unpaid monetary obligations, with certain exceptions.

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- HB1912** Establishes the Pacific International Space Center for Exploration Systems.
- HB2015** Establishes a pilot program to remove and harvest gorse from Mauna Kea and develop it as a marketable product.
- HB2025** Adjusts the deposit beverage container handling fee annually based upon the Consumer Price Index.
- HB2211** Requires DLNR to issue commercial marine licenses for the taking of marine life for commercial purposes.
- HB2102** Requires labels on hemp products and establishes a regulatory framework for the availability of hemp products in Hawaii.

## CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

In addition to passing bills, the Legislature appropriates funding for State capital improvement projects. Among many other important projects, I am advocating for the following major road projects as a top priority for District 7:

**Daniel K. Inouye Highway (Saddle Road) Extension – \$90,000,000**

Land acquisition and construction to extend the highway from Mamalahoa Highway to Queen Ka'ahumanu Highway.

**Waimea regional safety improvements –\$22,000,000**

Design and construction of transportation safety projects across Waimea.

**Kawaihae Road, Waiaka Bridge Replacement and Realignment – \$4,100,000**

Additional funds for land acquisition and design of a new replacement bridge.

For a full list of the funding projects I requested for District 7 this session, please see [HB2424](#).

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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