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**Talk story w/the Representative**

**April 15** 5pm to 6:30pm  
 Nalu's South Shore Grill  
 1280 S Kihei Road, Kihei

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**Aloha South Maui,** The season of Makahiki has ended and, appropriately, the legislature has swung into high gear for hearings and, ultimately, passing bills. A few at least... It has been a swift learning curve. Together with my staff, we are affecting change at The Capitol... baby steps!

Working with leadership, I have been nominated to the Hawai'i Invasive Species Council. I have already met with Dr. Josh Atwood, DLNR, and look forward to collaborating with Maui Invasive Species Committee. Speaker Saiki has also nominated me to the Council of State Government's Energy Committee. After session, I will be attending conferences with other legislators to learn more about good governance and effective solutions to community challenges.

Half way through the legislative season, many bills have died in the House and Senate. I have introduced these resolutions to lay important groundwork for future bills:

*Makahiki Tina*

HCR81	To develop a sustainable food security strategic plan and prepare an annual report to legislature (in response to Maui milk shortage)
HCR194	To develop legislation providing expanded and improved Medicare for all.
HCR195	Convening a working group to discuss local issues surrounding waste reduction.
HCR196	Requesting the BLNR prioritize stream restoration and protection when discussing and making water and land use decisions affecting the environment and drinking water.
HCR197	Requesting a study that summarizes the published reports and studies on the effects of 5G wireless technology on biological life.
HCR198	Requesting the legislature convene a working group to discuss the economic growth potential of investing in Green Industry initiatives.

**CAPITOL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS (CIP) REQUESTS**

Our team is working hard to shepherd these requests through the legislative process. Look for updates with details of the funding we are able to secure.

**Lokelani Intermediate School- \$24,570,000**

*Design & construction for Admin & Library Building, J-Building renovation, new locker rooms, Traffic Loop, & ADA compliance upgrades.*

**Kihei High Safe Crossing- \$10,000,000**

*Design & construction for an overpass/underpass at Piilani Highway for Kihei high school.*

**South Maui Shoreline Master Plan- \$5,000,000**

*Comprehensive Master Plan for public shoreline access for DLNR-managed parcels on South Maui's shoreline.*

Details are outlined in Rep Wildberger's CIP bill, HB 1194 RELATING TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE ELEVENTH REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT. Go to the Capitol website to see. [www.capitol.hawaii.gov](http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov)

## WATER RIGHTS BILL UPDATE: No more holdover permit extensions for large water users!

*Proud to stand w/these community advocates for the water, the 'aina, and the people. The first no vote!*



**HB1326 RELATING TO WATER RIGHTS** would allow revocable water permits to be extended while applications for water leases are pending. This bill would be particularly beneficial to Alexander & Baldwin as its passage would save them from returning \$62 million to Mahi Pono.

The bill passed the House in March (Rep Wildberger and 8 other Representatives voted no), and

crossed over to the Senate. A joint committee hearing (WTL/WAM) took place on April 2nd. People came from all islands to testify; the overwhelming majority spoke in opposition to the bill. The hearing went on for six hours, ending at 5:45pm with Chair Kahele postponing the vote until April 4th. That's when things got *historical*: the April 4th hearing started with an unprecedented line of intense questioning for A&B, and finished with Senator Kahele proposing amendments that effectively deleted A&B from the allowable permit holdovers, while allowing smaller water users more time to complete the required EIS process. The new and improved amended version passed through the WTL committee with only 2 "no" votes. The WAM committee called a brief recess then returned to defer the bill, essentially killing it for this year.

There is a chance, however, that action could be taken to revive the bill after this newsletter is printed. Be sure to refer to the capitol website for the most recent status: [www.capitol.hawaii.gov](http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov) (enter "HB1326" into the Bill Status box on the top left).

## LEI OF ALOHA FOR CHRISTCHURCH NZ

The eighth Lei of Aloha was finished the weekend of St. Patrick's Day. A beautiful blessing was given by Kimokeo Kapahulehua & Kahu Alalani Hill at Nalu's South Shore Grill on March 19.

Tina was honored to offer remarks of condolence and messages of peace and aloha for Christchurch, New Zealand. A Maui delegation traveled to yet another grieving community to offer solidarity and mana for healing.



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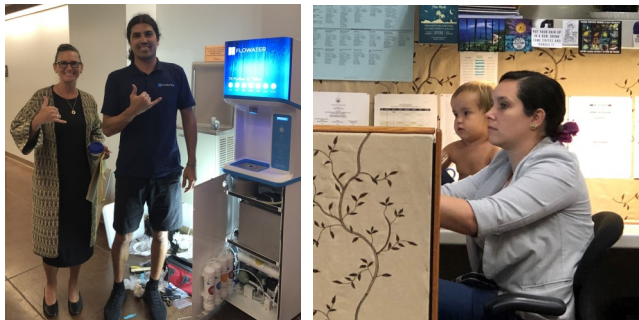
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*Office Manager Natalia shows the ropes to her intern-for-the-afternoon, Ember. (We had to let her go because she wouldn't follow the office dress code.) Her mom, Lauryn, flew in from Maui to offer testimony and talk to legislators.*



*This month Speaker Saiki installed water dispensers to encourage flask fill-ups, and discourage plastic bottles and disposable cups. The mind set at the Capitol is changing - faster than the climate I hope!*

## E KOMO MAI

One of the joys of being a Representative is meeting with people who are engaging in the process. Our door is open to all but we especially enjoy visitors from Maui!

*The Future Farmers of America, Lokelani Intermediate School chapter from Maui, stopped by to tell us about their program.*



*UH Manoa students came by to talk about minimum wage.*



*Kihei residents Waimea, Katy and Makena Tsark came to visit the Capitol, and Makena shadowed Tina & Natalia for the morning.*

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