



TOWN & UPCOUNTRY UPDATE

February Legislative Update 2020

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Aloha Neighbors,

We began our 2020 legislative session on January 15th. Our bill introduction period is complete and the House Standing Committees are busy with committee hearings. The public can provide input and concerns to the legislators about bills being heard in their respective committees.

In March, all bills which have made it to final reading in the House will crossover to the Senate and in reverse, all Senate bills will be sent to the House.

In this newsletter, I have included some bills of interest and completed the legislative calendar.

As always, thank you for allowing me to serve you and our community. If you have any concerns, please contact my office.

Warm Regards,

Please assist us in our initiative to 'GO GREEN,' and send us your email address to receive newsletters by email.

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Representatives at the signing of the 2020 House Majority Package.

2020 Session Bill Highlights

Kupuna Caucus

HB1867—*Kupuna Caucus; Qualified Caregiver; Kupuna Caregivers Program*

Amends the total amount of hours per week an individual must be employed to be a qualified caregiver under the kupuna caregivers program from thirty to twenty.

HB1874—*Offenses Against Seniors; Penal Code Revisions; Kupuna Caucus*

Lowers the age of crimes against seniors to sixty years of age, and makes certain criminal offenses against seniors applicable regardless of the perpetrator's knowledge of the victim's age.

Electronic Smoking Devices

HB2456—*Unlawful Shipment of E-Liquids; Tobacco Products; Electronic Smoking Devices*

Establishes the offense of unlawful shipment of e-liquid products. Includes e-liquid and electronic devices containing e-liquid with the definition of "tobacco products", as used in the cigarette tax and tobacco law. Allocates a portion of funds collected from excise taxes on tobacco products to health education and prevention programs about the risks and

dangers of the use of electronic smoking devices for youth.

Agriculture

HB2565—*HDOA, Dept of Health; Pesticides; Restricted Use Pesticide Disposal Amnesty Program; Restricted Use Pesticide Disposal Amnesty Program Steering Committee*

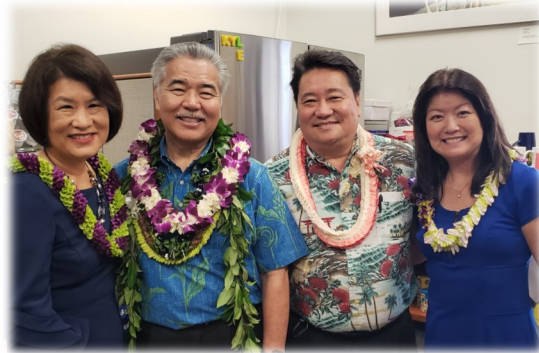
Establishes the Restricted Use Pesticide Disposal Amnesty Program within the Department of Agriculture to provide a one-time, affordable, and environmentally accessible means for the disposal of restricted use pesticides from a bona fide agricultural entity. Convenes a Restricted Use Pesticide Disposal Amnesty Program Steering Committee to guide and monitor the program.

HB2275—*Beginning Farmer and Rancher Grant Program*

Establishes the Beginning Farmer and Rancher Grant Program under the Department of Agriculture. Allows the Department to make grants to start new commercial farms and ranches.



Opening Day with Maui Hui Malama & Councilwoman Yuki Lei Sugimura.



Opening Day with Governor Ige and First Lady.

2020 Session Calendar

April

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 First Crossover (Concurrent Resos)	3 Second Decking (Bills)	4
5	6 Recess #6	7	8 Recess #7	9 Second Crossover (Bills) & Disagree	10 Good Friday	11
12	13	14	15 Recess #8	16	17	18
19	20 Second Crossover (Concurrent Resos)	21	22 Recess #9	23	24	25
26	27	28 Recess #10	29 Final Decking (Non-Fiscal Bills)	30 Final Decking (Fiscal Bills)		

May

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Recess #11	2
3	4 Recess #12	5	6 Recess #13	7 Adjournment Sine Die	8	9



Opening Day with members of ILWU Local 142.



With Kaimana Brummel and Keali'i Reichel (Halau Ke'alaokamaile).

CORONAVIRUS

WHAT IS THE CORONAVIRUS?

Public health officials are working to contain a new type of Coronavirus, referred to as the 2019 Novel Coronavirus or 2019-nCoV. This virus is believed to have originated in animals and then spread to humans. It is now being transmitted from person to person.

This virus is a public health concern because it is new and knowledge is limited. The virus was first identified in Wuhan, Hubei Province, China. Cases have been identified internationally, including some cases in the United States. Efforts are being made by governments to prevent its spread.

HOW DOES CORONAVIRUS SPREAD?



Through coughing and sneezing



Close personal contact, such as touching or shaking hands



Touching an object or surface with the virus on it, then touching your mouth, nose, or eyes before washing your hands



Because novel coronavirus is new, we are learning more each day about the transmission patterns and incubation periods

Health officials are still learning about this new virus and how it spreads, but best evidence suggests it is spread when a person coughs or sneezes, or from close contact with a sick person. Once infected, symptoms may not appear for 2 to 14 days. The virus is also believed to survive a few days on surfaces.

WHAT ARE THE SYMPTOMS OF CORONAVIRUS?

- Mild to severe respiratory illness
- Cough and shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fever - *(Some patients may not report fever, especially the very young, elderly, those not able to fight infections, and those taking fever-lowering medications.)*



Fever



Cough



Difficulty Breathing



Severe Illness

IS THERE A VACCINE FOR CORONAVIRUS?



Because this is a new virus, there is currently no vaccine to protect against the Coronavirus; however, efforts are underway to develop a vaccine as soon as possible.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Center for Disease Control and Prevention: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

Hawaii Department of Health: <https://health.hawaii.gov/docd/advisories/novel-coronavirus-2019/>

Hawaii Department of Transportation: <https://hidot.hawaii.gov/coronavirus/>

Call Aloha United Way at 211 for more information and referrals.



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CIP PROJECTS

Kahului Airport, Maui

\$733,167

Construction to remove and replace elevators, escalators, and moving walkways at Kahului Airport, Maui.

Released by the Governor on January 23, 2020.

Kahului Airport, Maui

\$24,020,000

To fund design for reconstruction of Runway 2-20 at Kahului Airport, Maui.

Released by the Governor on January 21, 2020.

Kalama Intermediate School, Maui

\$4,100,000

Construction for a covered Playcourt and related support facilities at Kalama Intermediate School, Maui.

Released by the Governor on January 23, 2020.

Makawao Public Library, Maui

\$200,000

To finance the planning to determine the feasibility to expand the library.

Released by the Governor on February 4, 2020.



MAKAWAO THIRD FRIDAY IS BACK!

Friday, February 21, 2020

6 pm to 9 pm

Grounds of the Eddie Tam Memorial
Park

931 Makawao Ave.

Parking Available on-site for \$5

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