

FROM THE OFFICE OF
SENATOR STANLEY CHANG
 East Honolulu Community Newsletter

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The East Honolulu April Flood



To provide disaster relief following devastating flooding in East Honolulu, Kaua'i, and other affected areas statewide, House and Senate Legislators allocated a total of **\$125 million** to make road, bridge

and other infrastructure repairs in stricken communities. The funds will be administered by the state Department of Defense.

East Honolulu experienced severe weather that produced a large amount of rainfall in a very short period of time on April 13-15, causing flooding over the weekend. Rain gauges in **Niu Valley, Waimanalo, Olomana and Maunawili all reported more than five inches of rain** came down in a matter of hours. The storm drains in the areas were confirmed clear prior to the rain event. Storms and heavy rain can bring vegetation down streams and hillsides—obstructing drainage, traffic, and creating a public safety issue. Department of Transportation crews worked around the clock over the weekend removing debris from the roadways in order to return them to service as quickly as possible.

On **Saturday, May 12, 2018**, the 3rd annual **Eastside Community Preparedness Fair** will take place at Kahala Mall from **10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.** Nearly 30 exhibitors have registered to participate in this Fair, providing information on topics such as **pets, home hardening, tsunami, floods, CPR, 14-day kits, and search & rescue.** In addition, three focused presentations will take place during the fair, covering topics of timely importance.

11:00 a.m. Shelter in Place	QUESTIONS? PLEASE CONTACT
12:00 p.m. Active Shooter	AINAHAINAPREPARED@GMAIL.COM
1:00 p.m. Sea Level Rise	FOR MORE INFORMATION

This session our team managed to pass a whopping

176 BILLS

an astounding number.

We can't wait for the positive, statewide change they will help effect. Mahalo for all your support!

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► **HANDY CONTACTS**

State Pothole Hotline
 808-586-7852

City Pothole Hotline
 808-768-7777

State Homelessness
gov.homelessness@hawaii.gov
 808-586-0193

City Homelessness
complaints@honolulu.gov
 808-768-4381

Abandoned Vehicles
 808-733-2530

Building Permit
 808-768-5555

Trash Collection
 808-768-3200

Street Light Repair
 808-768-5300

IN THE COMMUNITY



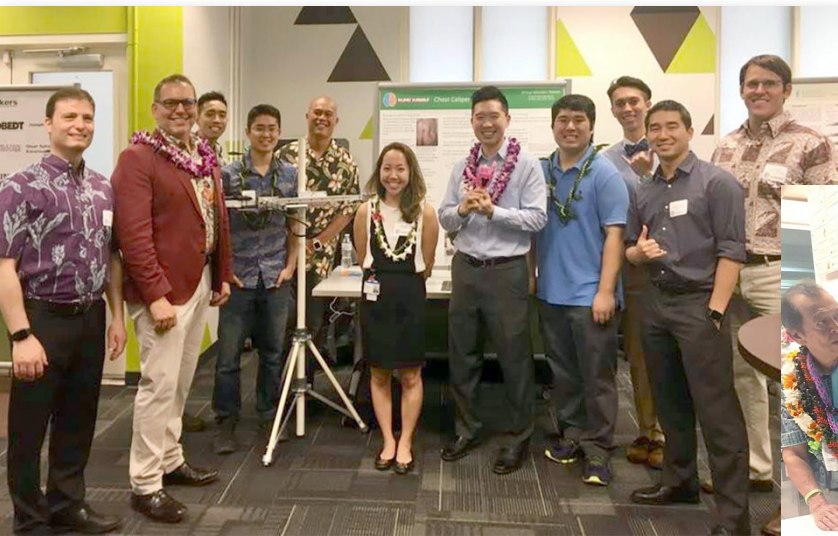
EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION DAY

▲ March 21, 2018, was Early Childhood Education Day at the Capitol. Parents and kids from across the state visited various legislators to lobby for more funding for early childhood education.



HONOLULU WALDORF SCHOOL FLOOD DAMAGE

April 17, 2018 ▲ Senator Chang toured Honolulu Waldorf School and met with officials to view the damage from the April 13th storm and flooding.



MEDICAL DESIGN AT UH MANOĀ

April 17, 2018 ▲ Senator Chang joined John Cabeca, director of the US Patent and Trademark Office in Silicon Valley, at the First Medical Innovation and Design competition for college students at UH Mānoa.



ALA MOANA'S NEWEST SHAVE ICE SPOT

April 11, 2018 ▲ Senator Chang attended the Grand Opening of Uncle Clay's House of Pure Aloha's second location in Ala Moana Center. Uncle Clay's HOPA is a community fixture in Aina Haina Shopping Center.



Source: Wikipedia

Senator Chang's **Hawaii Ratepayer Protection Act, SB2939**, was one of the first bills to be signed into law this year.

“This was a moonshot bill. We’re now the first state in the nation to base electricity rates not on what the market can bear, or to reimburse the utility’s costs plus profit, but on affordability, reliability, customer satisfaction, transparency, and renewable energy. This could be the most consequential bill we’ve passed this whole session,” stated Senator Chang.

Electric rates will be based on factors including the following:

- The economic and cost recovery impacts
- The volatility and affordability of electric rates and customer electric bills
- Electric service reliability
- Customer engagement and satisfaction, including customer options for managing electricity costs
- Access to utility system information.
- Rapid integration of renewable energy sources.
- Timely execution of competitive procurement, third-party interconnection, and other business processes.

Source: Jessica Sato



Q: Do you have a damaged or stolen City rubbish bin?

Damaged carts in East Honolulu should be reported to **Honolulu Collection Yard**, which services Foster Village to Hawaii Kai, at **808-768-3200**. Department of Environmental Services supervisors can often repair broken wheels or lid hinges; otherwise, the cart will be replaced. Report a stolen cart first to the Honolulu Police Department. When you have the police report number, call **808-768-3200** for a replacement cart 8am–2pm.

For more information, please visit opala.org.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Heavy Rain Claims

IF YOU HAVE NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM (NFIP) COVERAGE AND YOUR DAMAGE IS FLOOD RELATED, PLEASE CONTACT YOUR AGENT AND SEE THE NFIP CLAIMS PROCESS TIP SHEET AT:

<https://www.fema.gov/nfip-file-your-claim>

FOR AUTO CLAIMS

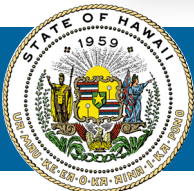
If you have comprehensive (other than collision) coverage on your auto insurance policy and your car suffered storm or flood damage, contact your auto insurance company to make a claim.

FOR NON-FLOOD RELATED HOMEOWNERS CLAIMS

- Check for damages and if possible take photos of the damages.
- Secure your property to prevent further damage and keep receipts for any materials used.
- Report damage to your insurance company or agent (**make a claim**).
- If your home or condo is uninhabitable ask if your policy covers the cost of temporary or alternative housing.
- Submit proof of loss forms or other claim forms if requested by your insurance company.
- Set damaged items aside for later inspection by your adjuster.
- Don't begin **permanent** repairs until damage is inspected by an adjuster or told to do so by your insurer.
- Work with your adjuster and a licensed contractor to estimate the cost of repairs.
- Receive claim check and begin repairs.
 - There may be supplemental payments issued by the insurance company if additional damage is discovered in the course of repairs and as you replace your damaged items.
 - Be careful of scams. Do not sign your entire claims check over to a contractor.
 - If the damage is extensive and you have a mortgage, your claim check may list you and your lien holder as payees.

Contact the Hawaii Insurance Division
if you have any questions or need assistance

cca.hawaii.gov/ins
(808) 586-2790



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