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The 2010 Legislative Session Has Adjourned

Message from Senator Espero

The big surprise at the end of this Session was the passage of HB 444, legalizing civil unions in Hawaii. The Governor now has until July 6th to determine what she will do. To see all the bills passed, visit <http://capitol.hawaii.gov/session2010/lists/RptMeasuresPassed.aspx>
 It was a privilege serving you this Session.

Will Espero



New Laws see inside for some of bills passed

SB 2139 — Veterans Rights and Benefits; Burial—Act 027

Requires Director of Office of Veterans' Services to act on behalf of deceased, indigent veterans who have no surviving immediate family members to ensure burial or cremation & inurnment of veteran's remains in a state veterans cemetery.

HB 1900-POW/MIA

Recognizes POW & MIA designations as valid for casualty status & category classifications.

HB 2383—POW/MIA Flags—Act 040

Requires POW/MIA flag to be flown with U.S. & Hawaiian flags on specified days; allows flag flown on other days.

HCR 175— Honor & Remember

Urges Congress to designate Honor & Remember flag as a national symbol of nation's commitment to our veterans.

SB 2137-Deployed Military Health Club Membership-

Act 045—Allows military personnel on active duty out of state to cancel or suspend their health club contracts.

Medal of Honor Ceremony



In honor of our Military

EDUCATION

SB 2120—Alternative Certification in DOE—Act 034

Requires DOE to determine alternative certification routes for school principals and vice principals.

HB 2376—Appointed Board of Education

Board of Education to be appointed rather than elected.

HB 2486—Minimum Classroom Instruction Days

Requires all public & charter schools to have at least 180 classroom days or equivalent number of instructional hours per school year. Requires phasing in of these instructional hours & requires DOE to consider pick-up & drop-off times for transportation services.

SB 2124—Restoring Instructional Days

Uses Hurricane Relief Fund to restore classroom days for the 2010-2011 school year. Unused funds to lapse back to Hurricane Relief Fund.

SB 2434—Increase of Pay for DOE Administration

Raises salary of DOE Superintendent, Deputy Superintendents and State Librarian beginning with 2011-2012 school year.



\$48 million was appropriated for campus development of the UH West Oahu.

UH WEST OAHU

ECONOMY

SB 2389—UH Commercial Enterprises Revolving Fund—Act 042

Allows UH to continue to transfer funds to finance establishment of new commercial enterprises.

HB 2200—State Budget

Places a temporary cap on itemized deductions claimed on tax returns until January 1, 2016. Removes the refunding feature of the capital goods excise tax credit for eligible property.

HB 2421—Food & Energy Security

Establishes initiatives for economic development in local food & energy businesses to promote self-sufficiency.



SB 2921—Escrow Depositories—Act 049

Requires escrow depositories to be properly licensed in Hawaii.

SB 2607—Client Trust Accounts Held by Activity Desks

Establishes record keeping & trust account requirements for accounts held by activity desks. Increases required amount of bond to \$250,000.

HB 2289—Gift Certificates

Extends minimum expiration period for gift certificates to 5 years except for paper gift certificates. Allows for limited issuance or activation fees & defines “service fee” to exclude these.

HB 2197—Renewable Energy at Condominiums—Act 053

Gives directors authority to install or allow installation of solar or wind energy on common elements.

SB 2187—Hawaii Tourism Authority

Authorizes HTA to maintain confidentiality of competitively sensitive information. Extends autonomy.

CHILDREN, FAMILIES & HUMAN SERVICES

HB 2061—Child Custody

Allows for expedited and electronic hearings for child custody resolution when a military single parent is deployed.

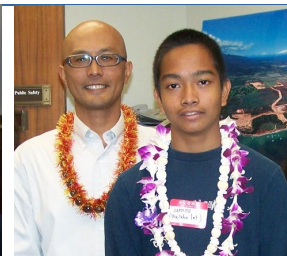
HB 2157—Adult Care Homes

Allows three nursing facility level residents in Type I Expanded Adult Residential Care Homes.

SB 2473—Elderly Housing

Allows grandchildren of elderly housing residents to temporarily live with them in certain family crisis situations.

(Clockwise from top left)
Voyager CS 2d & 3d graders visit –
Friendship Christian visits –Read
Aloud Day w/ Ewa Beach ES 6th
graders – Waipahu IS Juanito
Moises shadows for a day -
Waipahu IS Jenalyn Ramos won
Olelo award





SB 2599—Colorectal Cancer Screening

Mandates coverage of colo-rectal cancer screening.

HEALTH

SB 2390—UH Hilo College of Pharmacy—Act 050

Broadens pharmacist license experience requirements to include that obtained in US territories & District of Columbia.

SB 1178—Medicaid Emergency Appropriation—Act 033

Appropriates \$40 million in general funds and \$80 million in federal funds for the Medicaid deficit.

SB 2770—Remote Dispensing Pharmacy—Act 051

Removes certain restrictions on the types of drugs that may be dispensed from remote dispensing pharmacies.

HB 2349—Emergency Room

Extends protection from assault & terroristic threatening to persons providing services in a hospital emergency room.

HB 2086—Clinical Lab Test Privacy

Allows results to be provided to authorized persons or covered entities for purposes permitted under federal HIPAA law.

JOBS

SB 2325—Electricians & Plumbers License—Act 028

Requires display of license on job site to ensure compliance with requirement that at least 50% of workers be licensed.

SB 2840— Construction Procurements

Protects Hawaii labor by requiring construction projects to have minimum 80% Hawaii residents as workers.



HB 2897—Contractors License / Illegal Workers

Contractor’s license may be revoked, suspended or not renewed for knowingly or intentionally employing a person on any project or operation who is not eligible to work in the U.S.

TRANSPORTATION

SB 549 — Motorcycles, Warranty, Lemon Law — Act 005

Clarifies that motorcycles are covered by Hawaii’s Lemon Law.

HB 1190—Highway Safety, Traffic Accident Investigation

Each county’s police department required to identify roadways most critical to free movement & establish protocols needed to coordinate major accident investigations, including notifying medical examiner in fatal accident cases.

HB 1978—Towing

Requires towing companies to operate 24/7 on Oahu.

SB 520—Motor Vehicle Dealers

Requires motor vehicle dealers to possess or have the right to possess legal ownership certificate for vehicle before selling or advertising a new or used vehicle.



(Clockwise, from top left)
Senator Espero speaks to TeenPact —
Senate honors Blue Ribbon School
Ewa Beach Elementary —
Friendship Christian students visit —
Hale Olu student—
Boys & Girls Club Youth of the Year
Linda Leifi

PUBLIC SAFETY & CIVIL DEFENSE

SB 1059—*Illegal Fireworks Task Force*

Establishes a task force to stop the importation of illegal fireworks and explosives. Task force to report a preliminary plan to the legislature no later than January 10, 2011. Counties allowed to enact more stringent fireworks ordinances.

HB 1987—*Illegal Fireworks*

Includes samples in definition of fireworks and creates nuisance abatement and forfeiture actions to discourage illegal importation, sale and transfer of fireworks.

SB 898—*Civil Defense Shelter-in-Place—Act 060*

Exempts care homes, schools, hotels from liability during officially designated emergency.

SB 2054—*Statewide Civil Defense Communications-*

Creates a statewide communications interoperability coordinator.

SB 2702—*Major Disaster Trust Account*

Allows federal reimbursement moneys for disaster relief to be deposited into a trust account for future disaster relief. Prohibits lapsing into general fund.

HB 2129—*Graffiti*

Requires a person convicted of criminal property damage involving graffiti to remove it within 30 days of sentencing and remove graffiti within 100 yards of the site of the offense for up to 2 years.

HB 1863—*Prostitution*

Extends law which makes it a criminal offense to habitually solicit prostitution.

HB 1818—*Corrections*

Allows prison programs to offer cognitive behavioral theory with cultural and other interventions to address domestic violence, addictions, self-mastery through identity, and community connections for successful community re-entry.

HB 415—*Audit of Mainland Prisons*

Requires audit of contracts for out-of-state prison contracts.

SB 2045—*Human Trafficking*

Creates felony offenses of sexual human trafficking. Includes such cases in those that are to be given greatest priority for witness protection programs.

SB 2165—*Guards*

Establishes registration and licensure requirements, including training, instruction, and continuing education for guards and those acting as guards.

HB 2266—*Prison Rape*

Requires Department of Public Safety to address sexual assault in prison, report to Legislature on implementation of federal Prison Rape Elimination Act, and provide data on sexual assaults and sexual misconduct.

OTHER

SB 2842—*Permitted Transfers in Trust*

Governs transfers of currency, bonds, and securities from a transferor to a trustee by means of an irrevocable trust instrument. Rule Against Per

HB 2397—*Primary Elections*

Moves up primary election to the second Saturday in August beginning in 2012.

HB 1808—*Public Access in Coastal Areas*

Requires Dept. of Land & Natural Resources to maintain beach transit corridors by prohibiting landowners' vegetation that interferes with access.



(From top) Civil Air Patrol awards - Navy League awards - Holomua robotics team First Lego League - Barbara Nosaka, Ilima Drug Free Program coordinator - Ewa ES Lincoln Day

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