# Aloha Kākou,

The 2019 legislative session just passed

consider,

the midway point. Of the approximately 1,500 Senate bills introduced, over 500 measures passed through all their assigned committees and crossed over to the House, while over 500 House bills were sent to the Senate. These remaining bills have survived gauntlet of public hearings from community advocates, testimony private-sector stakeholders and government The legislative process agencies. hearings and amendments will now be repeated by each chamber. In this issue you will find highlights of Senate measures that the House will now

for low-income renters, vote by mail and election recounts, and early college and workforce preparedness for high school graduates. As part of my duties as Vice Chair of the Ways and Means Committee, my attention consumed with fashioning balanced state budget, including funding proposed state Capital Improvement Projects and Grants-in-Aid for community

affordable housing for teachers, tax credits

including

issues related

continued attention to keeping Maui one of the best places to live, work, and raise our families. Sincerely, DODASC. Feit-agen

As always, I welcome your comments

about how our work at the Capitol affects

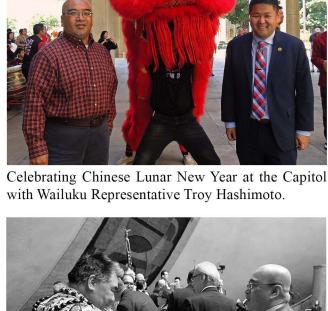
your life on the Valley Isle. Mahalo for your

non-profits.

# A Message from Gil

- Photos of Senate Events
- Notable Senate Bills Crossing
- from the Senate to the House
- **PHOTOS**

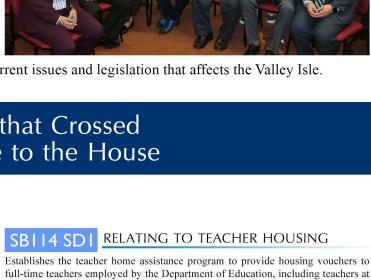




Learning Center when the organization was recognized on the Senate floor.

Congratulating a member of Ka'ala Cultural





Establishes a Workforce Readiness Program within the Department of Education to

allow students to graduate from an extended high school enrollment with an industry-recognized associate's degree to complement the student's high school

outside the Department of Education service area in which the student resides.

SB383 SD2 RELATING TO YOUTH SUICIDE PREVENTION

Requires the Board of Education to establish a mandatory youth suicide awareness and prevention training program and model risk referral protocol for all public

implement a housing voucher program for full-time teachers employed at a public charter schools, who teach at a hard-to-fill school and whose household hard-to-fill public school, including a public charter school. income does not exceed 80% of the area median income.

#### SB373 SDI RELATING TO EDUCATION diploma. Requires the Department of Education, in collaboration with the Department of SB376 RELATING TO EDUCATION Business, Economic Development, and Tourism, the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, and the University of Hawaii, to develop and implement a K-12 Allows students to enroll in career and technical education programs in schools

schools, including charter schools.

food exports by 2030.

SB579 SD1

SB301 SD11

SB1428 SD1

be registered to vote.

another.

requirements.

SB554 SD2

SB1296 SD11

the Kahoolawe Island Reserve Commission.

#### curriculum-to-career-pipeline initiative to ensure that the State's public school students are adequately trained and prepared to enter the State's workforce upon

initiatives in Kauai, Hawaii, and Maui counties.

**SB980** RELATING TO EDUCATION

graduation from high school. SB226 SD2 RELATING TO SUICIDE PREVENTION

Appropriates moneys for youth suicide early intervention, prevention, and education

SB12 SD1 RELATING TO TEACHER HOUSING

Department of Education in developing teacher housing projects.

Authorizes the Hawaii housing finance and development corporation to develop and

SB387 SD2 RELATING TO TEACHER RENTAL HOUSING

Authorizes the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation to assist the

SB392 SD2 RELATING TO SPECIAL EDUCATION Appropriates funds to the Department of Education to provide up to \$1,690 to each special education classroom teacher for instructional materials and equipment.

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF SB1307 SD2 EDUCATION TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF COMBINING THE RESOURCES AND ORGANIZATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

ON THE ISLANDS OF KAUAI, MAUI, MOLOKAI, LANAI, AND HAWAII ISLAND

Defines a private school to be an education institution that teaches kindergarten

through grade twelve and that is licensed or accredited by the Hawaii Association of Independent Schools or the Western Association of Schools and Colleges.

combining the resources and organization of the Department of Accounting and General Services with the Department of Education on the islands of Kauai, Maui, Molokai, Lanai, and Hawaii island.

Appropriates funds for the Department of Education to determine the feasibility of

Authority to develop programs that provide incentives to establish gardens on school campuses and within housing projects and communities. SB485 SD2 RELATING TO BIOSECURITY Increases the amount of barrel tax deposited into the agricultural development and food security special fund.

RELATING TO URBAN AGRICULTURE

Requires the counties to incorporate urban agriculture principles and policies in land

Authorizes the Department of Education and Hawaii Community Development

### SB1351 SD1 RELATING TO HEMP Authorizes the Department of Agriculture to allow temporary inspectors to perform industrial hemp inspections and to deposit fees from inspections by temporary

SB831

use planning.

**AGRICULTURE** 

## **HOUSING** SBI SD2 RELATING TO HOUSING

the state low-income housing tax credit.

pursuant to a doctor's prescription.

treatment, counseling, and therapy.

misdemeanors, and violations.

**KUPUNA CARE** 

**HEALTH** 

SB1422

TAXATION

inspectors into the certification services revolving fund.

SB303 RELATING TO GARDENS

Development Corporation to facilitate the development of low-cost homes for sale to Hawaii residents on state-owned and county-owned land near rail stations of the Honolulu rail transit system, to be known as the urban redevelopment district. RELATING TO THE LOW-INCOME HOUSING SB855 SDI TAX CREDIT

Specifies that certain provisions of the Internal Revenue Code related to at-risk rules

and deductions and to passive activity loss do not apply with respect to claims for

Establishes the ALOHA homes program under the Hawaii Housing Finance and

SB162 SD2 RELATING TO TAXATION To meet Constitutional objections, extends surcharge to all rental car users. Deposits the surcharge tax revenues into the state highway fund for highway road capacity projects in the county that generated the surcharge tax.

SB1516 SD1 RELATING TO TAXATION

SB560 SD2 RELATING TO ELECTIONS

SB530 SD2 RELATING TO THE GENERAL EXCISE TAX

Exempts from the general excise tax gross receipts from the sale of mobility enhancing equipment, hearing aids, prosthetic devices, and prescription drugs sold

Establishes reduced taxpayer penalties for nonpayments and underpayments that are

SB216 SD2 RELATING TO ELECTIONS Requires a mandatory recount of election votes and ballot measures when the margin of victory for election contests is equal to or less than one hundred or one-half of one per cent of the votes cast, whichever is greater.

to receive personal delivery of mail-in ballots, accommodate voters with special needs, offer same day registration and voting, and provide other election services. SB187 SD2 RELATING TO DISTRICT COURT JUDGES

2022. Establishes a limited number of voter service centers that would remain open

voting by mail uniformly across all counties for all elections commencing in

Establishes one additional district court judgeship in the First Circuit and in the Second Circuit. RELATING TO RESTITUTION SB852 SD2 FOR VICTIMS OF CRIME

Clarifies that reimbursement to crime victims includes lost earnings, mental health

Creates a division within the Department of the Attorney General to provide legal

RELATING TO LAW ENFORCEMENT

Specifies that law enforcement officers have the discretion to issue citations, in lieu

of making an arrest, for non-violent class C felonies, misdemeanors, petty

Provides that no person less than 21 years of age shall bring any firearm into the

ATTORNEY GENERAL

advice regarding Hawaiian shoreline public access rights.

**SB600** RELATING TO FIREARMS

RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF THE

SB1023 SD1 RELATING TO AGING Makes an appropriation to the department of health to provide full funding for the kupuna care program.

SB | 124 SD2 RELATING TO MENTAL HEALTH Provides that any interested party may file a petition for a mental health order for involuntary hospitalization or assisted community treatment alleging that another person has a mental illness and qualifies for assistance. Requires the court to assess whether a person meets the criteria for assisted community treatment before

Clarifies that pharmacists may perform certain vaccinations or immunizations and

**SB203** RELATING TO VACCINATIONS

discharging a person who has been involuntarily hospitalized.

are required to maintain immunization records.

**RELATING TO STATE HOLIDAYS** SB1451 SD1 Repeals Good Friday as a state holiday.

SB666 SD2 RELATING TO AN AIRPORTS CORPORATION Authorizes establishment of the Hawaii Airports Corporation within the Department of Transportation for administrative purposes. SB364 SD2 RELATING TO TOURISM

TRANSPORTATION AND TOURISM

SB856 SD1 RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION Requires the Auditor to perform a financial and management audit of the Department of Education, Superintendent, Board of Education, and complex areas every three years.

SB37 | SD2 | RELATING TO SCHOOLS

SB592 SD1 LIBRARIAN Limits the state librarian's salary to 90% of the superintendent of education's salary. RELATING TO SCHOOL IMPACT FEES SB586 SD1 Repeals the school impact fee exemptions for nonresidential development and

housing subject to the transient accommodations tax when seeking development in

a designated school impact district requiring county subdivision approval, county

Establishes a general excise tax holiday for consumers and businesses for school

building permit, or condominium property regime approval of the project.

SB1158 SD2 RELATING TO SCHOOL SUPPLIES

RELATING TO THE SALARY OF THE STATE

supplies sold during the weekend beginning with the last Friday in July; provided that businesses pass the savings on to consumers. SB375 SD2 RELATING TO AGRICULTURE

Requires the Department of Agriculture, in cooperation with the Office of the

Governor, to develop a strategic plan to double local food production and increase

SB519 SD2 RELATING TO FOOD SAFETY Requires the University of Hawaii College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources to partner with the Hawaii agriculture community to establish a food safety certification training program to provide assistance to small- and medium-sized farms in obtaining a United States Department of Agriculture Good Agricultural Practices certification or an equivalent certification. SB837 SD2 RELATING TO FARMS

Creates an exclusion from income tax for the lesser of 51% of gross annual income or \$50,000 of gross annual income earned by a farmer from farming activities.

RELATING TO TAX CREDITS

Increases the allowable income tax credit for low-income household renters to an

unspecified amount. Increases the allowable amount of the refundable food/excise

tax credit to an unspecified amount. RELATING TO THE LOW-INCOME SB885 SD1 HOUSEHOLD RENTERS CREDIT Adjusts the low-income household renters credit by increasing the maximum value of the credit amount to \$150 per qualified exemption for households, and adjusting the income threshold amounts based on filing status.

RELATING TO THE TRANSIENT

Authorizes counties to levy a county surcharge on transient accommodations tax in

Disallows dividends paid deduction for real estate investment trusts for taxable

Authorizes any county with a population equal to or less than 500,000 that adopts a

RELATING TO TAXATION OF REAL ESTATE

RELATING TO THE COUNTY SURCHARGE

**ACCOMODATIONS TAX** 

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

income purposes. Applies to taxable years beginning after 12/31/2019.

ON STATE TAX

their respective counties pursuant to certain conditions.

county surcharge on state tax ordinance to use the surcharges received from the State for infrastructure and public safety. ELECTIONS, COURTS, CRIME PREVENTION, AND THE JUDICIARY SB412 SD2 RELATING TO VOTING Requires that any person who is eligible to vote and applies for a new or renewal

motor vehicle driver's license, provisional license, or instruction permit, or a new,

renewal, or duplicate identification card be automatically registered to vote if that person is not already registered to vote unless the applicant affirmatively declines to

SB|30 SD| RELATING TO CIVIL LEGAL SERVICES

Appropriates funds for the judiciary to purchase civil legal services for low- and

SB574 RELATING TO CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT

Establishes that every judgment for child support is enforceable until paid in full.

SB1035 SD1 RELATING TO SEXUAL VIOLENCE

Repeals the civil statute of limitations for child sexual abuse.

RELATING TO THE PROBATE CODE Establishes restrictions on donative transfers to protect transferors from coercive, exploitative, or otherwise improper transfers benefitting persons involved with drafting the transfer instrument or persons who have significant influence over the transferor. RELATING TO GUN VIOLENCE SB1466 SD2 PROTECTIVE ORDERS

Establishes a process by which a law enforcement officer or family or household

member may obtain a court order to prevent a person from accessing firearms and

ammunition when the person poses a danger of causing bodily injury to oneself or

AGING AND DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER

Appropriates funds for the Healthy Aging Partnership Program to further the program's role in improving the health and well-being of Hawaii's kupuna.

SB1033 SD2 RELATING TO THE LICENSURE OF MIDWIVES

Establishes licensure of midwives. Exempts Native Hawaiian healers from licensure

RELATING TO THE HEALTHY

AGING PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

Increases the percentage of the land conservation fund that may be used for costs related to the operation, maintenance, and management of lands acquired by the RELATING TO REAL ESTATE DISCLOSURE SB1126 SD2

SB | 494 SD2 | RELATING TO HEALTH

Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, until July 1, 2024. Extends the requirement for counties to issue affordable housing credits for each residential unit, or if allowed under the county's affordable housing program, vacant lot, developed by the

Establishes a grant program to assist lessees on Hawaiian home lands with cesspool

RELATING TO FILIPINO VETERANS **BURIAL ASSISTANCE** Appropriates funds for burial grants for qualifying Filipino-American World War II veterans to provide funeral and burial services and transportation of their remains to the Philippines. **IMPROVEMENT** RELATING TO CAPITAL

PROJECTS FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI

### Appropriates funds to the Department of Health for the aging and disability resource center. RELATING TO THE KUPUNA CAREGIVERS PROGRAM Changes the kupuna caregivers program allocation cap from \$70 per day to \$350 per

RELATING TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING ON SB1223 SD2 HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS Extends the requirement for each county to issue affordable housing credits to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, until July 1, 2024.

SB1370 SD2 RELATING TO CESSPOOLS

upgrade, conversion, or connection costs.

SB 1292 SD2 RELATING TO TRANSIENT ACCOMODATIONS Makes it unlawful for a hosting platform to provide, and collect a fee for, booking services regarding transient accommodations if the operator is not registered with the Department of Taxation.

SB1418 SD1 RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SB1471 SD1 Authorizes the Director of Finance to issue general obligation bonds to finance the Appropriates funds to the University of Hawaii Pamantasan Council for 4 full-time planning of the Wailuku-Kahului Transit Corridor Master Plan in the county of equivalent positions to promote access, diversity, and workforce development, including programs and policies related to Philippine courses and Filipino students.

you can electronically submit public testimony for consideration by the committee conducting the

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for accessing daily updated information to find out when a measure may be scheduled for hearing, and

RELATING TO FIREARMS SB621 SD1 MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE

Establishes a working group to evaluate current behavioral health care and related systems to promote effective integration of services and improve response and coordination of care for persons experiencing substance abuse, mental health conditions, and homelessness.

hazard exposure statement to ensure that new property owners and transferees

understand the special hazards, requirements, and limitations that may affect the

Appropriates funds to the Department of Land and Natural Resources for support of

SB 340 SD2 RELATING TO REAL PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS

Requires that mandatory seller disclosures in real estate transactions include identification of residential real properties lying within the sea level rise exposure

RELATING TO THE KAHO'OLAWE

ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION

RELATING TO STATE WATER CODE PENALTIES

RELATING TO THE LAND CONSERVATION FUND

## SB663 SD2 RELATING TO HIGHWAY SAFETY Establishes a red light running committee and establishes the photo red light imaging detector systems program.

hearing. If you have general questions concerning the legislative process and how a bill becomes law, please also see the website for the Public Access Room at www.lrbhawaii.org/par/ or call them

Establishes a professional tour guide certification task force to determine whether it is appropriate to require persons who use state resources for commercial purposes or apply for various commercial use permits to hold and maintain certification or meet certain minimum requirements. OTHER NOTABLE BILLS

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toll-free from Maui at 984-2400. You can reach our office toll-free through that number as well, or you can contact or e-mail us as provided below. Mahalo for participating in our democratic process! OFFICE OF SENATOR GILBERT S.C. KEITH-AGARAN

WATER AND LAND MANAGEMENT SB221 SD1 RELATING TO CESSPOOLS Authorizes the Department of Health to coordinate with each county wastewater agency to establish a low interest loan program to upgrade or convert cesspools to septic systems or aerobic treatment unit systems, or to connect cesspools to existing sewer systems or other wastewater treatment systems approved by the department. SB696 SD2 RELATING TO CESSPOOLS Appropriates additional funds for the conduct of the comprehensive statewide study of sewage contamination in nearshore marine areas and for research and technical assistance necessary for completion of the comprehensive cesspool conversion plan. SB93 | SD2 RELATING TO MARINE AQUARIUM FISHING Prohibits harvesting aquatic life for commercial aquarium purposes by any means effective 3/1/2024. Excludes activities pursuant to special activity permits and aquaculturist licenses. RELATING TO LEASEHOLD CONDOMINIUMS ON LANDS CONTROLLED BY THE STATE Authorizes the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation to enter into 75-year leases of units in residential condominiums located on state lands. SB 339 SD2 RELATING TO REAL PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS Requires a vulnerable coastal property purchaser statement to be executed by the purchaser or transferee with the sale or transfer of vulnerable coastal real estate. NATIVE HAWAIIAN CULTURE AND HOME LANDS SB70 | SD2 RELATING TO THE HAWAIIAN LANGUAGE Requires any Hawaiian words or names included in public acts and transactions to be accurate, appropriate, and authentic. Reestablishes La Ku'oko'a, Hawaiian Recognition Day, as an official state holiday.

Adds a minimum penalty of \$50 per violation of the state water code and makes each day that a violation exists or continues a separate offense. SB838 SD2 fund. Requires all vulnerable coastal property sales or transfers to include a sea level rise

SB1131 SD2 RELATING TO OHANA ZONES Increases the number of ohana zone sites on Oahu from 3 to 6. Increases the number of ohana zones on the islands of Hawaii, Kauai, and Maui, if the ohana zones pilot program capacity permits.

start. There you can search for measures that are being considered this session based on keywords, the name of a House or Senate member who introduced a measure, or by subject matter committee. When you register for an account using your e-mail address, you can create a clear personalized tracking list

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