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WAIMEA COMMUNITY MEETING

**February 20, 2020
5:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.
Waimea School Cafeteria**

Big Island Legislation

[SB 2417 SD1](#) –

Sustainability of Game & Fishing Resources Recognizes that game animals can provide a sustainable food source when properly managed in appropriate areas that minimize their impacts to important watershed areas and functions as well as to native Hawaiian traditional and customary practices and the resources those practices rely upon. Requires each department, office, or agency of the state to update its rules and policies to integrate the local hunting and fishing industries into any food security or sustainability strategies that department, office, or agency employs.

(Inouye)

Big Island Legislation

- **SB2460** – 5G Technology
Prohibits the deployment of 5G in the State until a definitive research base exists finding that 5G poses no significant public health hazard. (Ruderman)
- **SB2459 SD1** – Medicaid Benefits
Makes an appropriation to restore certain adult dental benefits to medicaid enrollees. Requires maximization of federal matching funds and pursuit of all known funding sources prior to expending general revenue funds appropriated. (Ruderman)

Big Island Legislation

- **SB3113 SD1** – Affordable Rental Housing in Honokaa
Directs the HHFDC to take title to the 15 acre parcel of land, TMK No. (3) 4-5-010: 122, and be responsible for properly documenting any change in title. Requires the HHFDC to conduct a feasibility study to determine whether the parcel is suitable for residential development. (Inouye)
- **SB2542 SD1** – G.E.T. Exemption
Beginning January 1, 2021, provides a general excise tax exemption for medical services by physicians and advanced practice registered nurses acting in the capacity as a primary care provider. (Baker)

Big Island Legislation

- **SB3180** – Emergency Appropriation;
State Public Charter School Commission
Makes an emergency appropriation to provide funds for the state public charter school commission to pay the claim and settlement amount pursuant to Miller-Potter v. State of Hawaii, et al., Civil No. 16-1-0385K. (Kidani)
- **SB2527 SD1** – Broadband Service Infrastructure
Establishes the broadband infrastructure grant program to award grants to applicants to extend deployment of infrastructure used to provide broadband service to unserved and underserved areas of the State. (Kahele)

Housing Legislation

[SB2255 SD1](#) – Teacher Housing

Authorizes the HPHA and HHFDC to provide rental housing projects for teachers employed by the department of education and public charter schools. Appropriates funds for the HPHA. Appropriates funds for deposit into the dwelling unit revolving fund. Requires the DOE to lease land and contract with private entities for the development, management, maintenance, or revitalization of teacher housing. Permits a project owner to lease teacher housing to other eligible tenants if occupancy of teacher housing falls below 95%. (Kidani)

Health and Education Legislation

- [SB2903 SD1](#) – Flavored Tobacco Products
Bans the sale of flavored tobacco products. Effective January 1, 2021.
(Kouchi)
- [SB3103 SD1](#) – School Facilities
Establishes the School Facilities Agency to be responsible for all public school development, planning, and construction, related to capital improvement projects assigned by the Legislature, Governor, or Board of Education. Places management of school impact fees with the agency. (Kouchi)

Transportation Legislation

- **SB2649 SD1** – Tour Aircrafts
Amends section 261-12 to require tour aircraft operations permit seekers to have aircraft which are outfitted with FAA approved safety devices. (Chang)
- **SB2994 SD1** – Red Light Cameras
Establishes the Photo Red Light Imaging Detector Systems Program. Authorizes counties to administer the Program. Requires proceeds of fines to be expended in the county from which they were collected for operation of the Program. (Inouye)

Transportation Legislation

- **SB 2331 SD1** – SPRB Keahole FBO I LLC
Authorizes the issuance of special purpose revenue bonds to assist Keahole FBO I LLC with planning, designing, constructing, equipping, and operating facilities for aviation services and aviation-related services at Ellison Onizuka Kona International Airport at Keahole. (Inouye)
- **SB2166 SD1** – Traffic Safety
Requires vehicles on a two-lane highway, behind which a certain number of vehicles are formed in a line, to pull over where possible to let the trailing vehicles proceed when passing is unsafe. (Kouchi)

Capital Improvement Projects

A total of \$800,000 in General Obligation bond funding was made available for the Hāmākua Health Center, Inc. for phase 1 of their new health center.

The Ellison Onizuka Kona International Airport will receive \$8 million for a USDA Inspection Building, and \$32.4 million for an Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighting (ARFF) Regional Training Facility. Earlier this year, the Governor also released \$2 million for ramp and taxiway improvements for the airport.

Several schools received funding as well. The Governor released \$2 million for a covered playcourt at Prince Jonah Kuhio Kalanianaʻole Elementary and Intermediate School and \$3.6 million for a covered playcourt at Kohala Middle School.

A total of \$400,000 will be used to finance designs for renovations to the home economics classroom at Paʻauilo Elementary and Intermediate School.

REAL ID Compliance

- Hawaii Department of Transportation (HDOT) in coordination with the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) and county agencies remind the public of the Oct. 1, 2020 date to obtain a REAL ID compliant Hawaii driver's license or State identification card with the “star in a gold circle” marking.
- Beginning October 1, 2020, every air traveler 18 years of age and older will need a REAL ID-compliant driver's license or another acceptable form of ID to fly within the United States.

<https://hidot.hawaii.gov/blog/2019/09/26/hawaii-residents-will-need-real-id-compliant-identification-to-fly-starting-oct-1-2020/>



Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)

- The Hawaii Department of Health advises that the best way to prevent transmission of **any** respiratory illness (including flu) is to follow everyday preventive actions:
 - Get your flu shot, it is likely there will be confusion as persons with influenza will exhibit similar signs and symptoms such as fever and cough.
 - Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
 - If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol. Always wash hands with soap and water if hands are visibly dirty.
 - Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
 - Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
 - Stay home when you are sick.
 - Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
 - Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.

<https://health.hawaii.gov/docd/advisories/novel-coronavirus-2019/>

Hawaii Census 2020

- The U.S. Census Bureau is hiring now! Offering flexible hours and competitive wages paid weekly. Be a 2020 Census Taker and support your community by making sure everyone one is counted. Apply Now. Part time Jobs. Local Positions. Flexible Hours. Apply online: 2020census.gov/jobs
- To be eligible for a 2020 Census job, applicants must:
 - Be at least 18 years old
 - Have a valid SSN
 - Pass a Census Bureau-performed background check and a review of criminal records, including finger printing.

https://census.hawaii.gov/census_2020/



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Census Day: April 1, 2020

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Online self-response starts March 12, 2020

Residents use the census to support community initiatives involving legislation, quality-of-life and consumer advocacy.

Businesses use census data to decide where to build factories, offices and stores. These new businesses create jobs.

Government officials use the census to ensure public safety and plan new schools and hospitals.

Real estate developers and city planners use the census to plan new homes and improve neighborhoods.



Vote By Mail 2020

What is Vote By Mail?

- Act 136, SLH 2019 requires all elections in Hawaii to be conducted by mail starting in 2020.
- Ballots packages will be mailed and received by all registered voters approx. 18 days before primary day (August 8, 2020) and election day (November 3, 2020).
- 10 days before the primary and election days a limited number of Voter Service Centers will open to receive hand-delivered mail-in ballots, offer same day registration, and in-person voting.
- Hawaii Island will have 2 Voter Service Centers – Kailua-Kona and Hilo.
101 Pauahi St. Hilo, HI 96720 & West Hawaii Civic Center
(74-5044 Ane Keohokalole Hwy, Kailua-Kona, HI 96740)

<https://elections.hawaii.gov/voters/hawaii-votes-by-mail/>

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