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Hawai'i State Boards and Commissions Seek Applicants

The March 30 deadline is approaching.

The Governor appoints and nominates more than 170 boards and commissions, established by the State of Hawai'i constitution, state statutes, and executive orders. Boards and commissions provide an opportunity for citizens to have a voice in their government and provide a means of influencing decisions that shape the quality of life for residents in Hawai'i.

The Office of the Governor is looking for individuals who are dedicated to continuing the State of Hawai'i momentum toward a strong and sustainable future, and are committed to investing in the people of Hawai'i, and our statewide community.

To view the list of all board and commission vacancies for Hawai'i Island and At-Large vacancies, go to <http://boards.hawaii.gov>. You may also apply on the website.

International Union for Conservation of Nature Seeks Applicants

The International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) World Conservation Congress is coming to Hawai'i on September 1st – 10th. The IUCN Congress is seeking entries for social and cultural events to be held at the Hawaii Convention Center.

Proposals in the following categories will be accepted:

- Cultural and performance events including cultural displays, musical performances, art exhibits, film and more
- Reception events including cocktails, happy hours, coffee breaks and social gatherings
- Private meetings that are small closed meetings with limited capacity

Selected cultural, performance and reception events will become a part of the official Congress Programme. Applications must be submitted online and received no later than March 31, 2016 at 1:00 a.m. (HST).

For more information contact congresslogistics@iucn.org.

The IUCN website is www.iucn.org.

It's Nearing the End of Session

The 28th Legislature is nearing the end of session. Below are key dates.

- April 7 First Crossover for Concurrent Resolutions
- April 8 Second Decking (Bills): Last day to file bills for Third Reading
- April 14 Second Crossover (Bills) and Last day to disagree
- April 22 Constitutional Amendments: Deadline for final form
- April 25 Second Crossover for Concurrent Resolutions
- April 28 Last day to file Non-Fiscal Bills do deck for Final Reading
- April 29 Last day to file Fiscal Bills to deck for Final Reading
- May 5 Adjournment

Governor's Deadlines

- June 27 Notice of intent to veto deadline
- July 12 Veto deadline

Rapid 'Ōhi'a Death (ROD)

What you can do to help prevent the spread of the disease:

1. Don't move 'Ōhi'a. Do not move the 'Ōhi'a wood, firewood, or posts, especially from an area known to have ROD. If you don't know where the wood is from, don't move it.
2. Don't transfer 'Ōhi'a Inter-island. Comply with the new quarantine rule to help prevent ROD from spreading. Don't move 'Ōhi'a plants, wood, or other 'Ōhi'a plant parts inter-island without a permit.
3. Clean your tools. Use only these proven cleaning methods. Other methods have been tested and they don't kill the fungus. Tools used for cutting 'Ōhi'a trees (especially infected ones) should be cleaned with 70% rubbing alcohol.
4. Clean your gear. Clean your shoes and clothing. Decontaminate shoes by dipping them in 70% rubbing alcohol to kill the ROD fungus. Other gear can also be sprayed with 70% rubbing alcohol. Wash clothing in hot water and detergent.
5. Wash your vehicle. Wash the tires and undercarriage of your vehicles with detergent and remove all soil or mud, especially after traveling from an area with ROD and/or if you have traveled off-road.

If you suspect ROD in your area contact:

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National Pain Strategy

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' (HHS) Office of the Assistant Secretary of Health has released a National Pain Strategy. It outlines the Federal government's first coordinated plan for reducing the burden of chronic pain that affects millions of Americans, and is a roadmap toward achieving a system of care in which all people receive appropriate, high-quality, evidence-based care for pain.

The strategy outlines steps to improve provider education on pain management practices and overcome barriers to improve the quality of pain care for vulnerable, stigmatized, and underserved Americans. Visit http://iprcc.nih.gov/National_Pain_Strategy/NPS_Main.htm for details and to view the strategy.

On another note, your Hawai'i State Legislature is working on SB2392 SD2 HD2. This bill relates to pain management and the prevention of opioid addiction and overdoses. It has crossed over from the Senate to the House, and is currently referred to the Finance Committee. For its current status visit: http://capitol.hawaii.gov/measure_indiv.aspx?billtype=SB&billnumber=2392&year=2016.

Hawai'i Island Elderly Services

Mark Your Calendar

On Friday, May 6, join the Hawai'i County of Aging's annual *Outstanding Older American* luncheon, held at the Hilton Waikoloa. Call 961-8600 for tickets and a nomination packet.

The Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) care for people seeking information, assistance, referrals, and counseling on long-term options. They provide frail seniors and their caregivers with information and community/home-base care. The minimum age to

receive services is 60. Visit their website at: <https://www.hcoahawaii.org>, or call (808) 643-2372.

Kupuna Care is a part of ADRC, and is designed to help non-Medicaid eligible, elderly residents so that they can continue living at home or in the community instead of in Medicaid paid-for, nursing home residential care. Kupuna Care assists families by providing a variety of different caregiving and support services. They provide services such as transportation, attendant care, case management, home-delivered meals, homemaker, and personal care services. The minimum age to receive services is 60. Visit their website at: https://www.payingforseniorcare.com/longtermcare/resources/hawaii_kapuna_care.html Or call ADRC at (808) 643-2372.

Hawai'i County Parks and Recreation – Elderly Activities Division offers older adults 55 years and older many educational and recreational choices, various opportunities and services to enhance their quality of life, such as employment, volunteer opportunities, transportation, escort, information and assistance, in-home services (chore, personal care), recreational activities, congregate meals and home-delivered meals and island wide, statewide, national and international activities (Kupuna Hula, bowling, softball, health fair, etc.) Visit their website at: <http://www.hawaiicounty.gov/pr-eldery> or call them at (808) 961-8708.

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