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E-NEWS LETTER

DLNR EFFORTS TO MONITOR AND PREPARE FOR CLIMATE CHANGE

The Hawai'i Climate Change Mitigation & Adaptation Commission (Climate Commission) has accepted its first major report since its formation last fall. The *Sea Level Rise Vulnerability & Adaptation Report* is a comprehensive 304-page-long description of where Hawai'i is today and where we will be in the future as sea level rise (SLR) increases with global warming. The report was developed under the leadership of the DLNR Office of Conservation and Coastal Lands (OCCL).

For more on what the DLNR is doing to mitigate and track effects of climate change, check out this website: <https://dlnr.hawaii.gov/blog/2017/12/28/mr17-200/>



AG-TECH HACKATHON



Could the future in Hawai'i's food self-sufficiency be found in a mobile phone app? According to the Hawai'i State Department of Agriculture, this could be exactly what Hawai'i needs in order kick start a new era in sustainability. Putting on it's first ever AGathon, otherwise known as a agriculture-tech hackathon, Hawai'i aims to utilize the creativity and talents of: coders, designers, developers, entrepreneurs, civic innovators, farmers, and engaged citizens to create new and exciting methods aimed to increase yields and efficiency on farms across the State.

To see what else the Hawai'i Technology Development Corporation (HTDC) is doing to implement technology and innovative ideas state-wide, check out their website at: <https://www.htdc.org/events/>

GET TO KNOW THE BUDGET PROCESS

As many of you already know, the State Legislature meets once a year between the months of January and May to discuss and implement legislation. The bills discussed throughout this process often cost money to implement and play a large part in the bills ability to become law. This is why there is a stringent budget process which decides how and where the state shall spend its money within the fiscal year. Furthermore, The Constitution provides that no public money shall be expended except as appropriated by law.

If you would like to look further into this process and understand the how, why and who, please visit the Hawai'i State budget website at: <http://budget.hawaii.gov/budget/about-budget/>



TRACK YOUR LEGISLATOR'S BILLS

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE, 2018
STATE OF HAWAII

H.B. NO. 1956

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ADULT ABUSE AND NEGLECT.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the number of
2 reports alleging adult abuse or neglect that were received by
3 the adult protective and community services branch of the
4 department of human services have ranged from four hundred
5 fifty-three in fiscal year 1999 to nine hundred eighty in fiscal
6 year 2015. Most recently, seven hundred nine reports were
7 received in fiscal year 2017. The legislature also finds that
8 the adult protective and community services branch, upon
9 investigation, substantiated the occurrence of adult abuse or

As a constituent of Hawai'i, you are entitled to know what your state legislators are doing and supporting throughout the legislative session. On our state website, you are able to view your legislators' profiles to get to know them, as well as, see what bills that they are introducing and bills that they are supporting. On this same website, you also have the ability to: view the legislative calendar, see when sessions convene, discover bill status, view recent updates, look up Hawai'i Revised Statutes, and get updates on public hearings.

In order to make democracy work, please feel free to look into these matters as they are relevant to your daily lives.

You may visit our website here: <https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/>

