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Hawai'i Department of Health will hold weekly Dengue Fever informational sessions in Kona and Hilo

The Hawai'i State Department of Health (DOH) will hold weekly dengue information sessions in Kona and Hilo to provide timely updates and answer questions from the community about the Hawai'i Island dengue outbreak.

Weekly sessions will be held every Thursday at 11:30am at the following locations:

- State Office Building, Rooms A, B, and C

Address: 75 Aupuni Street, Hilo

- West Hawai'i Civic Center – Mayor's Conference Room

Address: 74-5044 Ane Keohokalole Hwy, Kailua-Kona

- Weekly sessions every Tuesday in Captain Cook at 12:30pm at Yano Hall

Address: 82-6165 Mamalahoa Highway

For more information call the Department of Health Hawai'i District Health Office at 974-6001.

HSPAN's New On-Demand Channel

The Hawai'i State Legislature and 'Ōlelo Community Media unveiled a new statewide on-demand channel called HSPAN, dramatically increasing the coverage to the public. The new statewide on-demand channel is in addition to the live coverage by Capitol TV that airs on 'Ōlelo's Na Leo TV channel 49 and 54 on Hawai'i Island.

HSPAN's new on-demand channel will be a great way for rural communities to be involved in the inner workings of the Hawai'i State Legislature. HSPAN will help alleviate frustration by providing the residents of Hawai'i to watch all the meetings live and on-demand.

"It will increase the openness of the legislature as we move along," said House Speaker Joseph Souki.

To access the HSPAN on-demand go to channel 50. Select either the House or the Senate, and from here you may choose a committee and the hearing in the selected committee.

HSPAN is the first step towards the future of televising the government, with more updates to follow, including meetings with the Governor.

Office of Language Access (OLA)

People with Limited English Proficiency (LEP) are those that do not speak English as their primary language, and have a limited ability to read, write, and understand English. LEP persons may have difficulty obtaining services from state agencies or covered entities (organizations that receive state funding) because of their limited ability to read, write, speak, and understand the English language.

It's Hawai'i law that all residents have access to their agency's essential government services, programs, and activities.

The **Office of Language Access (OLA)** helps to ensure that LEP residents in Hawai'i are not denied reasonable access to essential government services, programs, and activities, such as social service programs, job training, employment assistance, or fair and impartial hearing.

For additional information or assistance go to www.health.hawaii.gov/ola, or contact their office at 808-586-8730.

Neighbor Islands toll free numbers

Hawai'i Island: 974-4000 ext. 68730

Maui: 984-2400 ext. 68730

Kaua'i: 274-3141 ext. 68730

Moloka'i and Lāna'i: 1-800-468-4644 ext. 68730

Legislatively-Mandated Reports from the Hawai'i State Judiciary

Three legislatively-mandated reports from the Hawai'i have been released. To view the reports see below:

- [*Requesting the Judiciary to Conduct a Study to Identify Traffic Offenses and Crimes, Petty Misdemeanor Offenses, and Misdemeanor Offenses that Cause a Disproportionate Workload for the Judiciary and that may be appropriate for Decriminalization as Infractions*](#), pursuant to Senate Resolution No. 98, Senate Draft 1 (2015)
- [*Requesting the Judicial Council to Appoint a Committee to Review and Recommend Revisions to the Hawai'i Penal Code*](#), pursuant to House Concurrent Resolution No. 155, Senate Draft 1 (2015)
- [*Requesting the Judiciary to Convene a Task Force to Examine Establishing Hawaiian Language for the State of Hawai'i Judiciary*](#), pursuant to House Concurrent Resolution No. 217, House Draft 1, Senate Draft 1 (2015)

Governor Ige's State of the State Address

On January 25, 2016, Governor Ige delivered his second State of the State address at the Hawai'i State Capitol. The governor addressed plans for redeveloping Kahili, the future of O'ahu Community Correctional Center, air conditioning in Hawai'i's public schools, affordable housing, and homelessness across the state. Governor Ige also spoke on the future of Hawai'i's State Hospital, agriculture, the environment, and innovation economy.

To read Governor Ige's State of the State speech click on the link below:

<http://governor.hawaii.gov/newsroom/governors-office-news-release-governor-iges-state-of-the-state-address>

Follow the Bills

If you are interested in particular topic, visit www.capitol.hawaii.gov. On the left of the screen, click the Keyword box to search all the bills that were submitted this session. A list of bills will populate with the keyword(s) you have provided.

For hearing schedules go back to www.capitol.hawaii.gov. Click on the "Reports and Lists" button that appears at the center of the screen. Then click on "Hearing Notices," followed by "Current Hearing Notices." A webpage will list all the current hearings for both House and Senate bills. Please check this website daily to view all the current hearing notices.

To submit testimony for a bill, scroll to the bottom of the hearing page for instructions. You may submit testimony online, by fax, or in person. If you are unavailable to submit testimony, contact the chair of the committee to give your support or opposition to a bill.

For additional assistance on accessing the Capitol website contact the Public Access Room at 808-587-0748. They are more than happy to assist you.

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