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(808) 723-87000

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Out of approximately 300 bills passed by the legislature this session, the Governor ultimately decided to veto 18 measures listed below. To better understand why these measures were vetoed visit governor.hawaii.gov

HB290, Relating to the Uniform Controlled Substances Act: Authorizes qualifying patients to transport medical cannabis between islands for personal medical use.

HB323, Relating to Motor Vehicle Registration: Would enable owners of certain former military vehicles to register the vehicles for use on public roadways.

HB323, Relating to Education: Requires Board of Education approval be obtained prior to the termination of a Department of Education complex area superintendent.

HB629, Relating to Medical Release: Creates a program that would allow inmates with terminal or debilitating diseases to be released before the expiration of their sentence.

HB655, Relating to Health: Designates September as Suicide Prevention and Awareness Month.

HB702, Relating to Satellite Navigation Technology: Prohibits the sale or offering for sale of location data that is recorded without the explicit consent of the individual who is the primary user of the device.

HB748, Relating to Property Forfeiture: Prohibits civil asset forfeiture unless the owner of the property has been convicted of a felony.

HB1032, Relating to State Boating Facilities: Would establish a pilot program allowing the privatization of the Manele Small Boat Harbor on Lanai.

HB1133, Relating to Marine Life Conservation Districts: Limits the number of commercial use permits for the Molokini Shoal marine life conservation district.

HB1276, Relating to Education: Establishes a number of programs that are intended to standardize best practices in Hawaii's public schools.

SB92, Relating to Police Reports: Would allow surviving family members of murder or manslaughter victims to receive a copy of the closing police report following an investigation into the criminal offenses.

SB301, Relating to Taxation of Real Estate Investment Trusts: Would change taxation regulations for a specific type of trusts, known as REITs, that have controlling ownership in large real estate holdings like Ala Moana Shopping Center.

SB1292, Relating to Transient Accommodations: Would require hosting platforms to collect general excise and transient accommodation taxes.

SB1353, Relating to Industrial Hemp: Establishes an industrial hemp licensing program, required before an industrial hemp plan can be approved by the USDA.

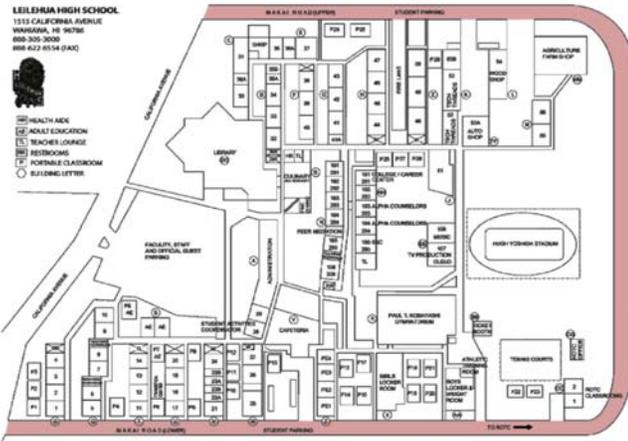
SB1405, Relating to Electronic Smoking Products: Requires public school educators to confiscate e-cigarettes or other similar devices from students.

SB1423, Relating to Payment of Bail: Allows defendants to pay bail on a 24/7 basis — and allows them to be released from custody upon posting or paying of bail.

SB1459, Relating to the State Surfing Commission: Establishes temporary State Commission on Surfing, to promote surfing internationally and within the state.

SB130, Relating to Hawaii Community Development Authority: Changes financing means for HCDA for use in transferring control of Kakaako Community Development District to the City and County of Honolulu.

WORKING FOR YOU



Repaving Makai Road and improving Hugh Yoshida Stadium are two big capital improvement projects we secured in the budget for **Leilehua High School** this past session. **\$2.5 million** has been allocated to repave Makai Road around the campus, currently, the “road” is full of potholes and just terrible to drive on. To improve Hugh Yoshida Stadium **\$5.3 million** was allocated to add turf and synthetic track surface, upgrade restrooms, concession stands, and an announcers booth.

The funding has been authorized; the next step is to get the funding released. Once the funds are released by the Governor, the Department of Education will be able to begin the bidding process to find contractors. After a contractor is selected then construction starts. The overall process does take time, but I assure you I will be working with the Department of Education throughout these projects so our students and community will be able to enjoy the upgrades to the campus.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENT: PLEASE JOIN US

The University of Hawaii Community Design Center (UHCDC) will be hosting a community charrette for the Wahiawa Freshwater Park master plan. The UHCDC will be updating the community on the planning process thus far as well as gain valuable community feedback for the future vision of the park. Please save the date and join us, your input is important!

WAHIAWA FRESHWATER PARK COMMUNITY DESIGN MEETING

WHEN?
TUESDAY, JULY 23, 2019

WHERE?

WAHIAWA DISTRICT PARK - HALE KOA ROOM
6pm to 8pm