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SENATOR STANLEY CHANG'S BILLS PASSED IN THE 2023 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The 2023 legislative session has concluded, and I am proud of the work accomplished in these past five months. The Legislature passed bills to tighten up our ethics rules and protect a woman's right to choose. Several pieces of legislation I introduced on various topics made it across the finish line, and I want to highlight a few of them below.

SB141: RELATING TO ELECTIONS

This bill requires Hawai'i's presidential electors (our four Electoral College voters) to vote for their party's nominee. In 2016, one of Hawai'i's electors did not vote for the winner of our state's popular vote, in effect nullifying the votes of hundreds of thousands of Hawai'i residents. 33 other states and the District of Columbia already have this law in place.

SB151: RELATING TO LAW ENFORCEMENT REFORM

This bill requires any department or agency employing law enforcement officers to maintain publicly available policies on minimum standards on the use of force. It also requires law enforcement officers to report the use of excessive force by another officer and receive training designed to minimize the use of excessive force. I have heard strong calls to ensure transparency on what justifies the use of force by law enforcement, and this bill will help

hold law enforcement accountable while ensuring protection of all our communities.

SB865: RELATING TO HOUSING

I have introduced our ALOHA Homes (Affordable, Locally Owned Homes for All) bill every session since 2019, and I am proud that it has finally passed. This piece of legislation authorizes and appropriates money for a pilot program in the Hawai'i Community Development Authority to build new, affordable leasehold condo units for state residents. This is the first step to ensure the creation of enough housing to meet demand for Hawai'i's people.

SB869: RELATING TO THE YOUTH COMMISSION

This bill clarifies that a majority of the members appointed to the Youth Commission shall constitute a quorum to do business. I have championed youth involvement in public policy making and was proud to author the bill creating the Youth Commission in 2018. However, the commission could not take official action in recent months because they did not have the 75% of members statutorily required for quorum. Our legislation sets the quorum at a majority, in line with most other state boards and commissions. I look forward to seeing what the Youth Commission will accomplish in months and years to come.



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MOVING FORWARD

Lē‘ahi Hospital Receives Over \$200,000 in State Funding

by Madelyn Waddell



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The Hawai‘i Health Systems Corporation (HHSC) has administered the state hospitals since 1996. It is the fourth largest public health system in the nation and operates 1275 licensed beds in facilities on

five different islands, including Lē‘ahi Hospital, located at 3675 Kilauea Avenue in Kaimukī. HHSC is a state agency whose mission is to provide accessible and comprehensive healthcare for its patients.

Lē‘ahi Hospital is a Medicare and Medicaid certified hospital providing adult day health care, short term rehabilitation, and long-term care. It is certified as a Skilled Nursing Facility and an Intermediate Care Facility. They also provide a tuberculosis unit. Recently, Lē‘ahi Hospital received \$243,007 in Capital

Improvement Project (CIP) funds. We spoke with Lē‘ahi Hospital to learn how these funds will help the community.

As the facility has aged over the years, Sean Sanada, the Chief Administrative Officer for the Oahu Region, explained the need for the funding. “Given the age of Lē‘ahi Hospital, completion of the upgrade and safety projects will bolster the facility’s structural integrity and ensure that our operations remain compliant with all applicable safety regulations,” says Sanada. The CIP funds will finance projects such as upgrades in elevators, plumbing, and electrical systems. Sanada also described the need to repaint patient rooms and several windows. Safety concerns will also be addressed, as they plan to replace fire doors, upgrade their Nurse Call System, and repair fire sprinklers.

These projects will “make the facility more aesthetically comfortable for our residents, more functional for our dietary operations, and more accessible for our visitors and staff,” says Sanada. We are proud that Lē‘ahi Hospital received this CIP funding, which will help it serve Hawai‘i’s people for many more years to come

Apply for the Hawai‘i Early Childhood Educator Stipend Program

The State of Hawai‘i Executive Office of Early Learning (EOEL) and University of Hawai‘i, in partnership with the Samuel N. and Mary Castle Foundation, is proud to offer a tuition stipend to current and potential early childhood educators and caregivers! Stipends are available to students enrolled in qualified college-level Early Childhood Education (ECE) certificate and degree programs throughout the University of Hawai‘i system.

You may qualify for this tuition stipend if you are currently enrolled or planning to enroll in a generalist ECE certificate, degree, or licensure program at the following University of Hawai‘i college campuses:

- UH Hilo (Hawaiian and Indigenous Language Medium programs)
- Hawai‘i Community College
- UH Maui College
- UH Mānoa
- UH West Oahu
- Honolulu Community College
- Kaua‘i Community College

How to apply:

1. Register for your courses for the upcoming semester. You must be registered for eligible courses in order to qualify for this stipend.
2. Access and complete the stipend application for the applicable semester. You can find the application here: surveymonkey.com/r/FHGD75Y
3. Tuition awards will be announced about one week before the semester begins. Awardees need to sign a stipend agreement before awards are distributed.

The application deadline for the Fall 2023 semester stipend is July 15, 2023. Contact ece@Hawaii.edu or (808) 956-2376 for further information or inquiries.



Image Credit: LCC Children's Center

IN THE COMMUNITY

106TH KING KAMEHAMEHA CELEBRATION FLORAL PARADE

The 106th King Kamehameha Celebration Floral Parade will take place on Saturday, June 10, 2023, from 9 am. As in years past, the parade will take a route beginning at King and Richards Street fronting 'Iolani Palace. Participants will then head down Punchbowl Street, before making a right left on Ala Moana Boulevard and eventually Kalākaua Avenue. The parade comes to a finish at Monsarrat Avenue and Queen Kapi'olani Park. Streets will begin to close in Downtown Honolulu at 7:30 a.m., with closures coinciding as the Parade moves along the route, several blocks before its approach arriving at Kapiolani Park at approximately 11 am. followed by the King Kamehameha Celebration at Kapiolani Park from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. with free admission. Enjoy Hawaiian Cultural activities, hula, live entertainment, Hawai'i made products, food booths and more, with ample parking available.



Image Credit: Hawai'i Tourism Authority

LOCAL THEATRE PRODUCTION OF THE BODYGUARD

Diamond Head Theatre is proud to present the musical The Bodyguard. Based on the Warner Bros. film, the musical features a host of classics including "Queen of the Night," "So Emotional," "One Moment in Time," "Saving All My Love," "Run to You," "I Have Nothing," "I Wanna Dance with Somebody" and "I Will Always Love You." The story follows protagonist Rachel Marron as she finds herself saddled with a stalker just as she is basking in the glory of an Oscar nomination. Corralled into her entourage, somewhat unwillingly, is Frank Farmer, a top-level bodyguard. Each expects to be in charge; what they don't expect is to fall in love. View available tickets through June 18th at: [diamondheadtheatre.my.salesforce-sites.com/ticket](https://www.diamondheadtheatre.com/my.salesforce-sites.com/ticket)

ART ON THE ZOO FENCE

Art on the Zoo Fence is comprised of a group of resident Hawai'i artists that meet every Saturday and Sunday from 9am to 3pm. Since 1953, they have displayed and sold art and photography on the Honolulu Zoo fence, along Monsarrat Avenue. Whether you are going for a walk in the park or a swim at the beach, swing by for some beautiful, locally-made art.



Image Credit: Art on the Zoo Fence

MĀLAMA HAWAII MAKERS MARKET

The Mālama Hawai'i Makers Market is hosted in Hawai'i Kai the first Saturday of every month, including on June 3rd. The market will open from 9am to 2pm at the Koko Head Elementary School lawn. Support local makers, artists, and creatives as well as some live music! The market is free to attend and free on site-parking is available.



Image Credit: Mālama Hawai'i Makers Market

THE
BODYGUARD
THE MUSICAL

Image Credit: Diamond Head Theatre

YOUR CONCERNS

GOING GREEN IS BACK

The Going Green Community Recycling Project has resumed! Various items are accepted for recycling or donations including: computers, printers, scanners, HI-5 beverage containers, batteries, canned goods (for Hawai'i Food Bank), gently used clothing, used eyeglasses and hearing aids, pet food, pet blankets, and prom dresses and accessories. Going Green does not accept certain items such as: metal, tires, paint, oils, inks, hazardous fluids, plastics, and household items. For questions or to ensure that your items are recyclable or donatable, please contact Rene Mansho at renemansho@hawaii.rr.com or (808) 291-6151.

Going Green will be at these locations from 9 to 11 a.m.:

- Maunulua Bay: August 19, 2023
- Kaimukī High School: October 28, 2023
- Koko Head Elementary School: December 16, 2023



Image Credit: Hawai'i Lions

COCKFIGHTING HOTLINE NUMBER

Cockfighting remains a prominent issue in the community. If you see it happening, the Coalition to End Cockfighting has started a hotline to report this illegal activity. You can reach the hotline at (808) 670-0439.

You can report the following:

- Anyone with an injured rooster
- Anyone suspected of cockfighting
- Anyone dumping chickens or roosters in nearby wooded areas

If able, please obtain a:

- Video or photo of the cockfighting
- License plate number
- Vehicle description
- Description of person(s) suspected
- Address of person(s) suspected



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AVOID THE 3 Cs to prevent COVID-19 clusters

To prevent the occurrence of clusters, keep the 3 Cs from overlapping.



1
CLOSED spaces with poor ventilation



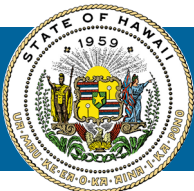
2
CROWDED places with many people nearby



3
CLOSE-CONTACT settings such as close-range conversations

Image Credit: Hawai'i State Department of Health

COVID-19 has been on the uptick in recent weeks, with cases rising just over 1000 a day statewide according to data from the Department of Health. While hospitals do have capacity for incoming patients, it's important to protect yourself so you don't end up in one! Most importantly, make sure your vaccinations are up to date. You can get vaccinated at any local pharmacy, such as Longs/CVS. Also, remember to wear a mask in public places to protect both yourself and others. Let's keep our communities safe!



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