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Aloha kākou,

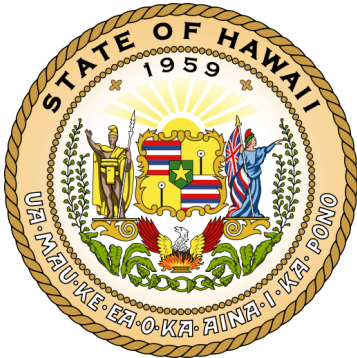
This year, the Majority Caucuses of both the House and Senate released a legislative package consisting of proposals that are intended to uplift working families. Specifically, the package calls for the following:

WORKING FAMILIES: This bill (HB 2541/SB 3102) would make the state earned income tax credit refundable and permanent, increase the food/excise tax credit, and gradually raise the minimum wage to \$13.00 per hour by 2024.

HOUSING: This measure (HB 2542/SB3104) would permit the development of housing units for individuals and families earning up to 140 percent of an area’s median income on public lands.

PRESCHOOL: This proposal (HB 2543/SB 3101) would create a new Learning to Grow Agency to hastily expand state-subsidized preschool programming through the use of taxpayer-funded grants for private early learning centers.

SCHOOL FACILITIES: This bill (HB 2544/SB 3103) would establish the School Facilities Agency to be responsible for all public school development, planning, and construction related to



Upcoming Events

Whitmore Pedestrian Bridge Community Meeting

On February 26th, from 6:00pm-7:30pm, the Department of Transportation will hold a meeting about a proposed pedestrian bridge to connect Whitmore Village to Wahiawā.

The meeting will be held at Helemano Elementary School's cafeteria. Everyone is invited to share their concerns.

Come make your voices heard!

Invocation Contest

Each representative may invite someone to give an invocation before the State House.

This year, my spot (April 7th) will be given to the winner of a contest I'm hosting for Wahiawā's middle and high school students, who will also win a cash prize.

To enter, email a short video or essay to amyperruso@gmail.com answering the question, "Why is Wahiawā import to me?"

The deadline to enter is March 20, 2020.

capital improvement projects valued at over \$100,000.

I am dedicated to increasing the well-being of working families in Wahiawā and throughout our island home. That said, I don't believe that these measures go far enough in advancing the common good for our community.

To begin, \$13.00/hour is simply not enough to meet one's basic needs in Hawai'i. According to the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism, workers require at least \$17.63/hour in 2020 to survive. Accordingly, I will continue to fight for a livable wage for working families of at least \$17/hour.

Moreover, I do not believe that housing built for those earning 140 of an area's median income—which comes out to an \$870,000 apartment for a family of four—should be defined as "affordable." Instead, affordable housing should be built for those making no more than 80 percent of AMI—and preferably no more than 50 percent—so that our most economically distressed neighbors receive the housing they deserve.

Finally, I am deeply concerned about privatizing both preschool programming and school facilities construction. Rather than rely on private entities over which we have little oversight, we should fully invest in our public education system, including our early learning system, to nurture the developing minds of our keiki. We must not recklessly sacrifice quality to quantity when it comes to the schools on which our children's future depends.

Mahalo nui loa,

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