



Representative Bertrand Kobayashi Community Update

DIAMOND HEAD, KAHALA,
KAIMUKI, KAPAHULU



April 2022

Legislature is at 2/3rd mark

The Legislature is at its 2/3rd mark, called 'second crossing' where House bills were agreed upon or amended by the Senate, and vice versa for Senate bills. Here are a few of the items which are still alive:

- * **Tax rebate** - \$300 per person for people with incomes under \$100,000/year and \$100 per person for those over \$100,000/year.
- * **Retirement saving plan** – A payroll deduction retirement saving plan [like a 401-K] is moving with a \$500 incentive to the first 50,000 people who join this saving plan. The State of Hawaii will create the saving plan structure and hence private employers will not have the financial and administrative burden of creating a company saving plan. Investment options managed by private sector financial advisors will be chosen by each enrollee.
- * **\$600 million for Hawaiian Home Lands** is still alive.
- * **Red Hill** – A \$1.5 million emergency appropriation to Department of Health is moving, along with House Resolutions asking the U.S. Navy to decommission the Red Hill fuel tanks, to store the fuel away from the aquifer and to pay for all costs incurred by the State and the Board of Water Supply associated with this matter.
- * **Minimum wage** - The House and Senate have agreed upon \$18/hour as the goal for a multi-year minimum wage increase, but disagree on the speed and size of incremental increases. The House position is to reach \$18 by 2028; the Senate position is to reach \$18 by 2026.
- * **Adult dental services for Medicaid** – Currently, adults under Medicaid do not have dental services. The Governor proposed adding minimal dental cleaning; the House is aiming for a higher level of dental services. With Medicaid, state funds are matched more than 1-to-1 by federal funds.
- * **Mauna Kea** – The House proposal to transfer management of Mauna Kea from the University of Hawaii to a new entity is still alive. This proposal could have dire impacts of astronomy, which has a \$110 million impact in Hawaii, bigger than both the coffee and macadamia nut industries combined. [I voted against this transfer.]
- * **Leahi land transfer to DHHL**-Transfer of UH parcel between Leahi Hospital and Diamond Head Theatre to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

(There are many more bills still alive in both the House and the Senate. Please call us at 808 586-6310 or email our office at repkobayashi@capitol.hawaii.gov if you have any comments or questions that we can help you with)

Community Update:

Hawaii School for Deaf and Blind [in Kapahulu] will see a return of its former principal Dr. Angel Ramos, who is fluent in American Sign Language, on June 1, 2022.

Next
Diamond Head
Homeless Sweep
May 11-13, 2022



The Governor's Coordinator on Homelessness, Scott Morishige, is coordinating with the State Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) and their contractors as well as the City Department of Facilities Management (DFM) to conduct a cleanup of Diamond Head on May 11-13, 2022. This date may be subject to change depending on weather or other unanticipated circumstances.

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Join us to learn about changes in the structure and function of the brain with normal aging, as well as ways to keep your brain healthy following the CDC Healthy Brain Initiative. Dr. Kamal Masaki will present an overview of dementia, including definition, rates, sub-types, causes and risk factors, symptoms and diagnosis, and goals of care. Calvin Hara will share brain health tips and recommendations from the latest research, as well as insights into how to make lifestyle choices that may help you keep your brain and body healthy as you age.



Dr. Kamal Masaki is Professor and Chair of the Department of Geriatric Medicine at the John A. Burns School of Medicine, University of Hawai'i Mānoa. She has over 30 years of experience in education, clinical services and research in aging and dementia, and is a co-author on over 300 publications in scientific journals.



Calvin Hara is an Alzheimer's Association Community Educator and has been a Hawaii Chapter volunteer for over six years. He is also the Chairperson of the Advocacy Committee and he volunteers his time with local community organizations. He is a caregiver and has over thirty years of long-term care management experience.

Register at <https://tinyurl.com/DrMasaki> or call 800.272.3900