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**Chair:** Committee on Ways and Means

**Member:** Committee on Education



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## Legislature Reaches First Decking Deadline

The Legislature has reached the First Decking deadline which means that bills will be heard by their final committees. Legislation that has been passed by their final committees and passed by the Senate on Third Reading will Crossover to the House of Representative for further discussion and consideration.

As the Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means, my committee has been reviewing any legislation that relates to overall state financing policies. Ways and Means has received over 1,800 measures which also includes gubernatorial nominees.

In addition to hearing bills that were introduced by my colleagues, I have introduced and supported other measures for further consideration. Please see below for a list of bills which I have either introduced or supported within my committee:

- **SB2520** which appropriates funds to the Department of Education for behavior analysis services performed by a licensed behavior analysis for public school students.
- **SB2521** which appropriates funds to the department of education to provide up to \$1,690 to each special education classroom teacher for instructional materials and equipment.
- **SB2524** which requires condominium property regimes to comply with county subdivision requirements. Allows the real estate commission to adopt rules that require a developer to seek county council approval for significant projects. Requires agricultural lands that are subdivided and leased for agricultural uses or activities to comply with county subdivision standards.
- **SB2699** which imposes the transient accommodations tax on additional hotel resort fees that are calculated separately from the advertised transient accommodation's rate.
- **SB2963** which allows transient accommodations brokers to register as a tax collection agent for its operators and plan managers. The bill includes language which makes it unlawful for brokers to do business with any operator or plan manager that is not in compliance with state laws and county ordinances.

The Committee on Ways and Means also recently voted to approve Ms. Linda Chu Takayama as the Director of the Department of Taxation and Ms. Laurel Johnston as the Director of the Department of Budget & Finance. Both Director Chu Takayama and Director Johnson have been working with my committee to develop the state budget.

For a full list of bills that I have introduced or co-signed, please go to [capitol.hawaii.gov](http://capitol.hawaii.gov).

## Working for You!



**(Left)** The American Association of Retired Persons held their annual Advocacy Day at the State Capitol. Here I am seated with AARP Executive Director Barbara Kim Stanton and active members of the AARP. **(Below Left)** I joined my colleagues to congratulate Ms. Linda Chu Takayama as the new Director of Dept. of Taxation and Ms. Laurel Johnston as the new Director of the Dept. of Budget & Finance.



**(Above Right)** Students from Leilehua High School join me for lunch as they visit their district legislators for the Secondary Student Conference.

### Volunteer Legal Services Legal Advice Clinic

The Volunteer Legal Services Hawaii is hosting their annual clinic to provide free legal advice to individuals with low and moderate income. Volunteer lawyers will provide legal advice on cases regarding family law, district court, estate planning, veterans benefits, bankruptcy, and Native Hawaiian Rights.

The event will be held at the **Leilehua High School cafeteria** on **Saturday, March 3rd from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm**. Interested individuals can call (808) 528-7046 to qualify and make an appointment. Walk-ins will be accepted, but there is no guarantee that you will be seen by an attorney.

For more information, please call Volunteer Legal Services Hawaii. Interpreter assistance can also be arranged with prior notification.