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Dear Friends,

Thank you for the opportunity to once again serve as your voice in the House of Representatives. We entered the 2015 legislature with two years experience as Chair of the House Labor Committee and a better handle on the diversity of issues in the committee's portfolio. We have implemented Act 99 (SLH 2013) and have the Agricultural Workforce Development Advisory Board up and running providing programs and resources for future agriculturalists throughout the state.

Big Congratulations goes out to Coach Daphne Honma and the Honoka'a High School Girls Basketball Team for repeating their victory and becoming the 2015 State Division II Champions. The final quarter was a little too close for comfort, but the Dragons pulled through by winning 33-31.

As always, please contact me with any questions or concerns by calling 974-4000 extension 6-6680, or via email at [repnakashima@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:repnakashima@capitol.hawaii.gov).

Aloha and Best Wishes,

*Mark Nakashima*

# 2015 Crossover

This is a sampling of the 300 plus bills that have made the “cross-over” deadline and have passed from the House to the Senate this month. Bills that have not met this deadline will continue to be alive in the 2016 legislative session, but cannot be considered this year.

## AGRICULTURE

**HB205 HD1 - RELATING TO AGRICULTURE** - Includes traditional Hawaiian farming and small-scale farming to the objectives and policies for the economy.

**HB573 - RELATING TO HAWAII GOOD AGRICULTURAL PRACTICES** - Establishes the Hawaii good agricultural practices program to develop and support good agricultural practices for Hawaii farms growing agricultural food products.

**HB823 HD1 - RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL THEFT** - Establishes a two-year Agricultural Theft Pilot Project in the Department of Agriculture to focus on investigating and prosecuting agricultural theft or agricultural vandalism in the County of Hawaii.

**HB850 HD1 - RELATING TO THE AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION SERVICE** - Appropriates funds for critical positions in the cooperative extension service administered by the UH College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources.

**HB1042 - RELATING TO IMPORTANT AGRICULTURAL LANDS** - Appropriates funds for grants-in-aid to the counties for assistance with identifying and mapping important agricultural lands.

**HB1051 HD1 - RELATING TO AGRICULTURE** - Authorizes the Department of Agriculture to adopt

rules relating to the declaration of Hawaii origin for agricultural commodities.

**HB1225 - RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL FACILITIES** - Authorizes and appropriates funds for DBEDT, in collaboration with DOA, to perform studies and analysis relating to establishing facilities on the island of Hawaii for quarantine inspection and treatment and handling of incoming and outgoing agricultural commodities.

## EDUCATION

**HB541 HD1 - RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII TUITION AND FEES SPECIAL FUND** - Requires each UH campus to prepare an operations plan, to be reviewed by the President and VP for Budget and Finance and CFO of UH, for each fiscal year. Requires the moneys in the UH Tuition and Fees Special Fund for each UH campus to lapse to the credit of Program ID No. UH900 (University of Hawaii, system wide support).

**HB1251 HD1 - RELATING TO PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS** - Requires more detailed annual reporting by the State Public Charter School Commission. Establishes a Charter School Facilities Funding Working Group. Appropriates funds for public charter schools. Authorizes the issuance of general obligation bonds and appropriates funds for public charter school facilities' design, planning, construction, repair, and maintenance.

## LABOR AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

**HB496 HD1 - RELATING TO EMPLOYMENT** - Establishes a partial wage replacement for leave

trust fund funded by employee wage withholdings. Uses the trust fund to provide partial wage replacement for four weeks of family leave. Appropriates moneys to administer the trust fund.

**HB716 HD2 - RELATING TO INNOVATIVE BUSINESS INTERACTION** - Establishes an innovative business interaction program under DBEDT, with the assistance of the Hawaii Tourism Authority. Increases the transient accommodations tax revenues deposited into the Tourism Special Fund by an amount to be used for the program. Appropriates funds.

**HB1282 HD1 - RELATING TO BROADBAND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY** - Appropriates moneys for an engineering assessment for establishing a laser optical communications ground station in Hawaii.

**HB1454 HD2 - RELATING TO TAXATION** - Establishes an income tax credit for taxpayers who incur certain expenses for manufacturing products in Hawaii. Applies to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2015.

## ENVIRONMENT

**HB393 HD2 - RELATING TO HAWAIIAN FISHPONDS** - Waives DOH water quality certification requirement for restoration, repair, and operation of Hawaiian loko i'a (fishponds) that are permitted under the Statewide Programmatic General Permit process, administered by the DLNR.

**HB525 HD2 - RELATING TO STATE PARKS** - Prohibits smoking and the use of tobacco products and electronic smoking devices within the state park system. Requires

posting of signage prohibiting smoking or the use of tobacco products.

**HB830 HD1 - RELATING TO RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY** - Exempts from the definition of "historic property" any private residence that has not been entered, or nominated by the owner of the residence for entry, onto the Hawaii Register of Historic Places. Clarifies that nothing in Chapter 6E, HRS, shall be construed to require a review by the DLNR for any private residence exempted under the new "historic property" definition.

**HB1141 HD2 - RELATING TO CESSPOOLS** - Prohibits new installation of a cesspool and new construction served by a cesspool after December 31, 2016. Authorizes DOH to develop rules for exceptions. (HB1141 HD2)

## ENERGY

**HB1296 HD2 - RELATING TO ENERGY** - Designates the State Hydrogen Implementation Coordinator. Establishes a Hydrogen Imple-

mentation Working Group. Requires the Hydrogen Investment Capital Special Fund to be used to provide funding for the implementation of hydrogen infrastructure.

**HB1286 HD2 - RELATING TO ENERGY** - Amends the State's objectives and policies relating to energy facility systems, including a policy of ensuring that fossil fuels such as liquefied natural gas be used only as a transitional, limited-term replacement of petroleum for electricity generation and not impede the development and use of renewable energy sources.

## HOUSING AND HEALTH

**HB766 HD1 - RELATING TO HOUSING** - Makes an appropriation for the construction of micro apartment housing units.

**HB581 HD1 - RELATING TO THE HOSPITAL SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAM** - Continues the Hospital Sustainability Program for one year. Appropriates funds out of

the Hospital Sustainability Program Special Fund for fiscal year 2015-2016.

**HB1161 HD1 - RELATING TO HEALTH** - Appropriates funds to the department of human services to restore basic adult dental benefits to medicaid enrollees and to provide outreach and eligibility services for individuals and families at federally qualified health centers. Appropriates funds from the community health centers special fund to establish health homes.

**HB1314 HD1 - RELATING TO HOUSING** - Establishes the emergency home relocation special fund to assist persons dispossessed of their homes as a result of a natural disaster. Appropriates moneys.

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

**HB124 HD2 - RELATING TO ELECTIONS** - Beginning with the primary election in 2016, requires the office of elections to implement elections by mail in a county with a population less than 100,000. In 2018, elections by mail will be held in one or more counties with a population of more than 100,000. Thereafter requires all federal, state, and county primary, special primary, general, special general, and special elections to be conducted by mail. Establishes voter service centers for the counties and islands, in lieu of traditional polling places. Requires voter service centers to provide services such as voter registration.



Hydrogen Fuel Cell car, The Toyota Mirai makes it's first appearance in Hawaii at the 2015 Hawaii auto Dealers Association Auto Show. Pictured (R-L) is Mark, Servco Hawaii President Eric Fukunaga and R&D Director Thor Toma.

**HB763 HD1 - RELATING TO THE ELDERLY** - Requires the Executive Office on Aging to establish a three-year senior playground pilot program within the executive office on aging. Requires reports to the Legislature.

### **PUBLIC SAFETY**

**HB481 HD1 - RELATING TO HEALTH** - Makes an appropriation for one advanced life support ambulance to be based in Makalei on the island of Hawaii and to be used from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., and to include a vehicle, equipment, and personnel costs.

**The following are some personal bills that I introduced and are now moving through the Senate:**

**HB676 HD1-RELATING TO COLLECTIVE BARGAINING-** Allows the chair of the State Public Charter School Commission to vote on agreements for certain collective bargaining units. This bill adjusts the representation given to the public charter school system in the state.

**HB696-RELATING TO WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT-** Establishes the Hawaii Healthcare Advisory Board to help increase and strengthen the healthcare workforce in the State.

**HB697 HD1- RELATING TO STATE FACILITIES-**Requires the Auditor to conduct a study of various departmental engineering sections that manage general fund capital improvement projects. Appropriates moneys for an engineering assessment for establishing a laser optical communications ground station in Hawaii.

**HB847 HD1 - RELATING TO HAWAII HEALTH SYSTEMS CORPORATION RELATING TO TAXATION** - Addresses primary care physician shortages by appropriating funds for the Interdisciplinary Hawaii Health Systems Corporation Primary Care Training Program at Hilo Medical Center.

**HB853 HD1 - RELATING TO AGRICULTURE** - Establishes a K-12 Agriculture Workforce Development Pipeline Initiative in DLIR to conduct trainings for teachers and school administrators in agricultural self-sufficiency. Appropriates funds to support the Initiative.

**HB854- RELATING TO SERVICE CHARGES** - Requires hotels to distribute portage service charges to employees in full or disclose to customers that the charges are being used for other purposes.

**HB 1268 HD1 RELATING TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION** - Requires injured public employees who are eligible to take part in an employer's return to work program do so as a prerequisite to receiving vocational rehabilitation through workers' compensation coverage.

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### **Hawaii Food Basket Fundraiser**

This year, the offices of Representative Mark M Nakashima teamed up with the office of Representative Richard Onishi and raised \$1,033 for the Hawaii Island Food Basket.



The 2015 session has a unique set of individuals that work well together to support District 1. The members from left to right are Chris Murata, a recent graduate who worked for Congresswoman Gabbard in DC, Bryan Yamashita, a former investment banker, myself, Lori Hasegawa, my Office Manager who is invaluable to my everyday legislative activities and Joshua Orcutt, a legislative intern who is a UH student and a Bronze Star with Valor recipient.