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Update on Legislation

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Urban Caucus Legislation

Since last month's update on the Urban Caucus, state lawmakers who are part of the Urban Caucus have introduced a number of measures to address homelessness. Bills to establish or to fund the following initiatives have been introduced:

- Landlord Liaison Project
- Hawaii Interagency Council on Homelessness
- 2-1-1 homeless care coordinator
- Special fund to provide opportunities for private sector matching funds
- Homeless job training programs
- Identify an initial site for building "Housing-First" facilities
- Expand the Uses/Purposes of Existing Special Funds for Housing

For a full listing of the Housing and Homeless Package bills, you may log onto [www.http://tinyurl.com/Housing-HomelessPackage](http://tinyurl.com/Housing-HomelessPackage).

Legislative Noise Pollution Task Force

Urban Honolulu residents, living in dense condominium neighborhoods or in close proximity to food and business establishments may experience numerous noise and noise-related disturbances (i.e. mopeds, back-up beepers of trash trucks, lawnmowers, and leaf blowers). To help identify mitigation measures, the Legislature passed Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 183 last year to convene a Legislative Noise Pollution Task Force. Unfortunately, the House and Senate leadership were unable to convene the task force in time. As such, Urban Caucus lawmakers have reintroduced the measures this year, Senate Concurrent Resolution 15 and Senate Resolution 5: Convening a Legislative Noise Pollution Task Force to review best practices from other states in reducing urban noise pollution. I kindly ask the board to support these two measures.



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WAIKIKI



KAKA'AKO/ALA MOANA



DOWNTOWN



CHINATOWN



PALAMA



WHAT A DIVERSE COMMUNITY!

Confirmation of Alapaki Nahale-a, DHHL Director

On February 2, 2011, the Senate Hawaiian Affairs Committee held its first hearing of the 2011 legislative session. We convened for a confirmation hearing for Alapaki Nahale-a, Governor Neil Abercrombie's nominee to lead the Department of Hawaiian Home-lands (DHHL).

Alapaki received tremendous support from the community, with all testimony in support of his nomination to DHHL. Because of his experience as the current Executive Director of the Hawaii Charter Schools Network and roles as a Hawaiian Home Lands Commissioner, a Hawaii County Charter Commissioner as well as his extensive background in community development positions, the committee unanimously supported his appointment to lead DHHL. A full vote by the Senate will occur shortly. Alapaki will be the first DHHL lessee to lead this organization.



A. Nahale-a testifies in front of a packed room of friends and supporters



Nahale-a smiles as a Senator speaks



(L to R): Senator Kahele, myself, Vice Chair Ryan, Senator English, and Senator Kidani

For Your Information

Bill Status and Documents

You may sign up for Hearing Notices via e-mail, review legislative packages, conduct research on bills, and submit testimony at www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session2011

Hawaii Senate Majority

To follow along with what the Senate Majority Caucus is doing this session, please log onto www.hawaiisenatemajority.com



hawai'i public access room

The Public Access Room provides numerous services and resources that are made available to the public. The following are a few of the services that are available:

- large-print reading materials
- Complete copy of the Hawaii Revised Statutes and annual updates, including Session Laws
- Dictionaries in various languages and almanacs
- Computers and office supplies to prepare testimony for Legislative hearings
- Information sheets on various topics