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Council of Revenues Projection

On May 26th, the State Council of Revenues (COR) met and unanimously decided to leave its previous forecast alone. The forecast predicts a loss of 1.6% for the current fiscal year (FY 2011: July 2010—June 2011) and maintains an 11% increase for the coming fiscal year (FY 2012: July 2011 - June 2012). With the COR's prediction unchanged, there are no plans for a special legislative session. As such, the legislature will reconvene in January 2012 when we will resume deliberations on legislation still pending in conference committees and consider new legislation.

The governor has indicated that given these circumstances, he and his administration will do their best to fund initiatives and projects that were requested to be funded via legislation.

Community Town Hall Meetings

Mahalo to all those who attended our Downtown Community Town Hall meeting with Governor Neil Abercrombie and the Waikiki Community Town Hall meeting with State Homelessness Coordinator Marc Alexander.

Area legislators will continue to work together with key stakeholders to address issues of concern to our community, particularly homelessness. If you have not reviewed the Governor's "90-Day Plan" to address homelessness yet, you may do so online at www.hawaii.gov/gov.

We appreciate you taking the time to attend our community town halls. The discussions that area lawmakers had with our constituents help us to comprehensively understand the issues of our communities.







WAIKIKI

KAKA'AKO/ALA MOANA



DOWNTOWN



CHINATOWN



PALAMA



WHAT A DIVERSE COMMUNITY!

90-Day Action Plan to Address Homelessness

On May 17, 2011, Governor Abercrombie and the State Coordinator on Homelessness announced a "90-Day Plan on Homelessness in Hawaii". The 90-Day Plan coordinates government, non-profits, community and faith-based organizations, businesses, shelter and outreach services, and citizens to increase opportunities for people who are homeless to receive services. The plan outlines nine specific objectives:

- 1. Identify and assess people who are chronically homeless for immediate services in Waikiki and the urban core of Honolulu.
- 2. Support the chronically homeless and chronically mentally ill who need mental health treatment.
- 3. Identify available substance abuse treatment services and gaps in services to maximize access for the chronically homeless in need.
- 4. Identify and provide outreach as early as possible where persons who are homeless are established or increasing in number.
- 5. Coordinate community efforts to maintain clean public areas.
- 6. Ensure that existing shelters are maximized for capacity and service.
- 7. Provide information about sound relocation and financial planning, including Hawai'i's high cost of living, to individuals and families outside of Hawai'i who inquire about the availability of services.
- 8. Establish the State Interagency Council on Homelessness.
- 9. Educate the general public about the most effective means to eliminate homelessness.

You can read the entire plan on the governor's website at: www.hawaii.gov/gov.

For Your Information

Bill Status and Documents

You may view the measures that passed this 2011 legislative session at www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session2011

Hawaii Senate Majority

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