

NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD REPORT

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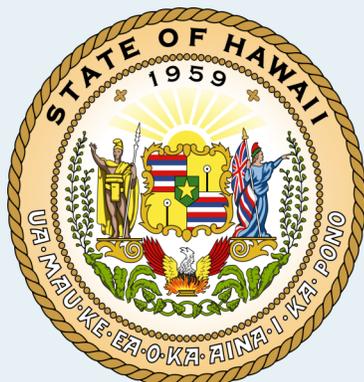
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Aloha Board Members and Neighbors,

Happy New Year 2021! We faced unprecedented challenges affecting our way of life on social, medical and economical fronts in 2020. Although last year upended all aspects of what was once deemed normal, it provided us time to reflect and reassess our priorities.

As we begin the State of Hawaii's Thirty-First Legislature, 2021-2022 I, along with my colleagues, will continue to plan, introduce, and pass legislation to address the state and our community's needs.

There will be many challenges for 2021 in all aspects of governance including our economy, health & welfare, education, environment, housing, and transportation. As Chair of the House Committee on Transportation, and a member of the House Committees on Consumer Protection & Commerce and Housing, my commitment to you will be to work diligently to address our challenges and work collaboratively with my colleagues and my community to introduce and pass legislation that will not only foster but sustain us on this road to recovery.

Mahalo,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Henry J.C. Aquino".

Revamping the Legislative Process to Address Public Health and Safety

The 2021 Legislative session has adopted safety protocols to minimize the spread of COVID-19. The Hawaii State Capitol is closed to the public; however, committee hearings and general sessions will be streamed online or shown via cable. The Hawaii State Legislature's website, www.capitol.hawaii.gov, is a great resource enabling the public to easily access information, track bills, hearing notices, and deliver testimony.



2021 LEGISLATIVE TIMETABLE

DATE	DEADLINE OR EVENT
Jan. 20	Opening Day.
Jan. 22	Last day to introduce all packages of bills except for the administration's (State Executive Branch).
Jan. 25	State of the State Address. Last day to introduce the administration's package of bills (State Executive Branch).
Jan. 26	One-day recess.
Jan. 27	State of Judiciary Address. Last day for bill introductions.
Jan. 28	One-day recess.
Feb. 25 to Mar. 3	Mandatory 5-day recess.
Mar. 5	Filing deadline for First Decking. Last day to deck non-budget bills for Third Reading in the originating body.
Mar. 8	One-day recess.
Mar. 10	One-day recess.
Mar. 11	First Crossover for bills. Last day for Third Reading of bills in the originating body.
Mar. 12	Last day to introduce substantive resolutions.
Mar. 15	Filing deadline for budget bills.
Mar. 17	Budget Crossover. Last day for Third Reading of budget bills in the originating body.
Mar. 31	First Crossover for concurrent resolutions. Last day to pass concurrent resolutions to the non-originating body.
Apr. 9	Filing deadline for Second Decking. Last day to deck bills that were amended by the receiving (non-originating) body.
Apr. 12	One-day recess.
Apr. 14	One-day recess.
Apr. 15	Second Crossover for bills. Last day for Third Reading of bills that were amended by the receiving (non-originating) body. Disagree. Last day to disagree with the other body's drafts of bills.
Apr. 16	Deadline for transmittal of final form of Constitutional Amendments to the Governor.
Apr. 19	Second Crossover for concurrent resolutions. Last day to pass concurrent resolutions that were amended by the receiving (non-originating) body.
Apr. 21	One-day recess.
Apr. 22	Last day to file non-fiscal bills to deck for Final Reading.
Apr. 23	Last day to file fiscal bills to deck for Final Reading.
Apr. 26	One-day recess.
Apr. 28	One-day recess.
Apr. 29	Adjournment Sine Die.



Rep. Aquino on Opening Day 1/20/21



New Hotline to Combat Fraud, Waste, and Abuse in State Government

The Department of the Attorney General and the Hawaii State Ethics Commission have set up an Anti-Fraud Hotline: a confidential reporting system for fraud, waste, or abuse involving government funds, government workers, and/or persons and entities awarded government contracts.



If you suspect a government official in Hawaii is engaged in any kind of fraud or abuse of position, or if you believe there is a waste of government funds, you may:

- ◆ Submit an online complaint (https://ethics.hawaii.gov/fraud_complaint/);
- ◆ Leave a confidential voice mail message at 587-0000; or
- ◆ E-mail anti-fraud@hawaii.gov.

Waipahu High School Integrated Academy Learning Facility



Pictured above (Left to Right) Representatives Ty Cullen, Ryan Yamane & Henry Aquino.

Rep. Aquino, Gov. Ige and fellow legislators representing Waipahu and neighboring communities participated in a groundbreaking ceremony for the Waipahu High School Integrated Academy Learning Facility. This new three-storied facility will feature an innovative agricultural program integrating artificial intelligence; biotechnology, chemistry, and computer labs; creative space to leverage Design Thinking; and will be the new home to the Marauder Café, featuring the school's acclaimed culinary, baking and pastry, and hospitality programs.

(Left to Right) Representatives Henry Aquino, Ryan Yamane, Roy Takumi, Governor Ige, WHS Principal Keith Hayashi, Senator Michelle Kidani, Representative Ty Cullen, and Senator Clarence Nishihara participated in the Waipahu High School Integrated Academy Learning Facility groundbreaking ceremony.



Preschool Open Doors Program Application Period Open Through March 31, 2021

The Department of Human Services (DHS) is assisting eligible families to better-afford preschool for the 2021-2022 school year. The Preschool Open Doors (POD) program application period began January 4 and is open through March 31, 2021. Funds are limited, so DHS encourages families to apply early.



To qualify for the program, children must be eligible to enter kindergarten in the 2022-2023 school year (born between August 1, 2016 and July 31, 2017). If awarded a subsidy, families may use any one of the 409 state-licensed preschools. DHS also gives priority to underserved or at-risk children.

Preschool Open Doors provides subsidies to eligible families to help pay preschool tuition. POD aims to assist low-income and moderate-income families with a subsidy that provides their children the opportunity to attend preschool. Preschool and other early learning opportunities help children gain essential skills, be prepared for school and chart a course for lifelong success.

Interested families may access the application from the department's POD contractor, PATCH, by visiting patchhawaii.org or calling (808) 791-2130 / (toll-free) 1-800-746-5620. PATCH can also help families locate a preschool convenient for them.

Applications must be received by end of business day on Wednesday, March 31, 2021 for consideration during the July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022 program period.

Hawai'i Department of Health Issues Updated COVID-19 Vaccination Plan

COVID-19 INFORMATION

In January, 2021, the Hawai'i Department of Health issued an executive summary of its updated COVID-19 vaccination plan to provide a roadmap of how the vaccine will eventually be made available to all Hawai'i residents by the end of this summer.

The prioritized system ensures the vaccine is distributed and administered in an orderly, safe and efficient manner, starting with prioritized groups based on updated guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) released on December 20, 2020.

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Phase 1a: Healthcare personnel and long-term care facility residents;

Phase 1b: Frontline essential workers and adults 75 years of age and older; and

Phase 1c: Adults age 65 to 74 years, persons 16 to 64 years with high-risk medical conditions, and essential workers not included in Phase 1b.

Phase 2 will cover the rest of the population, which includes all persons 16 years and older who were not in other categories. Phase 2 is projected to begin in early summer 2021, depending on production and federal allocation of doses through Operation Warp Speed.

It is important to note the phases of the vaccine distribution may occur concurrently. In addition, in each phase, the order in which the vaccines will be administered will be based on age, with the eldest in the phase receiving first priority.

Oahu COVID-19 Mass Vaccination Sites

The first of two mass vaccination sites on Oahu launched Monday, January 18, 2021 at Pier 2 amid a push to rapidly increase the number of people getting shots each day.

Officials stressed the sites will be vaccinating people, starting with frontline essential workers and adults 75 years and older, **by appointment only**.

For more information on how to get an appointment, visit the Hawaii COVID-19 website at <https://hawaiicovid19.com/vaccine/>

Hawaii Pacific Health will be managing the **Pier 2 site, a cruise ship terminal**. Once a person gets a shot at the site, their appointment for a second dose will be scheduled.

Queen's Health Systems will manage the second site — at the **Neal Blaisdell Center** — and said it will launch a portal to allow to people to get an appointment for a COVID-19 vaccine. No launch date for this site has been announced. Please check <https://hawaiicovid19.com/vaccine/> for more information.

