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We will get through this together!

Study Links Casinos and Violent Victimization of Women



Aloha Kākou!

Yesterday, I held a press conference at the state capitol to report the findings of a report issued by the Hawai'i State Commission on the Status of Women. Native Hawaiians, immigrants, impoverished women, LGBTQ people, and children living in geographic proximity to the resort-casino are likely to experience the most harm from gambling.

The research showed that casinos and sex trafficking go hand in hand, and gambling problems and domestic violence go hand in hand. The social cost of the casino seems too high to justify. Ultimately, Native Hawaiians should not have to choose between funding and women's safety. It is woefully ignorant and reckless to think that a casino will rehabilitate Native Hawaiians.

With aloha,

Stacelynn Eli

Opening Day 2021

Opening Day at the capitol brought about a celebration of taro farmers and industry supporters who were there to raise awareness for the industry and to give away taro cuttings and free lunch for anyone who stopped by.



Above: Kaukaohu Wahilani, Rep. Eli and taro farmer; Other pics: out front of the Hawai'i State Capitol with taro farmers.



Bills for the 2021 Session

Health and Human Services

HB695 - Human Trafficking: Establishes center to combat human trafficking, including a centralized database, within the dept. of the attorney general.

HB698 - Maternal Health: Requires the department of human services to collect and report data on severe maternal morbidity incidents, disaggregated by county, race, and ethnicity.

HB536 - Stillbirth: Requires the Dept. of health to issue a certificate of stillbirth, upon request of the parent or parents named on a fetal death certificate issued in the case of a stillbirth.

HB1120 - Telehealth: Allows for standard telephone contacts for telehealth purposes.



Above: Opening Day Taro giveaway from farmers; Bottom left: Felipe Toledo surfing at the Wavegarden Cove Demo Center in Melbourne, Australia.

Agriculture

HB694 - Taro Farming: Establishes an exemption from state income tax for the first \$100,000 of income derived from taro, taro products, and land used to produce taro.

HB 538 - Hen Confinement: Requires farm owners and operators to confine egg-laying hens in accordance with the standards established in this measure.

Community and Environment

HB1289 - Surfing industry: Authorizes issuance of special purpose revenue bonds to assist HK Management for surf industry center facilities.

HB696 - Environmental Impact: Adds definitions of "biomass" and "fossil fuels", and amends the definition of "power generating facility" for purposes of environmental impact statements.

HB535 - Drunk driving: Specifies that a person commits the offense of manslaughter if the person causes the death of another person by recklessly operating a motor vehicle with .08 or more grams of alcohol.

HB534 - Self Protection: Amends the law relating to the use of deadly force in self-defense to establish the circumstances where a person using deadly force has no duty to retreat and has the right to stand the person's ground.

Pandemic Relief

HB697 - Relating to Taxation: Excludes from state income tax a certain amount of income received after 4/1/2020, from unemployment compensation benefits or pandemic unemployment assistance.



Hawaiian Homes

HB1122 - Beneficiary consultation: Prohibits DHHL from disposing or extending a general lease to non-beneficiaries, unless there are no applicants seeking to enter into a general lease.

HB1123 - Majority Members: Requires that a majority of the members of the Hawaiian Homes Commission be beneficiaries and on the waitlist.

HB 1124 - Leases: Amends the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act to require appraisals of improvements to identify the replacement cost or the leasehold market value.

Education

HB 537 - Helmet Safety: Requires dept. of education school football programs to ensure each non-new football and privately purchased football helmet used in a football program is reconditioned and recertified at least every 2 yrs.

HB1121 - CIP: Relating to Capitol Improvement Projects for the 43rd District.

Pandemic & Disaster Preparedness committee holds info briefings and hearings



As Vice-Chair of the Pandemic & Disaster Preparedness Committee, I have been working hard to inform the public about matters concerning Covid-19 and the pandemic to include vaccine rollouts and all relevant legislation for our PDP committee.



Resolutions for 2021

HR9 - Hawaiian Language: Urging the Board of Education and Department of Education to elevate Hawaiian Language and Cultural Education in Public High Schools by incorporating diverse Hawaiian Language and Cultural Classes as core requirements throughout secondary education.

HR12 - Missing and Murdered Native Hawaiian Women: Requesting the Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women to convene a task force to study missing and murdered Native Hawaiian women and girls.

2021 House Floor Sessions Begin



L-R: Rep. Dee Morikawa, Rep. Nadine Nakamura, Rep. Della Au Belatti, Rep. Lisa Kitagawa, Rep. Stacelynn Eli, Rep. Linda Ichiyama.



Abandoned Vehicle Cleanup in Mā'ili



Top left: Abandoned vehicles being removed; Top right: Rep. Eli with Lily Cabinatan; Above: Rep. Eli with James Cowles; Below: Abandoned vehicles being loaded for removal; Bottom left: Sydney Fanoga, Rep. Eli, Councilmember Andria Tupola; Left: Abandoned vehicles being taken away.



Helpful Resources

- Aloha United Way (Vaccine Information) 211
- Disease Outbreak Control Division 586-8332
- Dept. of Health 586-4400
- Dept. of Labor & Industrial Relations 586-8844
- Unemployment Insurance (O'ahu) 586-8970
- HPD COVID-19 Hotline 723-3900

STAY CONNECTED:

- WCCHC COVID-19 Hotline
(808) 697-3170



- Aloha United Way's Info Hotline



STARTS 1/11/21

WAIANAE COAST COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH CENTER | HEALTH PROMOTION DEPARTMENT

KEIKI & KUPUNA FOOD DISTRIBUTIONS

KEIKI & KUPUNA PANTRIES

Day	Location	Time
MON	10AM- COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTER AT MAILI	
TUE	9AM- NANAIKAPONO ELEMENTARY 10AM- HELELUA ST (ACROSS FROM REC CENTER) 10AM- HOA AINA O MAKAHA 12PM- WAIANAE ELEMENTARY	
WED	10AM- KAUPUNI PARK (WAIANAE VALLEY) 10AM- QUEEN LILUOKALANI CHILDREN'S CENTER (NANAKULI)	
THU	10AM- COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTER AT MAILI 10AM- HELELUA ST (ACROSS FROM REC CENTER)	
FRI	10AM- KAMAILE ACADEMY 10AM- QUEEN LILUOKALANI CHILDREN'S CENTER (NANAKULI) 10AM- KAUPUNI PARK (WAIANAE VALLEY)	

KEIKI GRAB & GO MEALS

Day	Location	Time
MON	10AM-12PM COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTER AT MAILI	
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Summer Food Service Program: Breakfast, lunch and milk

Food supplies will vary: Bags of shelf stable food, kupuna meals and local produce

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