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NEWS AND UPDATES FROM Representative Troy N. Hashimoto

Summer Update

Aloha!

The 2019 Legislative session ended on May 2. Like many other legislators, I will spend the interim between sessions in the community and preparing for the 2020 session. While we accomplished a lot for Maui and the rest of the state, there are still many issues that require our continued attention. Because this was the first half of the biennium, bills that were introduced this year but did not pass will have another chance next session without having to be reintroduced. They will also retain any progress made through the lawmaking process.

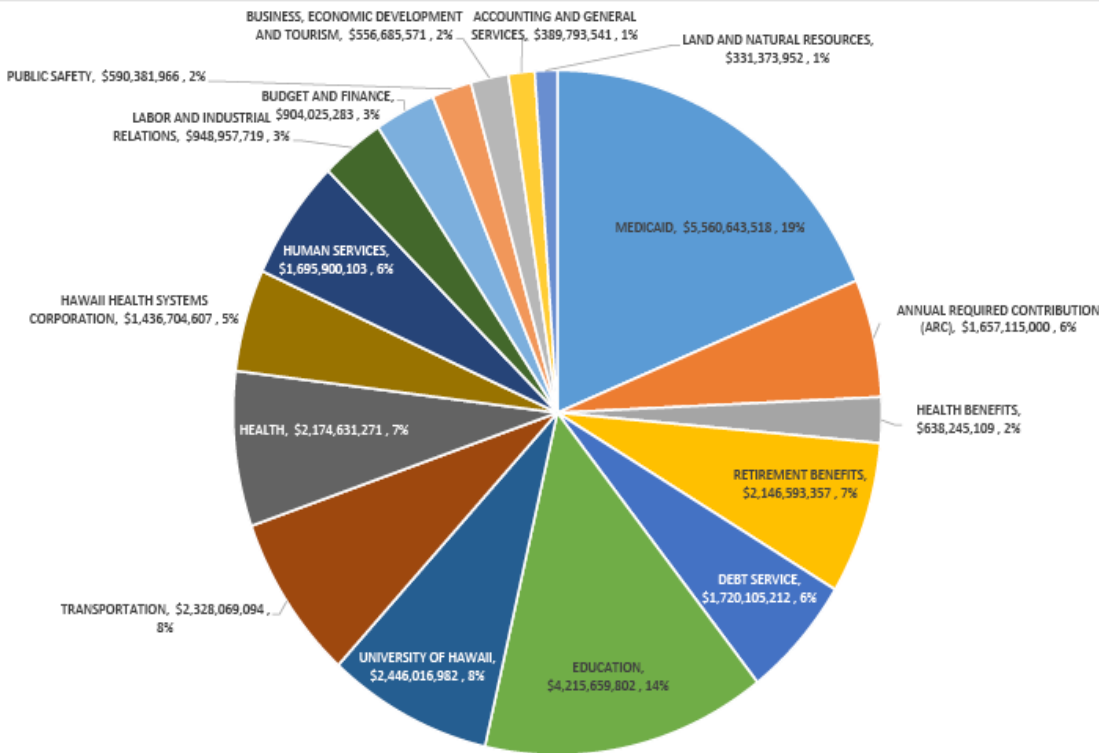
Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your representative in the state Legislature this session. If you have any questions or concerns I can help you with during the interim, or if you have any thoughts about what the state Legislature should work on next session, feel free to contact my office at (808) 586-9444 or RepHashimoto@capitol.hawaii.gov.

Mahalo,

The State Budget

HB2 CD1 FB2019-2021

\$30,900,124,844 ALL MEANS OF FINANCING



This year, the state budget bill passed sooner than anyone can remember and under a performance-based system requiring additional scrutiny compared to previous years. HB2 HD1 SD1 CD1 was the Governor's base budget and allocated \$16 billion in operating funds for FY19-2020 and FY2020-2021.

Highlights from HB2 include:

- \$250,000 for 3 positions and funds for the University of Hawai'i Maui College Innovation Center
- \$122,400 for Maui little fire ant response
- \$146,000 for Maui coqui frog containment
- \$118,800 for student mentors and tutors at the University of Hawai'i Maui College



Bill Highlights

The Legislature passed these and other bills this session. Before becoming law, the governor must approve them.

HB888 HD1 SD2 CD1

Making appropriations to the Maui Health System.

Appropriates \$22,500,000 to support the operations of the Maui Health System.

HB333 HD1 SD2 CD1

Relating to the State Highway Enforcement Program

Establishes the State Highway Enforcement Program and a parking violation surcharge of \$200, in addition to other penalties and fines.

HB336 HD2 SD2

Relating to Hawai'i State and Contracted Correctional Facilities.

Requires the Director of Public Safety to report the deaths of inmates and corrections employees to the Governor, who must then report to the Legislature. Requires the preservation of evidence if there is any indication of sexual assault leading to the death.

HB398 HD1 SD2 CD1

Relating to the University of Hawai'i.

Amends the composition of the Board of Regents of the University of Hawai'i and reduces the number of board members from 15 to 11. Specifies terms of holdover board members.

HB401 HD1 SD2 CD1

Relating to Contracting for Public Facilities.

Requires public agencies to evaluate vehicle fleet energy efficiency programs for opportunities to contract for vehicles and infrastructure and pay with the cost savings expected from the contract.

HB465 HD1 SD2

Relating to Aging.

Appropriates \$4,145,695 for the kupuna care program.

HB468 HD1 SD2

Relating to the Healthy Aging Partnership Program.

Appropriates \$550,00 for the healthy aging partnership program.

HB812 HD2 SD1 CD1

Relating to Low-Speed Electric Bicycles.

Includes low-speed electric bicycles in the definition of bicycle, and prohibits anyone under 15-years-old from operating them. Imposes a \$30 registration fee.

HB1272 HD1 SD1

Relating to Prescription Drugs.

Authorizes pharmacies to accept prescription drugs for disposal.

HB1455 HD2 SD1 CD1

Relating to the University of Hawai'i

Appropriates \$37,560 for Maui College's International Office.

HB543 HD1 SD1 CD1

Relating to Affordable Housing.

Directs the Hawai'i Housing Finance and Development Corporation to acquire Maui's Front Street Apartments affordable housing project unless the ground lease is renegotiated, or a new lease is issued by 12/31/19. Extends the deadline to complete the Lealii affordable housing project on Maui. Appropriates \$37,000,000 from the rental housing revolving fund to expedite and complete the construction of the Lealii affordable housing project.

HB1133 HD2 SD2 CD1

Relating to Marine Life Conservation Districts.

Prohibits the issuance of more than 40 commercial use permits for any marine life conservation district not accessible by land and limits access by commercial use permittees to no more than 50 percent of permittees. Requires DLNR to immediately initiate rulemaking for Molokini Shoal.

SB390 SD2 HD1 CD1

Relating to Supplement Nutrition Assistance Program Incentives.

Creates a matching program of up to \$10 per visit, per day for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance beneficiaries buying Hawai'i-grown produce.

HB1453 HD1 SD1 CD1

Relating to Emergency Medical Services.

Authorizes fees for ground transportation to medical facilities and for emergency medical services that do not include transport. Authorizes transportation by ambulance to medical facilities other than hospital ERs. Authorizes Medicaid programs to provide coverage for health care provided by emergency medical services personnel.

HB1552 HD2 SD2 CD1

Relating to Public Safety.

Requires bail amounts to be reasonable and informed by information like risk assessments and financial circumstances. Allows bail to be paid at any time. Gives defendants the right to a pre-trial release or detention hearing and to counsel. Requires periodic reviews on the appropriateness of pre-trial confinement, home detention, and electronic monitoring. Requires ongoing monitoring and research on these policies and national best practices. Creates the Hawai'i Correctional System Oversight Commission to provide independent oversight of the state's correctional system, and consolidates the responsibilities of two other commissions into it.

HB456 HD2 SD2 CD1

Relating to Public Safety.

Appropriates \$5,102,000 for the immediate and long-term rehabilitation of Maui Community Correctional Center, and exempts projects funded by the appropriation from the procurement code. Appropriates \$2,000,000 to temporarily house 248 inmates at a different facility while the upgrades are being made, and to transport them back to Hawai'i.



Troy in an "Easter chick" costume with Rep. Scot Matayoshi in an Easter bunny costume, helping the Women's Legislative Caucus with its annual Easter Basket Drive to help families transitioning into permanent homes.



Troy in a Conference Committee hearing with the Senate, voting to approve the final draft of a bill before it moves on to Final Reading.

Bill Highlights

HB1248 HD1 SD2 CD1

Relating to Elections.

Enacts voting by mail uniformly across all counties for all elections, starting in 2020. Establishes voter service centers to receive personally-delivered ballots, accommodate voters with special needs, offer same-day registration and voting, and provide other services. Requires reports to the Legislature on the implementation of the vote by mail system.

SB330 SD1 HD1 CD1

Relating to an Earned Income Disregard Program.

As an intermediate step towards the implementation of a Medicaid Buy-in Program, requires the state to disregard income of 138 percent of the federal poverty level earned by individuals with disabilities between the ages of 16 and 64 when determining their Medicaid eligibility. Requires a report on the viability of a full Medicaid buy-in program.

HB757 HD1 SD1 CD1

Relating to Transportation

Requires the statewide adoption of Vision Zero policies to prevent and eliminate traffic fatalities. Requires the State Highway Safety Council, in consultation with the counties, to review traffic policies and recommendations to prevent traffic fatalities, develop an action plan, and report to the Legislature.

HB1070 HD1 SD1 CD1

Relating to Education

Disallows requiring public schools to spend school funds to maintain adjacent geographic features, like streams. Appropriates \$600,000 for teacher stipends for the Grow Our Own Teachers Initiative to help further educate certain Department of Education employees. Appropriates \$1,268,154 for 6 positions for the Hawai'i Teacher Standards Board.

Grant-in-Aid

A full list is available at capitol.hawaii.gov.

		FY2020	
Boys & Girls Club of Maui, Inc.	Construction of a new Paukukalo clubhouse facility in Wailuku	\$850,000	The Hawai'i State Legislature has the ability to award grants funded by State funds under Hawai'i Revised Statutes, Chapter 42F.
Hale Mahaolu	Plans, design and construction for second building of the Hale Mahaolu senior housing campus in Pukalani	\$750,000	The Chapter 42F Grants are awarded for two types of requests:
Hale Makua Health Services	Plans and design for expansion of Kahului campus	\$200,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Capital Improvement Projects (CIPs) to construct and/or repair buildings and other facilities.
Maui Academy of Performing Arts	Design and construction of a new theatre in Wailuku	\$125,000	
Maui Arts & Cultural Center	Plans, design and construction for implementing their master plan	\$500,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Operating funds to support programs.
Maui Youth and Family Services, Inc.	Construction for a new facility and other related improvements for substance abuse treatment, homeless youth services, behavioral health and other support for under-served youth, families and adults	\$250,000	Grant-in-aid may be appropriated to nonprofit and other organizations for various public purposes that are recognized as priorities and are seen as complimentary to state government
Nisei Veterans Memorial Center	Construction of a pavilion enclosure and other related improvements	\$300,000	
Wailuku Union Church	Plans and design for affordable housing project	\$350,000	
Maui Economic Development Board, Inc.	Operating Funds for STEMworks program: teacher professional development, student STEMworks program, curriculum, STEMworks Modules, Industry Standard Technology, Live Webinars and Subscriptions, Regional Technology Conference, Work-Based Learning Internships	\$200,000	
Maui Economic Opportunity, Inc.	Purchase 3 ADA School Bus (27 Seats) with 2 wheelchair positions	\$291,000	

Total: \$3,325,000

Troy with Rep. Woodson and Senator Kim after passing HB1455



Troy with students from Iao Intermediate School band who visited the state Capitol.

Legislative Timetable

May 2nd

Adjournment *sine die*

Following Final Reading on all remaining bills, the Legislature adjourns the session.

June 24th

Intent-to-veto deadline

The governor must inform the Legislature of which bills he intends to veto.

July 9th

Signing and veto deadline

The governor must sign all bills into law or veto them. Bills that are not signed or vetoed become law without his signature. Vetoed bills can be overridden by the Legislature for them to pass into law.

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Capital Improvement Projects in the State Budget

		FY 2020	FY 2021
Baldwin High	Design and construction for girls athletic locker room, reroofing of building B	\$2,400,000	
Iao Intermediate	Design, construction and renovations to the old cafeteria, building C to provide additional classrooms. Air conditioning system for building A	\$1,100,000	\$4,000,000
Waihee Elementary	Covered walkways across various areas, drainage improvements to prevent flooding	\$3,080,000	\$420,000
Wailuku Elementary	Installation of air conditioning campus-wide, reroofing of building G and J, ADA compliance	\$5,100,000	\$270,000
Maui Health Systems	New facilities, renovations	\$6,000,000	\$6,000,000
Maui Community Correctional Center	Plans, design, construction and equipment for improvements, renovations, refurbishments, upgrades infrastructure work and new construction, ground and site improvements	\$8,000,000	
Wailuku-Kahului Transit Corridor Master Plan	Plans for multi-modal transportation improvements, including affordable housing and public facilities	\$600,000	
Hoapili Hale Courthouse	Parking structure sewer, storm drain, AC and fire sprinkler piping improvements and security related improvements	\$4,360,000	
Kahului Airport	Terminal improvements, facility improvements	\$38,000,000	
Kahului Harbor	Improvement program projects that will provide for safer, more efficient use of existing or additional operational areas	\$42,000,000	\$14,500,000
	Total:	\$134,730,000	
Released funds:			
Iao Valley State Monument	Flood damage reconstruction and restoration improvements	\$9,000,000	
Hale Makua Health Services	Equipment for nursing homes' Wander Management System	\$175,000	
Baldwin High	Reroofing of building C and D	\$3,200,000	