



2019 Legislative E-Newsletter **April 2019**



We are in the middle of the 60-day legislative session where the Senate reviews House bills that have passed committees, and the House reviews Senate bills. We are also in the midst of reviewing Resolutions.

Resolution Update

What is a resolution?

Unlike enacted bills, adopted resolutions do not have the force and effect of law. Therefore, many of them request or urge action, rather than require action. For example, a resolution may request an agency to study a proposal or problem and report back to the Legislature or may urge action by the President of the United States, Hawaii's congressional delegation, the Governor, or officials or agencies of other government jurisdictions.

What is the difference between a Concurrent Resolution and a Single-House Resolution?

- A concurrent resolution expresses the position of both chambers of the Legislature or requests action on behalf of both houses of the Legislature; therefore it must be adopted by both houses of the Legislature.
- A single-house resolution expresses the position of the chamber: House of Representatives or Senate, in which it was introduced or requests action on behalf of the chamber in which it was introduced; therefore it need only be adopted by the chamber in which it was introduced.

Resolution and Bill Update:

These are the Resolutions and Bills that are still alive– Click Bill/Reso number to read the full text and status



[HCR89/HR85](#): Requesting the United States Congress to enact legislation removing cannabis from the federal controlled substances act and facilitate the full spectrum of private banking services for cannabis-related business.



[HCR137/HR126](#): Requesting the Hawaii State Energy Office to perform a study on the feasibility of incentivizing the creation of a glass and solar panel recycling plant.

[HCR138/HR127](#): Urging the County of Hawaii to create alternate routes to properties in the Puna District that were affected, but not destroyed, by the 2018 Kilauea Eruption.



[SB464](#): Authorizes a property owner or agent to enter adjacent property with albizia trees under certain conditions, including consulting with a tree arborist and providing written notice, to control albizia trees before they become hazardous. Provides a defense to criminal prosecution.

[HB257](#): Authorizes the use of private lands for the Ohana zones pilot program. Provides additional time for the implementation of the Ohana zones pilot program to June 30, 2023. Necessary for our microunits at Pahoehoe.



[HB290](#): Updates the Uniform Controlled Substances Act to make it consistent with amendments in federal controlled substances law as required under the authority to schedule controlled substances. Authorizes qualifying patients or qualifying out-of-state patients to transport medical cannabis between islands for their personal medical use.



[HB748](#): Prohibits civil asset forfeiture unless the covered offense is a felony for which the property owner has been convicted. Excludes the forfeiture proceedings for an animal pending criminal charges. Requires the Attorney General to distribute one half of all forfeited property and the sale proceeds thereof to the Hawaii law enforcement assisted diversion program.

Rat Lungworm Disease Update:



At a recent Big Island Delegation meeting we received updates from Dr. Sue Jarvi on Rat Lungworm Disease. Dr. Jarvi and her team are focusing their efforts to address the following questions:

- 1) What is the best commercially available vegetable wash to kill *A. cantonensis* larvae?
- 2) How effective is UV light/irradiation in killing L3 larvae?
- 3) How effective are anti-parasitic drugs on L3 stage larvae and adult worms?

Last year, we were able to get \$300,000 towards Rat Lungworm Research and prevention. Because almost all homes in the Puna district rely on water catchment systems, Rat Lungworm infection is an especially dangerous threat to our community and I will continue ensure that Dr. Jarvi and her team have the money to find out how to prevent future infections.

To learn more about Rat Lungworm disease, please visit:

http://health.hawaii.gov/docd/disease_listing/rat-lungworm-angiostrongyliasis/



Angiostrongyliasis (Rat Lungworm Disease) caused by *Angiostrongylus cantonensis*: Advances in Research and Education



Susan Jarvi, Professor, Pharmaceutical Sciences
and
The Hawai'i Island Rat Lungworm Working Group

Jarvi Lab (current): Lisa Kaluna (Lab Manager), Kirsten Snook, John Jacobs, Carey Yost, Kay Howe, Yaeko Tagami, Laura Shephard, Elizabeth Atkinson

Current Collaborators:

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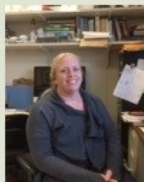
Dr. Shane Siers, Dr. Chris Niebuhr, USDA-APHIS:

Dr. Ray Goodrich, Executive Director, Infectious Disease Research Center, Colorado State University

Dr. Peter Follett, USDA; Dr. Carter Atkinson, USGS,



L3 stage *A. cantonensis*
~0.5 x 0.03 mm



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House Bill 1180 Relating to Natural Disasters

I am pleased to announce that on March 29th, the Senate passed HB 1180. It is now on the Governor's desk for signature.



"State Rep. Joy San Buenaventura, of Puna, says sending the funds would be subject to the Hawaii County Council approval. She says lawmakers have been working on this since last August — the day after the primaries — to ensure that the communities hit hardest by the eruption get the assistance they need to get back on their feet. ."

[Interview with Representative San Buenaventura](#)



Around the Capitol



On Thursday, 28 March, the House recognized and honored the organizations Puuhonua O Puna, Hawaii voluntary organizations active in disaster, Hawaii Habitat for Humanity, Hawaii Island United Way, The Salvation Army - Hawaiian and Pacific Islands, The American Red Cross of Hawaii, and their many volunteers for the service and support given to the Big Island community during the 2018 Kilauea lava flow.

[View the floor presentation here](#)



Additionally, the following people and organizations were recognized in a ceremony at the eruption recovery update on 23 February at the Pahoa Community Center:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neighborhood Place of Puna • Hope Services • County Housing • Mainstreet Pahoa • Hawaiian Community Foundation • Aloha Independent Living • Assoc. of Native Hawaiian Healers • Project Vision • Bodacious Ladies of Nanawale • Ikaika Marzo • Hawaiian Community Assets • April Buxton | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • County Office of Aging • Big Island Baptist Association • Big Island Substance Abuse Council • Catholic Charities Hawaii • Child & Family Service • Connect Point Church- EH Faith Hui • County R&D • Department of Veteran Affairs • Hawaii Community Venture • Hawaii DOH-E. HI Family Guidance Center • Hilo & Kona Vet Centers- VA | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hilo Medical Center • HMSA • Interfaith Communities in Action • Lions Clubs • UH Manoa/ Ecological Determinants Lab • World Central Kitchen |
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[View the recovery update here](#)

Around the Capitol



On March 21st, The Aloha Exchange Club of East Hawai'i and State Leadership recognized Puna Patrol Officer Joshua Baumgarner on Monday evening (March 20) as the East Hawai'i "Officer of the Year" and Fire EMS Captain Chris Honda as "Firefighter of the Year."

Baumgarner, who began solo patrol duty in April 2016, was honored for saving the life of a woman who would have bled to death without his aid.

Honda, a member of the Fire Department since 2000, was honored for improving cardiac arrest survival rates on Hawai'i Island.

[View the presentations here](#)

Events in March



Day at the Capitol event highlights Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month in March

More than 350 individuals with developmental disabilities, their family members, and service providers from all islands participated in the 18th annual Day at the Capitol event on Thursday, March 15, 2018. The event highlighted national Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month in March, and provide hands-on opportunities for participants to meet legislators in-person, learn about the legislative process, and network with others.



Youth Advocates March on State Capitol to Advocate for Tobacco-Free Buffer Zones Near Schools and Playgrounds:

On 20 March, the Kick Butts Day rally at the State Capitol drew more than 60 youth advocates from six islands to urge the legislature to pass Senate Bill 2304, which would establish tobacco-free buffer zones around preschools, public and private K-12 schools, and public playgrounds. Organized by Coalition for a Tobacco-Free Hawai'i and its parent organization, Hawai'i Public Health Institute, the event was part of a national youth movement to stand up to Big Tobacco and Big Vape.



Legislator's Art Class and Art at the Capitol 2018

Hawai'i state legislators participated in an art class recently, making paper portraits with Teaching Artist Quala-Lynn Young. Q works with the Art Bento program, the Hawai'i State Art Museum's education program serving Hawaii's public and charter school students and teachers grades 2 – 6. Legislators explored color, shape, and expression to create their own portraits. The finished portraits will be judged by a panel of art experts and will also be up for the "People's Choice" vote during Art at the Capitol 2018 on Friday, April 6, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. at the Hawai'i State Capitol building.

What's Happening Around Hawai'i Island?

Diabetes Support Group

Tuesday, March 5
5:30pm-7:00pm
Hui Mālama Office

Tuesday, March 19
1:00pm-2:30pm
Hui Mālama Office

Cancer Support Group

Tuesday, March 12
5:30pm-7:00pm
Hui Mālama Office

Exercise & Fitness

Basic Stretch & Strengthening in Hilo

Tuesdays & Thursdays
10:30am-11:30am
Malia Puka O Kalani Church Gym
in Keaukaha

Basic Stretch & Strengthening in Ka'ū

Tuesday, March 5, and
Wednesdays, March 13 & 27
9:30am-10:30am
Na'ālehu Community Center

Fridays, March 8, 15, & 29
9:30am-10:30am
Pāhala Hawai'i County Nutrition
Center

Zumba

Fridays, March 8 & 22
10:00am-11:00am
Hui Mālama Office

Mondays & Wednesdays
5:30pm-6:30pm
Malia Puka O Kalani Church Gym

Therapeutic Yoga

Tuesdays & Thursdays
5:00pm-6:00pm
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SCHEDULE OF CLASSES



Hui Mālama
Ola Nā 'Ōiwi

	MARCH	APRIL	MAY
HILO			
DIABETES MANAGEMENT			Wed 5/8 - 5/22
HEALTHY HĀPAI			Thurs 5/9 - 6/6
OIA HOU I KA HULA HYPERTENSION		Mon & Wed 3/11 - 5/22	
PUNA			
DIABETES MANAGEMENT			
HYPERTENSION	Wed 3/6 - 3/20		
KA'Ū			
DIABETES MANAGEMENT			Mon 5/6 - 5/20
HYPERTENSION		Mon 4/8 - 4/22	
KONA			
DIABETES MANAGEMENT	Tues 3/5 - 3/19		
HEALTHY HĀPAI		Wed 4/3 - 5/1	
HYPERTENSION		Tues 4/9 - 4/23	
NORTH HAWAI'I			
DIABETES MANAGEMENT	Mon 3/4 - 3/18		
HYPERTENSION		Mon 4/8 - 4/22	

Schedule subject to change. To sign-up, please call or visit us online today!

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&
Chocolate Festival

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[The State of Hawaii, Department of Health, Food Safety Program](#) offers a free 2.5 hour certification class on safe food handling practices. The Certificate is earned by attending the class and passing the test that follows at the end of the presentation.

Wed, April 10, 2019 12:00 PM – 2:30 PM
State Building - Conference rooms A & B (first floor)
75 Aupuni Street
Hilo, HI 96720

[The 2nd Annual Hilo Cacao & Chocolate Festival](#)

Saturday, April 13, 2019

71 Banyan Drive, Hilo, Hawai'i

Barefoot Chocolatini hosts this guided tour in collaboration with Hilo Sharks Chocolate Farm!

If you have a community event that you want featured in my newsletter/e-newsletter e-mail us at j.honda@capitol.hawaii.gov. No guarantee that it will be included; however, we will do our best.

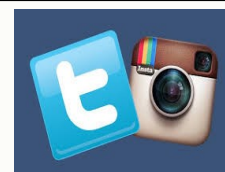
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