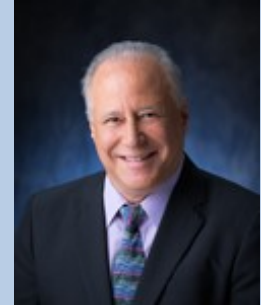




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2017 Legislative Interim E-Newsletter February 2017



Join us at our 2017 JointTown hall Meeting!
Pahoa Community Center
Monday, February 27th, 2017
6:00pm-8:00pm

Senator Ruderman and I will be hosting a joint town hall meeting on **Monday February 27th, at the Pahoa Community Center**. This meeting will allow us to discuss bills and address other issues of importance during this year's session. We encourage everyone to join us and voice your concerns, ask questions, and share ideas.



Catherine Ford, Rest in Peace

In 2015 I had the honor of presenting Catherine with a House certificate, commending her for her service to the community. Catherine would wake up at 4:30am to look for the Pahoa homeless and personally help them with their needs. She made sure they were medicated and fed. She even drove them to acquire their social security checks, food, and medications. A true example of compassion and an ambassador of the Aloha spirit. My condolences to her family.



George Yokoyama 1927-2017

Mahalo to George Yokoyama for all of his selfless work within the Big Island community, especially Puna seniors. He was a true pioneer for those who were underprivileged, disabled, and elderly. Mr. Yokoyama was an exceptionally altruistic individual and will be missed by many. My condolences to his family.

Last 2 trainings in east Hawaii to qualify for Little Fire Ant (LFA) voucher • March 4th and March 11th



Big Island Invasive Species Committee (BIISC) will be holding the last two (2) 'Little Fire Ant' (LFA) workshops in east Hawaii where you can qualify for the County of Hawaii voucher coupon program. These events will include a 'hands-on' demonstration involving the application and mixing of treatments so please wear appropriate attire (long pants, long sleeve shirt, and closed toe shoes).

- **March 4 at Hawaiian Paradise Park Community Center; registration begins at 1:00pm**
- **March 11 at Panaewa Park, 100 Ohuohu Street, Hilo; registration begins at 9:00am**

Space is limited so **RSVP is required!** Please email Jade at jademiya@hawaii.edu or call 933-3340 to reserve your spot. For more information on this event and others, please visit the [BIISC Website](#).

Your attendance to any of these workshops will qualify you for the County of Hawaii voucher coupon program which will help to defray some of the cost of purchasing certain LFA control products.

*****Note: If you have already attended one of our classes and only want to attend the mixing demo, please indicate that in your email**

Highway 130 Update

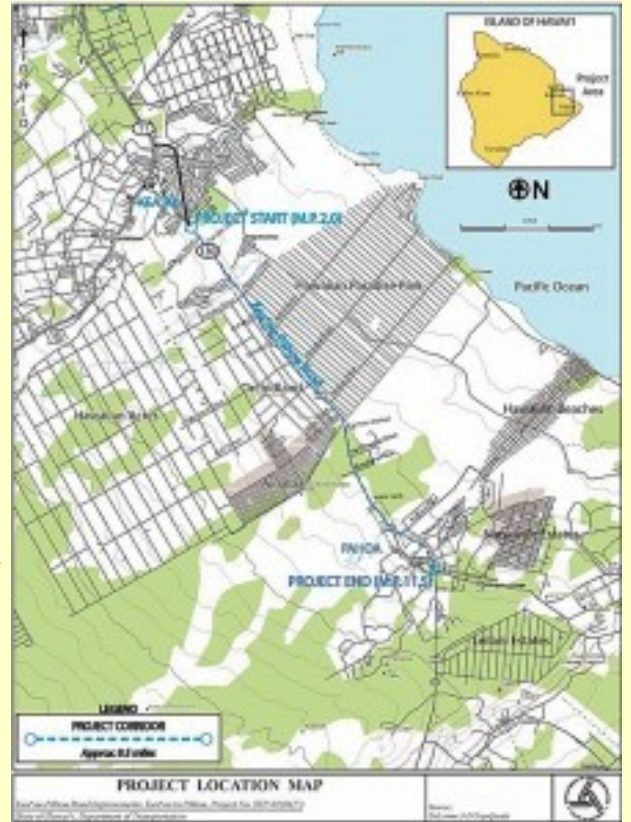
Highway 130 Widening Project:

There is no timeline for the Highway 130 widening capacity project at this time, however, the HDOT is also concurrently studying the possibility of making improvements that would allow additional lanes within the existing infrastructure.

Traffic Light Installation:

Work on the Pohaku Drive / Shower Drive has started last month. The HDOT is planning on installing traffic lights at selected intersections along Highway 130 as part of the Keaau-Pahoa Road Improvement project. A traffic light is also being considered at Ainaloa Boulevard.

*The Highway 130 improvements are the culmination of the Keaau-Pahoa Advisory Group of community members, founded over 10 years ago.



Women’s Legislative Caucus Breakfast 2017



2017 State of the Judiciary Address





2017 Bill Updates

I am happy to be able to provide you with a list of the bills that I am introducing this session. If you wish to find more information, give testimony, or have any other questions, **please click the bill number below and it will take you to the full version of the bill and it's status report.**

I encourage you to track bills of interest to you and submit testimony for those bills you would like to support. If you need a 'refresher' on how to submit testimony, [click here](#) for a 'how-to' video on submitting testimony through the Hawaii State Legislature's website. If you have any other concerns, comments, ideas, or questions, please feel free to contact my office at any time.

[HB172-Albizia and Private Property](#): Authorizes a property owner or agent like BIISC to eradicate albizia trees before they become hazardous when absent landowner ignores multiple notices. Provides a defense from criminal trespass. Bill is currently scheduled to be heard by EEP/WAL on Thursday 02/16/17. If you would like to support this bill, I encourage you to please click on the bill link and provide testimony.



[HB80-Annulment, Divorce, and Separation](#): Imposes an automatic restraining order that preserves the financial assets of the parties and their dependents upon the commencement of annulment, divorce, or separation court action. HB80 passed second reading and has been referred to the committee on FIN.



[HB837-Relating to Health; Advanced Life Support Ambulance](#): Purchase and staffing for an advanced life support ambulance to be based in Puna. With the significant population increase, and advanced life support ambulance is needed. This bill has been consolidated with another bill, which, includes a similar request.



[HB193-Property Exemptions](#): Creates an updated safety net of assets for Hawaii families who are struggling to earn a living under heavy debt obligations by increasing the amount of the exemption from attachment or execution by exempting one month of child support and spousal support; increasing real property exemption from \$25,000. This bill is scheduled to be heard by CPC on Wednesday 02/15/17. If you would like to support this bill, I encourage you to please click on the bill link and provide testimony.



[HB1275-Private Roads](#): Requires counties to create special improvement districts in subdivisions with privately owned roads that do not have existing procedures to maintain the private roads. Prohibits the approval of new subdivisions unless a county can certify there are mechanisms or procedures in place to ensure the private roads are maintained adequately. Referred to TRN/WAL, JUD, FIN.





2017 Bill Updates (cont.)

[HB835](#)-Relating to Capital Improvement Projects: Appropriates funds for capital improvement projects for the benefit of the 4th Representative District. Projects include: Renewed request for construction of a bypass road to Highway 130; Construction of a Pahoa Elementary school cafeteria; For Pahoa High and Intermediate: Covering for the middle school playcourt; Covered walkway from the cafeteria to the upper portables; and Upgrade the track field.



[HB192](#)-Relating to Homeowners' Associations: Expands the law on planned community associations to include homeowners' associations. This bill is scheduled to be heard by CPC on Wednesday 02/15/17. If you would like to support this bill, I encourage you to please click on the bill link and provide testimony.



[HB674](#)-Relating to Child Care Providers: Requires all child care providers subject to regulation by the Department of Human Services to obtain and maintain liability insurance as a condition of licensure, temporary permission, or registration. HB674 has been passed by both the committees on HUS and CPC.



[HB836](#)-Relating to Marijuana: Authorizes the interisland transportation of marijuana by medicinal marijuana patients and primary caregivers. Requires Departments of Health and Transportation to adopt rules according to chapter 91 regarding interisland transportation of marijuana. 02/09/17, HB836 passed second reading referred to the committee on TRN.



[HB1200](#)-Making an Appropriation for a Feasibility Study and Plans for a Swim Area in Pohoiki: Appropriates funds to the department of land and natural resources to conduct a feasibility study to determine the best means to provide a Pohoiki swimming area and develop plans, in cooperation with the United States Army Corps of Engineers, county of Hawaii, and any stakeholders, for a safe swim area. 02/10, HB1200 was passed by the committee on WAL.



[HB1274](#)-Relating to Courts: Raises the district courts' jurisdictional limit for civil actions involving specific performance. 02/09/17, HB1274 was second reading and referred to the committee on FIN.

[HB1501](#)-Relating to Drug Paraphernalia: Reclassifies drug paraphernalia possession and delivery offenses from felonies to civil violations. 02/14/17, Reported from the committee on PBS, recommending passage on second reading and referral to JUD.





January 31, 2017 at the Committee on Housing. Discussing issues relating to the landlord Tenant code and Public Housing.



At the Democratic Party of Hawaii HQ early Monday morning with fellow representatives: (from l-r, seated) Me, Cindy Evans, Della Au-Belatti, Linda Ichiyama, and Marcus Oshiro. (Standing) State Democratic Chair Time Dandeverer, Daniel Holt, Matt LoPresti, Ty Cullen, Scott Saiki, Kaniale Ing, Mark Nakashima, Jarrett Keohokalole, Aaron Johansen, Sean Quinlan, Henry Aquino, Chris Todd, Romy Cachola, and State Democratic Treasurer Tambry Young.



With Valerie Souza Poindexter at the Hui Okinawa's 2017 Shinnen Enkai (Happy New Year) and Keirokai.



With Rep. Richard Onishi and Rep. Mark Nakashima at the Hui Okinawa's Shinnen Enkai.



With FilAm Representatives, Romy Cachola, Della Au-Belatti, Henry Aquino, Me, and Ty Cullen.



I visited with **Luana Jones** and **Oshi Simsarian** to formulate a plan with council person **Eileen O'hara** and Senator **Russell Ruderman** for a safe swimming area at Pohoiki. Since our meeting, I have introduced **HB1200**. **HB1200**, appropriates funds to the department of land and natural resources to conduct a feasibility study to determine the best means to provide a Pohoiki swimming area and develop plans, in cooperation with the United States Army Corps of Engineers, county of Hawaii, and any stakeholders, for a safe swim area. **On 02/10/2017 HB1200 passed the committee on Water & Land.**



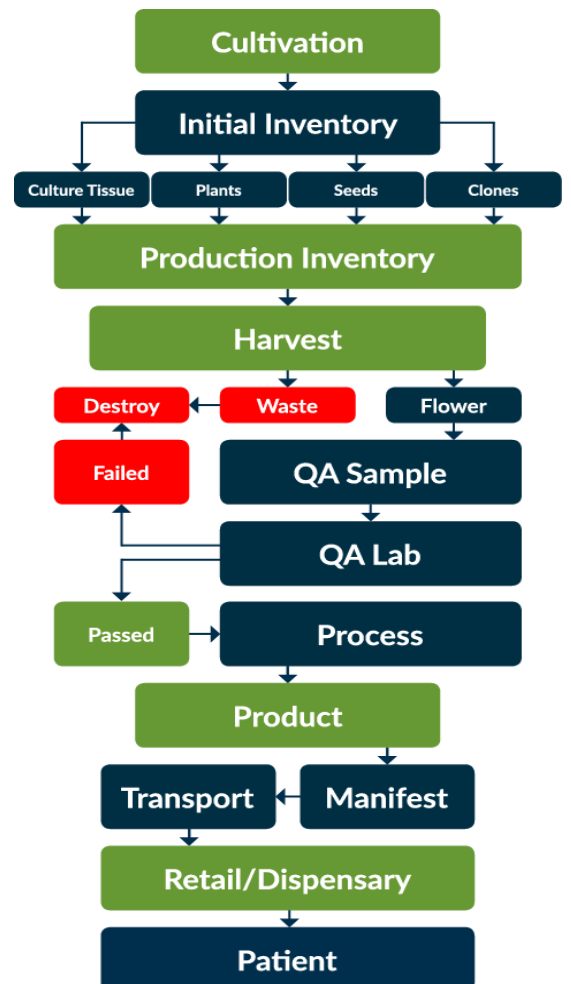
January 25, 2017- Medical Marijuana Working Group

Lau'ola (Pepeekeo dispensary licensee) addressed the Medical Marijuana working group. Unlike others, they are building a pesticide-free cultivation site, have been working with Cannakids and an Israel tech pharmaceutical group to create pharmaceutical grade strains. We also heard from the founder of Cannakids who discussed her son's cure of a rare form of cancer using Marijuana. Keith Ridley of the Dept. of Health reports that they will be able to begin clearing licensed dispensaries for cultivation. At this time, Maui Grown Therapies, Aloha Green Holdings, Inc., and Manoa Botanicals have been cleared to acquire and cultivate plants.



Department of Health is in the process of finalizing the contract with BiotrackTHC to implement a "Seed-to-Sale" tracking system. Below is a breakdown of BiotrackTHC's traceability system. See their [website](#) for more information.

<p>Cultivation Monitor Plant Inventory in Real Time, Predict Future supply, Record Strain Variances.</p>
<p>Processing Track Conversions to Source Material, Document Waste and Destruction , Log Chain of Custody.</p>
<p>Point of Sale Monitor Patient Efficacy, Enforce Dispensing Limits, Communicate Recalls Quickly and Securely.</p>
<p>QA Testing Document Pesticide Usage, Record, THC/CBD Profile, Identity Contaminated Product.</p>
<p>Transportation Create Manifests, Live Turn by Turn Route Monitoring, Signature Acceptance</p>
<p>Compliance Create Compliant Labels, Collect Applicable Taxes, Enforce Transparent Regulations.</p>





OANRP 2017 Summer Internship

The O'ahu Army Natural Resources Program (OANRP) has openings for the following paid internship positions this Summer:

- Field Crew Internship (4 positions)
- Horticulture and Rare Plant Propagation Internship (1 position).

Both positions will be from June 6-August 17, 2017. Please note that applicants must be 18 or older by June 6, 2017. The deadline for applications is March 7, 2017.

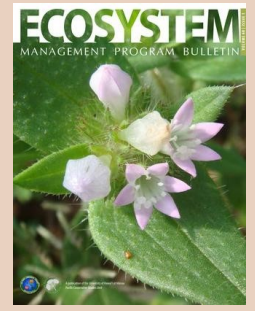
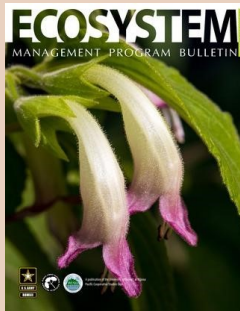
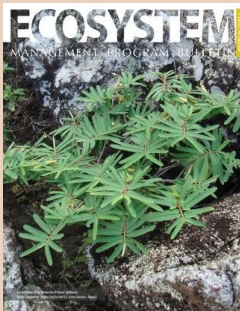
For more information, please visit: <https://oanrp.com/summer-internships/>



Ecosystem Management Program Bulletin

The EMP is an annual publication that focuses on the U.S. Army Garrison Hawai'i's inventive methods to natural and cultural resource management in support of the U.S. Army's training mission in Hawai'i.

Read [Volume 60, Issue 4 Here](#), to learn about topics such as: the Orangeblack Hawaiian Damsel fly, Conservation Equation, Invasive Weed Seed Contamination, and much more. For other issues, visit the OANRP website: <https://issuu.com/oanrp>.



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