

# TOWN & UPCOUNTRY UPDATE

2017 Interim Session Highlights

## National Asian Pacific American Caucus



**Elected Rep. Yamashita as Chair at the NAPACSL Annual Meeting on August 5th 2017 in Boston**

The National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) has a branch called the Quad Caucus. The groups that belong to the Quad Caucus are the National Asian Pacific American Caucus of State Legislators (NAPACSL), the National Black Caucus of State Legislators (NBCSL), the National Hispanic Caucus of State Legislators (NHCSL) and the National Caucus of Native American State Legislators (NCNASL). The Native American Caucus includes the Hawaiian and Polynesian Community.

The reach of the Quad Caucus is in all 50 states with approximately 1,300 legislators of color. Their mission is to promote equitable outcomes in all communities focusing on people of color in the areas of health, education, economic security and justice.



*NAPACSL: Chair Rep. Sharon Tomiko Santos (WA) passes gavel to new Chair Rep. Kyle Yamashita (D-HI)*

With the help of large non-profit organizations such as, the Kellogg Foundation, the Ann E. Casey Foundation and the PEW Foundation to name a few, the Quad Caucus have been able to draw attention to communities with severe needs.

Here in Hawaii, we had an opportunity to share some of our successful initiatives. In June 2013, the Quad Caucus held their annual meeting in Honolulu. During this time the Native American Caucus was able to show case their successes with the Waianae-SeaRiders productions at Waianae High School, the Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center and Ma'o Farms.

Many of our State Legislators, both Representatives and Senators, were able to attend this three day conference in support. Together, we will continue to have a strong voice at the Quad Caucus.



Aloha,

During the interim, many of us here continue the work of the State Legislature.

Some of us serve on Task Forces that meet regularly, attend departmental informational briefings, or we continue to work with our respective committees and meet with the various State departments to hear their needs.

The House Finance Committee began site visits earlier this month and expects to cover each county throughout the state. These visits allow the committee members to see first-hand how funded projects are progressing.

On Maui, I continue to work with State and County officials to discuss new and existing projects.

As always, thank you for allowing me to serve you at the Legislature. Please contact my office if you have comments or concerns.

Mahalo,

Please assist us in our initiative to 'GO GREEN,' and send us your email address to receive newsletters by email.

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# Interim Work 2017

The time between the end of the 2017 legislative session to the end of the year, is spent by members of the House Committees to tour the state and visit sites to see projects and programs supported by the Legislature.

Most recently, the House Finance Committee toured the farmlands around Kahuku.

The committee also went to the island of Kauai to visit Solar City's Kapaia Power Station, the Samuel Mahelona Memorial Hospital, Haena State Park, Waipa Foundation, the Hanalei Watershed Hui and the Kilauea Ag Park Complex.



August 23, visited University of Hawaii at Manoa to view the current condition of Bilger Hall- Chemistry Building.



Attended the Kula Community Association Quarterly meeting on September 13.



(L-R) Chris Bachaus principal of Kula Elementary School, James Jones Vice Principal of Kalama Intermediate School and Mark Elliot Principal of King Kekaulike High School, brings the community members up to date with current happenings.

As sub-chair of the Capital Improvement Projects, I have had the opportunity to meet with the University of Hawaii, the Department of Transportation, the Department of Accounting and General Services, and the Department of Education to discuss their upcoming priorities and to visit on-going projects.

We are looking for ways to improve the procurement process. While projects should move expeditiously, we would like to look at waste reduction, expenses and operational management.

Additional visits and meetings will be scheduled for the rest of 2017 with other groups.

## CIP Project Funding

Released by the Governor on August 14

**University of Hawaii, Maui College  
Maui Food Innovation Center, Maui**

\$7,000,000 for construction.

Renovation of the old Pilina Building kitchen to house the Maui Food Innovation Center program.



(L-R) Heidi Watanabe, Board Member, Carver Wilson, Board Member, Geoff and Celia Haines Farm Bureau Family of the year Award, Rep. Kyle Yamashita - Friend of Agriculture Award, Warren Watanabe and Darren Strand, President MCFB, Senator Rosalyn Baker - Mike Lyons Award, and Mario Gaggero, Board Member; representing Tim Stevens, MCFB Member of the Year.

# Prepare Your Smartphone

## American Red Cross Apps



First Aid App



Hurricane App



Earthquake App



Wildfire App



Tornado App



Flood App

### Other Ways Your Phone Can Help

- Flashlight App
- Weather App
- Radio App (*source for updates during the disasters*)
- Maps (*evacuation routes, meeting points*)
- Photos (*loved ones, pets, important belongings*)
- ICE App (*name, allergies, medications, in case of emergency contacts, doctor information*)

### Connect Via Social Media

- Share information
- Message loved ones
- Follow news outlets
- Find local disaster updates
- Facebook: American Red Cross
- Twitter: @RedCross

### Stay in touch with loved ones

- Share information, send short messages such as: "I am ok" and "R u Ok?"
- Sign up for reverse 911

### Add Important Phone Numbers

- ICE (in case of emergency) contacts
- Out of area contact
- Poison Control (1-800-222-1222)
- Non-emergency fire/police (311)
- 211 (human/social service referrals)
- Neighbors
- Work check in
- Schools

### Protect Your Phone

- Use a phone case for protection; consider waterproof/floating and charging/extra power options
- Keep extra chargers at home, work, car, and in an emergency kit
- Consider battery powered car chargers and solar powered or crank models in case of power outage.

*\*The Red Cross FRX2 and FRX3 radios charge cell phones and other electronic through USB ports.*

## 10 Apps From the American Red Cross

**Be "Red Cross Ready"**

SmartAppsforKids.com



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## Happenings

◆ **Upcountry Farmers Market**

Every Saturday from 7:00am - 11:00 am  
Kulamalu Town Center, 55 Kiopa'a Pl., Pukalani, HI 96768

◆ **Wailuku 1st Friday Town Parties: Festivals of Aloha**

Every 1st Friday, October 6, 2017 6:00pm-9:00pm  
233 South Market Street. Wailuku. Street closed from 5:30pm

◆ **Kalama Ukulele Rummage Sale**

Saturday, October 14, 2017 7:00am-1:00pm

Kalama Ukulele band will be doing a Rummage Sale Fundraiser. Also seeking donations of clean, useable items. No large/bulk items such as appliances, couches or large furniture.

Drop off may be made to Kalama Intermediate School from now till October 13- 9:00am-2:00pm. Please check in at the main office when you arrive.

