

TOWN & UPCOUNTRY UPDATE

2018 Legislative Session

Historic Legislation

The 2018 regular session is a testament to a lesson learned during the 2017 special session. It is the realization that by working together side by side with the Senate, we can accomplish anything.

The Legislature's historic achievements are:

- A balanced budget with a sustainable carryover balance.
 - 24,000 affordable rental housing units.
 - 5 Ohana zones for persons in transition.
- Medical, law enforcement diversion, and assessment services for homeless persons.
- \$125 million for disaster relief on Kauai and other areas.
 - Individual autonomy for end of life decisions.
 - Mail in voting on Kauai.
 - A step toward Title IX protection.
- A choice for voters to fund public education.
 - Restrictions on pesticides.
 - A structure for paid family leave.
 - Equal pay for women.
 - A ban on modified firearms.
 - Planning for sea level rise.
 - Protecting our reefs.

Members of the Legislature ensured that during committee hearings they heard from the public, community leaders, service providers, and even those living in homelessness.

In the final days of conference committee meetings, the Legislature functioned as a legislature, fulfilled its constitutional obligation, initiated and executed its own ideas.

The tone set by this Legislature will improve the lives of residents and our environment.



29th Legislature adjourned, Sine Die with Representatives and Senators joining together to sing "Hawaii Aloha."



REPRESENTATIVE
**KYLE
YAMASHITA**

Dear Neighbors,

The 2018 session is over and we were pleased to pass major legislation covering a wide range of issues.

We were able to pass legislation that impact families, our kupunas, keikis and the environment.

In keeping with our cesspool issue and in addition to the Task Force bill (*SB2567 SD2 HD2 CD1*), the legislature passed *HB1802 HD1 SD1 CD1* an income tax credit pilot program for cesspool upgrade.

As always, thank you to all of you for your thoughts and ideas to better our community.

Aloha,

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Addressing Affordable Housing and Homelessness

A productive legislature allocated \$570 million to build 24,000 affordable units by 2030 to address the housing crises. The legislature also committed \$50 million to help people transition out of homelessness and into permanent housing.

HB2748 HD2 SD2 CD1 directs the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation (HHFDC) to study and report on housing for populations with access and functional needs.

This measure supports development of affordable rental housing for a wide range of households spanning from low income families to those making up to 140 percent of the area median income (AMI).

This measure helps Hawaii's middle-class families. These are working families who are not wealthy enough to afford a home in the expensive housing market, but qualify for public housing assistance. Families will be provided with an affordable option for housing while they save for a home of their own.

SB2401 SD2 HD1 CD1 establishes the Ohana Zones Pilot Program. Ohana Zones are designed to assist an individual experiencing homelessness find and transition into permanent housing. Ohana Zones will have the goal of improving the health and well-being of individuals experiencing homelessness and providing access to needed services.

Ohana Zones sites on public lands will be selected by the Governor. There will be five Ohana Zones for this pilot program – three on Oahu, one each on Maui, and Hawaii.

SB2293 SD2 HD3 CD1 Begins proceeding to condemn the lease for the Front Street Apartments affordable housing project. Appropriates rental housing revolving funds to the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation for the expedited construction of the Leialii affordable housing project.



Conference committees voting on the Front Street bill for affordable housing.

For Our Kupunas

HB1911 HD2 SD1 CD1 Authorizes the Department of Health to investigate care facilities reported to be operating without an appropriate certificate or license issued by the Department.

HB1900 HD1 SD2 CD1 The State budget bill allocates \$1.2 million for the Kupuna Caregivers program. It also provides \$3.8 million for the Kupuna Care program.

HB1916 HD2 SD2 CD1 Appropriates funds to the executive office on aging to biennially update the state plan on Alzheimer's disease and related dementias.



Maui visitors of Local 142.

Supporting Students

SB2051 SD1HD1CD1 Permits individual public schools and career pathways, academies or programs operated within the Department of Education to engage in commercial enterprises including the sale of goods produced by or for an individual school.

HB2607 HD1 SD2 CD1 Requires the Department of Education (DOE) to develop and implement a statewide computer science curricula plan for public school students in K-12 that may include design thinking as part of the curricula and ensure each public high school offers at least 1 computer science course each school year.



Presented our annual donation to Richard Yust of Maui Food Bank a check for \$2,572.

Environmental Protection

SB3095 SD1 HD1 This bill prohibits the application of restricted use pesticides within 100 feet of a school during school hours.

It also prohibits the use of pesticides containing chlorpyrifos as an active ingredient beginning January 1, 2019. Allows exemptions.

SB2571 SD2 HD2 Beginning January 1, 2021, this bill bans the sale, offer of sale, or distribution in the State, except according to a doctor's prescription, of any sunscreen that contains oxybenzone or octinoxate to preserve marine ecosystems.

HB2182 HD2 SD2 CD1 This bill makes Hawaii the first state in the nation to commit to carbon neutrality by 2045 and making us the nation's first zero emissions clean economy. Greenhouse Gas Sequestration Task Force Align with state clean energy and climate goals.

HB2106 HD3 SD1 CD1 Sea level rise must be considered in environmental planning.



Honoring Our Veterans

HB2697 HD2 SD1 CD1 Requires the Office of Veterans' Services to organize, coordinate, and conduct a biennial Hawaii Veterans Summit. Issues to be addressed shall include benefits, rights and services available to veterans.

Improving Highways

HB2601 HD1 SD2 CD2 Increases the rental motor vehicle surcharge from \$3 to \$5 for lessees without a valid Hawaii driver's license from the rental motor vehicle surcharge. Requires that the revenues from the increase in motor vehicle surcharge tax be expended for state highway road capacity projects in the county in which the rental motor vehicle was operated under rental or lease. Increases the tour vehicle surcharge by \$1 for each category of tour vehicle.

In Support of Women's Legislative Caucus

SB2990 SD2 HD2 CD1 Requires the Legislative Reference Bureau to conduct any analysis by September 1, 2019 of paid family leave including a comparative analysis of other states' paid leave models, including a review of current temporary disability insurance usage and other state temporary disability insurance models.

SB2351 SD1 HD1 Prohibits prospective employers from requesting or considering a job applicant's wage or salary history as part of an employment application process or compensation offer. It also prohibits employer-enforced wage secrecy and retaliation against employees for discussing wage information or for the exercise of equal pay rights.

HB1489 HD1 SD2 CD1 This Title IX bill prohibits discrimination based on sex, gender identity, gender expression, or sexual orientation in any state education program or activity or any educational program that receives state money. It requires the Legislative Reference Bureau to study and report on state and federal enforcement of prohibitions on sex discrimination, complaints and remedies for violations.



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Grant In Aid
CIP & Operation | Awardees

Organization– CIP	Description	CD FY18	CD FY19
Maui Economic Opportunity, Inc.	Vehicle repair and maintenance facility.		\$500,000
Hawaiian Kamalii, Inc.	Safety and security improvements of canoe club facilities at Hoaloha Park.		\$60,000
Kahilu Theater	Improvements and renovations for theater building.		\$250,000
Organization– Operation	Description	CD FY18	CD FY19
Center For Tomorrow’s Leaders	Equipping students for college, career, and civic life through CTL leadership development program expansion.		\$100,000
Ka Ohana O Kalaupapa	For the “The Kalaupapa Legacy Project.” Transition for the Ohana full time leadership to include a operating plan for the Kalaupapa Memorial.		\$80,000
Molokai Child Abuse Prevention Pathways (MCAPP)	A culture of protection: implementing proven, cost-effective culturally responsive methods to prevent childhood sexual violence in Molokai.		\$80,000