

TOWN & UPCOUNTRY UPDATE

2018 Legislative Session



Dear Neighbors,

On Friday, January 19th, the House Public Safety Committee spearheaded an informational briefing to hear from the Governor, the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency (HIEMA) and the Pacific Military Command regarding the events surrounding Saturday, January 13, 2018.

In this issue of the newsletter, please find information that you may find useful. HIEMA will be revamping and updating procedures and policies to address the needs of our people and visitors and we will keep you apprised.

As we enter the 2018 session, we will commence with our work quickly to address the multitude of issues our state faces. We remain committed to working with all of you. Your participation in the democratic process is essential if we are to continue to produce good laws and make our government work for the people.

Thank you for the privilege of serving you in the House of Representatives.

Aloha,

Please assist us in our initiative to 'GO GREEN,' and send us your email address to receive newsletters by email. Call(808) 586-6330 or email. repyamashita@capitol.hawaii.gov



Moving Forward

Last year, a bill to improve the State Procurement Office failed. So during the interim, part of our work turned to visiting the Department of Accounting and General Services, the Department of Transportation (airports, harbors, and highways), the University of Hawaii (including Community Colleges), and the Department of Education.

Specifically, we met with personnel associated with planning and design, managers of projects and maintenance. The goal was to help as much as we could.



University of Manoa—viewing the progress of the future Life Science Building



Meeting with local residents in Makawao, addressing cesspools and septic tanks

With limited resources to address deferred maintenance and new facilities, we need to put forward changes to the State Procurement Office to work more expeditiously and efficiently.

During the interim, we heard from our constituents about the lack of affordable housing, the high cost of living, and the rise in homelessness.

Our community heard from the Department of Health with their findings related to cesspools and septic tanks.

We have a lot of work ahead of us to address the needs of our state.



Opening Day—29th Legislature

Be Informed, Plan Ahead, Take Action

Get a Kit

Disaster Emergency Kit

Have a 14 days worth of supplies at home to shelter in place or in a compact portable container to take to a shelter. If you live or work within the Tsunami Evacuation Zone, have a 1-3 day Disaster Emergency Kit that you can grab and walk out of the inundation zone.



- **Water:** 1 gallon per person per day
- **Food:** non-perishable easy-to-prepare
- **Flashlight**
- **Radio-**NOAA weather Radio
- **Extra batteries**
- **First aid kit**
- **Medication and medical items**
- **Manual can opener**
- **Multi-purpose tool**
- **Personal hygiene items**
- **Copies of documents:** prescriptions, proof of address, deed/lease to home, insurance policies and proof of identity
- **Cell phone with chargers**
- **Family contact information**
- **Cash**
- **Bedding supplies:** cots will not be provided in a Hurricane Evacuation Shelter or Tsunami Refuge Area
- **Change of clothes**
- **Towels**
- **Dishes**

You may also need:

- **Baby supplies:** bottles, baby food, and diapers
- **Games and activities for children**
- **Comfort items**
- **Pet supplies:** collar, leash, ID, food, water, carrier, bowl and medications.

Evacuation Shelters:

Monitor TV news, radio and social media accounts from official sources during an emergency to see which sites are open.



Make a Plan

- **Meet with your household and prepare** for emergencies that are most likely to happen where you live, work, and play.
- Identify responsibilities for each person and work as a team.
- If a family member needs special accommodations, figure out how and who can help.

Plan what to do in case you are separated

Choose two places to meet:

1. Near your home in case of a sudden emergency.
2. Outside your neighborhood in case you cannot return home or asked to evacuate.

Choose an out-of-area emergency contact person:

It may be easier to text or call long distance if local phone lines are overloaded or out of service. Everyone should have emergency contact information in writing or programmed into their cell phones.

Plan how you would evacuate

Decide where you would go and what route to take. You may choose to go to a hotel, stay with friends or relatives or go to an evacuation shelter if necessary.

Practice evacuating your home twice a year. Drive your planned route and plot alternates on your map in case roads are closed.

Plan ahead for your pets by making an evacuation plan for your pets too. You may want to make arrangements with a kennel, friend or have your pet go with you to a pet friendly shelter. If the shelter does not have a pet-friendly area, you can keep the pet in your vehicle.



Get a Kit, Make a Plan, Be Informed

Be Informed

Safe and Well website.

An Internet tool to keep loved ones connected; available for major disaster through www.redcross.org. People within a disaster-affected area can register themselves as “safe and well” and concerned family and friends who know the person’s phone number or address can search for messages posted by those who self-register. If you don’t have internet access, call [1-800-RED-CROSS](tel:1-800-RED-CROSS) to register yourself and your family.

Learn what disaster or emergencies may occur.

These events can range from those affecting only you and your family, like a home fire or medical emergency, to those affecting your entire community. Hawaii is at risk for many hazards including Hurricanes, Tsunami, Flooding, Earthquakes, Landslides, Tornadoes, and Volcanic Eruptions.

Stay informed by authorities during a disaster.

Local emergency agencies will broadcast through multiple media sources; local radio, TV, NOAA Weather Radio and social media. Civil Defense may sound sirens in your neighborhood to notify the public of a Tsunami, Hurricane or Hazardous Release.

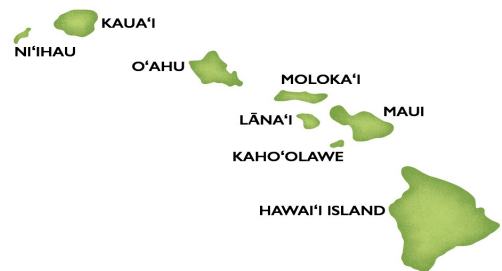


Get Trained.

Make sure that at least one member of your household is trained in First Aid or CPR and knows how to use an **AED**— Automated external defibrillator. Find a class near you at: [Red Cross Training](#) | [Take a Class](#) | [Red Cross](#)



- ▶ Free to download
- ▶ Easy to use
- ▶ Essential to have



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2018 Weekly Hearing & Conference Schedule



Representative Yamashita sits on 3 committees: Labor & Public Employment, Economic Development & Business, and Finance. The schedule for these three committee hearings are below, starting February to April 2018. For more information and to watch the hearings please visit our site at www.capitol.hawaii.gov.

Committee	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Labor & Public Employment		8:30am — 12 noon		8:30am— 12 noon	
Economic Development & Business			8:30am — 12 noon		8:30am — 12 noon
Finance	All Day	All Day	All Day	All Day	All Day