



TOWN & UPCOUNTRY UPDATE

January/February 2022

Get Active At The Legislature

Get ready to participate. The legislature is in session !

REPRESENTATIVE KYLE YAMASHITA

Aloha Neighbors,

The 2022 legislative session began on January 19th. Bills have been introduced and assigned to committees. All committee hearings will be held virtually as the State Capitol remains closed.

As the COVID19 Omnicron variant continues to disrupt our way of life, the legislature plans to address the immediate needs of our communities. We need to direct our focus to provide essential government services, address minimum wage, and affordable housing.

Our legislative calendar is included in this newsletter. For more up -to- date information on our hearings, please go to our website at www.capitol.hawaii.gov.

Thank you for allowing me to serve our community. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to call me.

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

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Accessing the Capitol — Virtually

The Hawaii State Capitol remains closed to the public due to COVID-19 restrictions necessitated by the emergence of COVID variants. However, you can still connect effectively with lawmakers and keep track of what's going on. Use phone calls and emails to reach out to senators and representatives with your views on pieces of legislation. Try to hone your message to summarize your views or your request, and make sure to include the bill number when appropriate.

If you're not aware of the wealth of information available on the legislature's website (capitol.hawaii.gov), give the Public Access Room (PAR) a call and they'll be happy to point out the highlights. You can sign up for any of the Public Access Room's (PAR's) Zoom workshops by emailing par@capitol.hawaii.gov or calling 808/587-0478.

- "Finding Bills": Wed., January 26, 5:00 p.m. *Using the legislature's website to find bills you're interested*
- "Understanding the Deadlines": Wed., February 2, 5:00 p.m. *Legislative calendar of deadlines*

The 2022 session will again provide the opportunity to testify remotely, and hearings are being both livestreamed and archived for later viewing.

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Expenditures

The State of Hawai'i was allocated \$1.6 billion from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to address emergency response stemming from the COVID-19 pandemic. The Governor has allocated all expenditures to support essential government services and to meet the demands of our social safety nets.

- \$11M Maui Health System hospital subsidy
- \$10M COVID-19 test kits
- \$58M Departments of Health and Public Safety to strengthen COVID-19 response

To provide a safety net for those who were without jobs during this time, the Department of Labor & Industrial Relations' Unemployment Insurance Program received a major portion of the ARPA funds of \$870M.

The pandemic shed a light on the need for high speed internet for students and workers. A small amount of \$1.5M was funded for Broadband infrastructure planning. Additional funding through the

Need a Covid Test?

Free COVID PCR testing is available to all U.S. Residents. Go to AlohaClear.com on your smart phone or computer to create an online account and schedule an appointment for your covid test. Maui testing sites are:

- War Memorial Center — 700 Halia Nakoa St, Wailuku, Hawaii 96793
- Wailea People and Paws Pharmacy—34 Wailea Gateway Pl, Kihei, Hawaii 96753

Hawaii State House of Representatives
 Thirty-First Legislature
 Regular Session of 2022 Calendar

January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 New Years
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17 Martin Luther King, Jr Day	18	19 Opening Day	20	21 Non-Admin Bill Package Cutoff	22
23	24 State of the State Address and Admin, Bill Package Cutoff	25 Recess #1	26 Bill Introduction Cutoff	27 Recess #2	28	29
30	31					

February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 President's Day	22	23	24 Mandatory 5-Day Recess Begins	25	26
27	28					

March

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
			Last Day Mandatory 5-Day Recess		First Decking (Bills)	
6	7 Recess #3	8	9 Recess #4	10 First Crossover (Bills)	11 Substantive Reso Cutoff	12
13	14 Budget Decking	15	16 Budget Crossover	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25 Kuhio Day	26
27	28	29	30	31		

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April

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	5	6	7 First Crossover (Concurrent Resos)	8 Second Decking (Bills)	9
10	11 Recess #5	12	13 Recess #6	14 Second Crossover (Bills) & Disagree	15 Good Friday	16
17	18	19	20	21	22 Constitutional Amendments & 2nd Crossover (Conc. Resos)	23
24	25	26	27 Recess #7	28 Final Decking (Non-Fiscal Bills)	29 Final Decking (Fiscal Bills)	
1 MAY	2 Recess #8	3	4 Recess #9	5 Adjournment <i>Sine Die</i>	6	

January

Jan 1	New Years Day
Jan 17	Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Jan 19	Opening Day
Jan 21	Non-Admin Bill Package Cutoff
Jan 24	State of the State Address and Admin. Bill Package Cutoff
Jan 25	Recess #1
Jan 26	Bill Introduction Cutoff
Jan 27	Recess #2

March

Mar 2	Mandatory 5-Day Recess ends
Mar 4	First Decking (Bills)
Mar 7	Recess #3
Mar 9	Recess #4
Mar 10	First Crossover (Bills)
Mar 11	Substantive Reso Cutoff
Mar 14	Budget Decking
Mar 16	Budget Crossover
Mar 25	Kuhio Day

April

Apr 7	First Crossover (Concurrent Resos)
Apr 8	Second Decking (Bills)
Apr 11	Recess #5
Apr 13	Recess #6
Apr 14	Second Crossover (Bills) & Disagree
Apr 15	Good Friday
Apr 22	Constitutional Amendments & Second Crossover (Concurrent Resos)
Apr 27	Recess #7
Apr 28	Final Decking (Non-Fiscal Bills)
Apr 29	Final Decking (Fiscal Bills)

February

Feb 21	President's Day
Feb 24	Mandatory 5-Day Recess Begins

May

May 2	Recess #8
May 4	Recess #9
May 5	Adjournment <i>Sine Die</i>

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Maui County

CIP Funds Released by the Governor

Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) are bond funded critical infrastructure of the State— including highways, schools, airports, and harbors. These funds cannot be used for every day operations like unemployment insurance, general assistance, or other services.

District wide CIP	Description	CD FY22
Hale Makua Health Services	Design for expansion of the Kahului campus.	\$200,000
Traffic Operational Improvements, Maui	Improvements to existing intersections and highway facilities on Maui.	\$1,600,000
Watershed Protection and Ungulate Fencing, Maui	Funds for new watershed protection and ungulate fencing to exclude axis deer from priority areas on Maui	\$2,800,000
System, Renew, Improve and Modernize, Statewide	Design and construction to improve University of Hawaii System facilities statewide.	\$51,800,000
CC Capital Renewal and Deferred Maintenance, Statewide	Support ongoing major repair and restoration projects at the Community Colleges, statewide.	\$25,000,000
Maintenance of Facilities, Statewide	Design and construction for improvements and maintenance of public facilities and sites, statewide.	\$19,000,000