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SENATOR STANLEY CHANG

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Getting Reimbursed for Pothole Damage to Your Car!



The City and State have established phone numbers and websites where anyone can report a pothole. All you need to do is to report the pothole to the hotlines below with the location of the pothole and jurisdiction:

City maintained roads: **808-768-7777**

HART maintained roads: **808-566-2299**

State maintained roads: **808-536-7852**

Potholes can cause a lot of damage, such as a flat tire, cracked wheel, or even body damage. If your car is damaged by a pothole, you can be reimbursed by the City or the State.

Claims on roads maintained by the City: goo.gl/UE64Rb

Claims on roads maintained by the State: goo.gl/ueTbwV

To file a claim, take a photo of the pothole and the damage to your car. The person filing the claim should have the vehicle registration and insurance in their name. At the time of the incident, the person should call HPD to file a police report. The driver should also send over receipts or invoices of payment for the damages along with the claim. After filing these claims, it may take several months before you will be reimbursed.



▶ **CALL US**

586-8420

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▶ **HANDY PHONE NUMBERS**

Pothole Hotline
768-7777

Abandoned Vehicles
733-2530

Building Permit
768-5555

Trash Collection
768-3200

Street Light Repair
768-5300

IN THE COMMUNITY



Opening of the Culinary Institute of the Pacific

► March 3, 2017 Senator Chang attended the opening reception of Phase 1 of the new Culinary Institute of the Pacific, adjacent to the Kapiolani Community College.



Wilson Elementary 5th Grade Class Visits the Capitol

► On March 16, 2017, the 5th graders of Wilson Elementary visited the Hawai'i State Capitol to learn about the legislative process and the history of the building.



Meeting with Hawaii State Student Council

► On March 11, 2017 Senator Stanley Chang addressed the Hawaii High School State Student Council, a group composed of representatives from all the DOE high schools, to discuss youth involvement in policy making and the possibility of establishing a Youth Advisory Commission.



Hawaii Says NO MORE Challenge

► On March 9, 2017 Senator Chang along with fellow Senators participated in the Hawaii Says NO MORE challenge. The challenge raises awareness of ending domestic violence and sexual assault.

GET INVOLVED



Honolulu 311 App

- ▶ The Honolulu 311 smartphone app is available on iPhone and Android.
- ▶ It is easy to report potholes, sidewalk repairs, broken street lights, illegal dumping, graffiti, damaged signs, and much more!
- ▶ Using the camera on your phone and GPS Location Services, the City can keep track of the details of your issue.
- ▶ It is free, it is easy to use, and allows YOU to make a difference in our community.
- ▶ Download it for free from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store by searching "Honolulu 311."



Hawaii Kai Satellite City Hall at Hawaii Kai Towne Center

Hawaii Kai Satellite City Hall Here to Stay

The Hawaii Kai Satellite City Hall located at the Hawaii Kai Towne Center has extended its lease with the center until August 31, 2021. The city hall has been at the Hawaii Kai Corporate Plaza since 2002, and has been a convenient location for renewing driver's licenses, paying property tax bills, and accessing other city services for East Honolulu residents. Often, its lines are shorter than the Satellite City Halls at Ala Moana Shopping Center or elsewhere.

The Hawaii Kai Satellite City Hall is located at 6800 Kalaniana'ole Highway and is open Mondays through Fridays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

9th Annual Art at the Capitol



We invite the public to come down to the State Capitol on First Friday and enjoy the art work in lawmakers' offices. View a new documentary on artist Marianna Pineda on making the landmark Queen Lili'uokalani Statue.

**Friday, April 7, 2017,
4:30PM - 7:00PM**

**Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Room 223**

Honolulu Rail Transit Project Open House Event



Aina Haina Public Library
Saturday, May 6, 2017
1:00PM to 4:00PM
5246 Kalaniana'ole Hwy

The Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation invites you to join us for information displays and keiki activities. Each area will be staffed by a member of the HART or Contractor team who will be available for discussion and questions.

- ▶ View video displays of our station renderings and the entire rail route from a “fly over” perspective.
- ▶ Participate in fun keiki activities including puzzles, rail trivia bingo, train bookmarks and more.
- ▶ Get project updates regarding the rail guideway and stations being built along the Project route.

This event is free and family friendly with no formal presentation, so the public may stop in anytime. Light refreshments will be provided.

For more information, please call our 24-hour Project Hotline at **(808) 566-2299** or visit our project website online at:

HonoluluTransit.org

LEGISLATIVE TRACKER



Prescribing Housing for the Homeless – SB 2

A number of bills related to homelessness—our top policy priority this session—passed third reading in the Senate and House, and have crossed over to the other chamber. Among the most innovative bills concerning homelessness is SB 2, introduced by Senator Josh Green.

SB 2 initiates a study to assess the impact of using Medicaid funds to provide housing services for the homeless. Today, Medicaid and our hospitals spend hundreds of millions of dollars on emergency treatment for the small fraction of the population that is homeless. These costs can run into the hundreds of thousands of dollars for each homeless person, as every ambulance trip and every night in an ICU costs thousands of dollars.

Simply giving housing to the homeless would stabilize their conditions and reduce their consumption of medical services by 43 percent, according to Helping Hands Hawaii. That would save the taxpayer and the hospitals significant sums, enable many of the homeless to be housed, and reduce the impact of homelessness on our communities: a win-win-win.

Under the proposed law, doctors may prescribe housing depending on the severity of the case, and the individual must be homeless for at least six months and suffer from a mental illness or a substance addiction.



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