

FROM THE OFFICE OF
SENATOR STANLEY CHANG
East Honolulu Community Newsletter

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Ka Iwi Coast **Tree Planting**

The Ka Iwi Coalition recently launched its commitment to plant **100 native trees** as a pilot project in partnership with Dr. Camilo Mora, who is spearheading the “Plant a Million Trees A Year In Hawai‘i Campaign.” The Campaign’s plan is to offset all of the State’s carbon emissions. Last year, volunteers planted **1,000 trees in two hours** and ended up planting **11,000 trees in a day**.

The Ka Iwi Coalition plans to plant 100 native trees as a pilot project. The location is at the entrance of the Ka Iwi

Mauka lands trailhead, Parcel 1 (Kalama Valley). There is potential for expansion to well over **10,000 native trees** once we are confident that the Ka Iwi Mauka lands is a viable location.

For the last few weekends, Dr. Mora and a few Ka Iwi Coalition volunteers have started clearing the trailhead and preparing the grounds for tree planting. We are currently in the early planning stages in organizing a community workday to plant all 100 native trees. Dr. Mora recommends we gather 50 volunteers to plant two trees each.

The group is currently taking reservations for tree planting so if you are interested please let them know immediately. Post planting maintenance is also needed so if you are also interested in walking the trailhead, taking pictures, watering the trees and sharing your findings with us. You may contact them at info@kaiwicoast.org.



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IN THE COMMUNITY



IMMIGRATION PANEL

August 21, 2019 ◀ Senator Chang spoke on a panel to discuss immigration issues hosted by Hawai'i J20+.



URBAN PLANNER JEFF SPECK

September 9, 2019 ▲ Senator Chang co-hosted a public presentation on enhancing Honolulu's walkability with nationally prominent urban planner Jeff Speck.



AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PEDIATRICS

August 29, 2019 ◀ Senator Chang attended the American Academy of Pediatrics Hawai'i Chapter's Annual Meeting, which featured keynote speaker Dr. Kyle Yasuda, the national AAP president.



KULEANA ACADEMY

September 7, 2019 ◀ Senator Chang presented his ALOHA Homes concept to Kuleana Academy.



October 7

World Habitat Day 2019

Frontier Technologies as an Innovative Tool to Transform Waste to Wealth

FIABCI-USA Hawaii Council will be hosting its annual UN Habitat Day & Asia-Pacific Developers Summit on **October 7, 2019** from **8:30 am to 6:30 pm**. The summit will be held at the Ala Moana Hotel, 410 Atkinson Drive.

The event is an annual summit that brings together leaders from the community to discuss proposals to solve Hawaii's housing crisis.

At 9:45 am Senator Chang will be participating on a panel with Councilmember Kymberly Pine and Director of the City Office of Housing, Marc Alexander. The panel address how to increase Hawaii's housing stock. The panel will be moderated by Hawaii Association of Realtors President Jack Legal.

For more information on the event, a full schedule, and to register, please visit: eventbrite.com/e/un-habitat-day-asia-pacific-developers-summit-tickets-69249702725.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

City Begins Crackdown on Illegal Vacation Rentals

The city has stepped up enforcement of illegal short-term vacation rentals, including digital sting operations. **Bill 89** allows the city to issue notices to properties suspected of operating an illegal vacation rental. If you have received a letter, but are not operating an illegal vacation rental, please contact the city immediately.

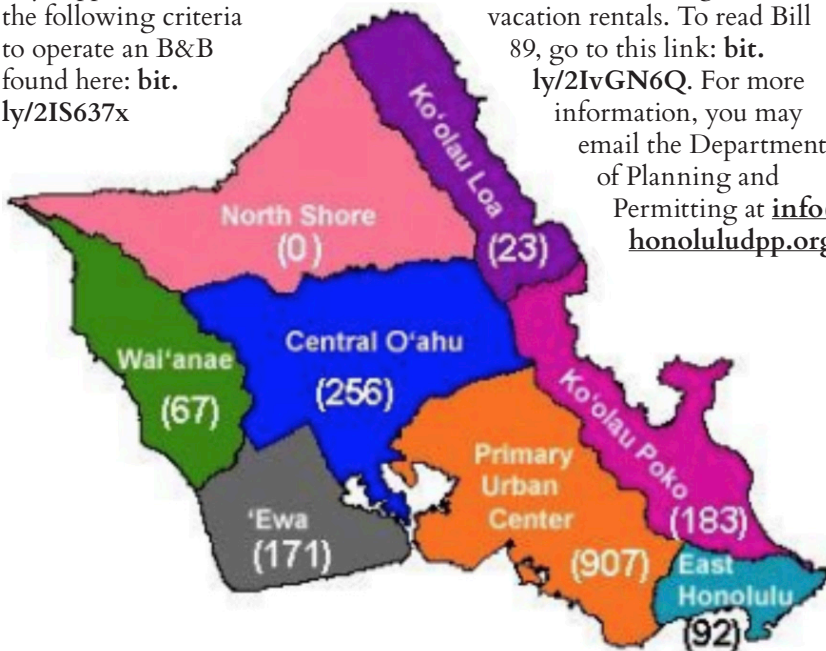
Legal vacation rentals registered with the state must now include their assigned registration numbers in all forms of advertisements. Violators face a **\$1,000 fine** followed by daily fines of **\$5,000**.

Starting **October 1, 2020**, certain bed and breakfasts will be allowed to register their practice with the city. Applicants must meet the following criteria to operate an B&B found here: [bit.ly/2IS637x](#)

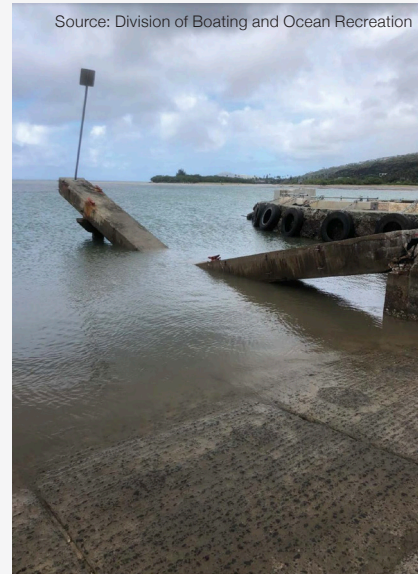
Registration will be on a first come first serve basis, and registration will most likely be an online process, but certain requirements will have to be verified: e.g. compliance with parking requirements. Only a limited amount of registrations will be granted, and should the applicants exceed the number, there will be a lottery system. The new law will only grant up to **1,699 rentable B&Bs**, divided into the regions in the map below.

B&Bs will also receive a registration number, and must include it in all forms of advertisements.

We would like to thank the city for their continued efforts to crackdown on illegal vacation rentals. To read Bill 89, go to this link: [bit.ly/2IvGN6Q](#). For more information, you may email the Department of Planning and Permitting at info@honoluluapp.org.



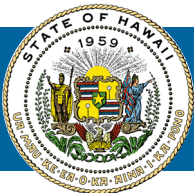
Source: Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation



In 2019, the boat ramp at Maunalua Bay was condemned by the Department of Land and Natural Resources. During the 2019 Legislative session the ramp was requested as a CIP project.

The Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation is anticipating the new loading dock at Maunalua Bay to be installed by Summer of 2020 or earlier. The Division is currently in the early stages of its permitting and design phase. Final plans and permit documents are expected to be submitted for review by the permitting agencies by December of this year. Once approved, the contract will go out to bid.

Our office would like to thank the Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation for their update and attention to this matter. We appreciate the community for bringing this to our attention.



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