

# Legislative Wrap-Up

PART 2 (Part 1 was in the June issue of Westside Stories)

## SENATOR MAILE SHIMABUKURO / DISTRICT 21

Kalaeloa, Honokai Hale, Ko Olina, Nānākuli, Mā'ili, Wai'anae, Mākaha, Mākua



Aloha, here are some key 2018 measures and appropriations that benefit the Leeward Coast!

### TRANSPORTATION



De Mont Conner and Rachael Kailianu are staunch advocates for the Leeward Coast, and have fought for improvements to our traffic, corrections, education, environmental, Hawaiian Rights, and other policies.

- Multi-Use Path from Waipio to Lualualei Naval Rd \$2m.
- Kalaeloa Airport \$21m (self-funded).
- **HB2175** Requires that membership of certain metropolitan planning organization include on its policy board at least one member of the senate and one member of the house of representatives from that metropolitan planning area.
- **HB1938** Increases the fine to not more than \$1,000 for passing or overtaking a school bus on a state highway while the bus is stopped and its visual signals are turned on. Effective upon approval.
- **HB2003** Allows requests for permits that authorize the respondent or defendant to operate an employer's vehicle during the period of license revocation to be supported by the employer's sworn statement attesting to the period of the specified assigned hours of work that the defendant will drive the vehicle for purposes of employment.

### WATER & LAND



In 2018, Melvin Pu'u retired from 35 years of service with the C&C of Honolulu Lifeguards. "Braddah Mel" rescued me at Mākaha Beach, was my tandem surfing partner, helped to get rid of a drug house in his neighborhood, fought for raises for lifeguards, donates proceeds from his annual surf contest to charity, and has served the community in countless other ways. Mahalo Braddah Mel and your 'ohana for all you do!! L-R: Shayne Sakoda, Melvin Pu'u, and Sen. Shimabukuro.

- Kaala Forest Fencing and Watershed Protection \$83,000.
- Poi Dogs & Popoki GIA \$126,400.
- **HB2097** One additional lifeguard for Ke'awaula; Requires the Attorney General to defend any civil action or proceeding against a county and any person employed by the county to provide lifeguard services at a designated state beach park under an agreement between the State and the county. Appropriates funds to DLNR to contract with the counties for county lifeguard services at designated state beach parks under an agreement between the State and a county.

### EDUCATION



The HI State Teachers' Association (HSTA) successfully lobbied for a Constitutional Amendment ballot question to increase investment property taxes to help fund education. Wai'anae High School teachers visited with Sen. Shimabukuro to explain the need for SB2922. L-R: Aaron Day, Sen. Shimabukuro, and Amber Riel.

- After-School All-Stars HI GIA \$100,000.
- Center for Tomorrow's Leaders GIA \$100,000.
- Read to Me International Foundation GIA \$200,000.
- **SB2922** Proposes amendments to the Constitution of the State of Hawaii to authorize the Legislature to establish, as provided by law, a surcharge on investment real property to support public education.
- **SB2382** Requires DAGS to conduct biennial surveys of all departments regarding unused facilities or under utilized DOE schools that may be used by public charter schools and to maintain an inventory of the facilities. Requires DAGS to provide biennial reports on the inventory to the Public Charter School Commission.

### HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS



Fifth graders from Ka Wai'hona o Ka Na'auao, a Hawaiian-focused public charter school, visited the Capitol.

- **DHHL** Appropriation HB1900 approximately \$25m operations; \$20m CIP; all positions preserved
- Hawaiian Community Assets GIA \$200,000
- **HB2594** Appropriates \$153,000 for the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission to restore, preserve, and determine the appropriate uses of Kaho'olawe island, and to fund one full-time equivalent permanent cultural resource project coordinator position
- **HB2352** Increases membership on the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board to include a member of the Native Hawaiian Education Council and a non-voting public university student teacher. Clarifies that a permit is required for non-licensed teachers serving in public schools.

### JOB TRAINING & LABOR



Rep. Gates and Sen. Shimabukuro presented a congratulatory certificate to LCC Wai'anae Moku at their October 2017 grand opening. L-R: Sen. Shimabukuro, LCC Wai'anae Moku Coordinator Danny Wyatt, Rep. Gates, and UH President David Lassner.

The LCC Wai'anae Moku campus offers classes in language arts, mathematics and science, fine arts and humanities, social sciences and education, business and vocational education which meet the requirements for a liberal arts degree. You can complete your entire Associate in Arts degree at Wai'anae Moku. Classes are offered days and evenings during the fall and spring semesters, with limited class offerings in the summer session. Wai'anae Moku offers the advantages of being close to home for Wai'anae Coast residents, small class sizes, friendly and helpful staff, and caring, competent, and knowledgeable instructors and counselors. For more information, call 808-454-4702 or email: [waianae@hawaii.edu](mailto:waianae@hawaii.edu)

- Leeward Community College \$250,000
- UH West Oahu – Campus Center, Library, Bookstore, Maintenance Building, and other improvements \$7.5m
- **HB2114** Provides that negotiations over the implementation of management decisions affecting the terms and conditions of employment that are subject to collective bargaining are not precluded from collective bargaining negotiations. Specifies that negotiations over the procedures and criteria of certain subjects of bargaining shall not compel either party to agree to a proposal or make a concession.

### Read to Me (RTM) International Foundation Receives \$200,000 Grant-In-Aid (GIA)



Pictured are: Row 1 (sitting) L to R: Bianca, Stacy Ann, Hannah, Courtney, Krisen, and Kana. Row 2, L to R: Jean, Lynne Waihee, Shondell Palacio, Aileen Shin, Sen. Shimabukuro, Linda, Joann, and Kara. For more information, call 808-955-7600, or visit: <http://www.ReadToMeIntl.org>

Congratulations to RTM for receiving a \$200,000 GIA from the 2018 Legislature! RTM has a Wai'anae branch, located at the KSBE Community Learning Center At Ma'ili. I attended the RTM10 graduation on 05/22/18. Following the celebration, Aileen Shin, RTM Director of Development, wrote: "Thank you for joining us...We had a robust graduation with lots of conversations about how the program has enhanced storytelling in the home, fostered closer family relationships and made the visit to the public library a key family activity. The energy was palatable, and your presence and contributions were greatly appreciated!"

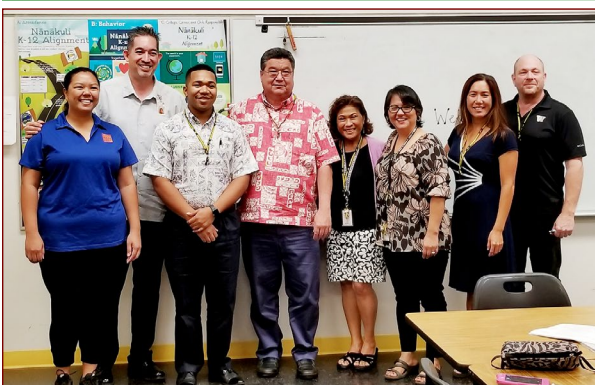
## AGRICULTURE



The state awarded MA'O Organic Farms with a second Legacy Lands Grant of \$650,000 to support the purchase of the "Purple Spot" lands in Lualualei Valley. The Legislature also appropriated \$150,000 to support MA'O's Youth Leadership Training program. Senate President Kouchi, Sen. Shimabukuro, and Rep. Gates visited MA'O.

- HI Agricultural Foundation - construction and equipment for a farmer cooperative and student education center; \$208,000.
- Product Development Center at Community College System - \$9m for plans, design, construction, equipment and other related project costs to renovate a facility for a farm to table value added product development center to include processing, packaging, and marketing farm commodities and farm resources at tax map keys: 7-1-02-09; 7-1-02-04; and 7-4-12-16; equipment and appurtenances
- Slaughterhouse: \$1.5m for plans and design for a scalable and replicable slaughterhouse to meet the growing demand for local grown meat.
- **SB2556** Establishes an Industrial Hemp Special Fund within DOA to deposit fees and expend funds necessary for the Industrial Hemp Pilot Program.

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



Senate President Ronald Kouchi, Rep. Gates, and Sen. Shimabukuro met with officials from NHIS and Searider Productions to discuss their Hospitality Job Training initiative. The Legislature approved Grant in Aid applications to support this initiative in 2017 and 2018.

- Searider Productions Hospitality Training GIA \$330,000.
- Multi-Purpose Processing Facility and Workforce Development \$11m.
- **HB1958** Authorizes the Hawaii Technology Development Corporation to issue grants to phase III federal grant awardees of up to 50 percent of the amount of the award or contract funded by the private sector or government sources outside of the Small Business Innovation Research Program; Appropriates \$1.5m
- **HB2333** Authorizes the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to deposit moneys it receives from the repayments of loans and payments of interest or fees from the Hawaii capital loan program in chapter 210, the Hawaii large fishing vessel purchase, construction, renovation, maintenance, and repair loan program in chapter 189, and the Hawaii small fishing vessel loan program in chapter 189, into the Hawaii community-based economic development (CBED) revolving fund. Moneys from the CBED revolving fund will be used to make loans and grants to small businesses.

## HEALTH



WCCHC CEO Richard Bettini spoke at the March 2018 blessing of the Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Emergency Medical Building. This marked the completion of the third new clinic building on WCCHC's main campus. WCCHC worked on this project for more than 10 years, and raised \$49 million, some of which came from the state.

- Aloha Medical Mission dental care GIA \$150,000
- **SB2298** Allows advanced practice registered nurses, pharmacists, and physicians to receive income tax credits for acting as preceptors in volunteer-based supervised clinical training rotations provided to eligible students that enable the students to obtain an eligible healthcare professional degree or certificate. Applies to taxable years beginning after 12/31/2018
- **SB2340** Ensures certain benefits under the federal Affordable Care Act are preserved under Hawaii law, including: extending dependent coverage for adult children up to 26 years of age; prohibiting health insurance entities from imposing a preexisting condition exclusion; and prohibiting health insurance entities from using an individual's gender to determine premiums or contributions.

## HOUSING & HOMELESSNESS



William Aila Jr. of Wai'anae serves as DHHL's Deputy Director.

- **HB2748** \$570m to build 25,000 affordable rental housing units by 2030
- **HB1873** Clarifies the process, including payment obligations, mediation requirements, and triggers for further default, where a condominium unit owner and association reach a payment plan to resolve a nonjudicial foreclosure. Establishes procedures that provide condominium owners with the right to submit disputed legal fees, penalties or fines, late fees, lien filing fees, or other charges, except for common expense assessments, to the mediation process prior to payment. Sunsets on 6/30/2020.
- **HB2694** Requires the Department of Health to furnish, free of charge, certified copies of birth certificates for any individual who is homeless, provided the individual's homeless status is corroborated by a verification letter issued by a homeless service provider. Repeals June 30, 2021.

## HUMAN SERVICES



Congratulations to the Wai'anae Boys & Girls Club's 2018 Youth of the Year competitors! L-R: Sen. Shimabukuro, Loleina Kamaka, Larenzo Tagura Bear, Ewaza Parmer, Logan Ann Gueco, & Lana Yahiku-Keamo.

- Easter Seals Hawaii GIA \$250,000
- **HB2204** Requires DHS to reestablish the Exit and Retention Bonus Program to encourage welfare recipients to transition back into the workforce. Appropriates funds.
- **SB2790** Replaces the guiding principles for children in foster care under the Child Protective Act with the rights of children in foster care, which preserves the current rights of children in foster care and provides certain additional rights. Clarifies that the rights of children in foster shall not give rise to a private cause of action for a violation of any right under the applicable law.

## PUBLIC SAFETY & MILITARY AFFAIRS



On 04/18/18, the Wai'anae Coast Disaster Readiness Team (WCDRT) was recognized (ie, received accreditation) by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) for completing their "StormReady" and "TsunamiReady" programs. Representatives from NOAA's National Weather Service (NWS) office, Pacific Tsunami Warning Center (PTWC), State of Hawaii Emergency Management Agency (HI-EMA), City and County of Honolulu Department of Emergency Management (DEM), and area elected officials were in attendance.

- Youth Challenge Academy HB1900 \$800,000 (Kalaeloa); \$14.5m (statewide).
- Services to Veterans \$215,000.
- Oahu Veterans Council - Photovoltaic Panels \$70,000.
- **HB2697** Requires the Office of Veterans' Services to organize, coordinate, and conduct a biennial Hawaii Veterans Summit. Appropriates funds.

Mahalo for the privilege of serving you. Please do not hesitate to contact me with your questions or concerns.

Aloha,

  
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