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South Maui Food Distribution Sites

Monday - Friday 9:00am-2:00pm:

Calvary Chapel S. Maui 320 Ohukai Rd. Ste. 420 (808) 463-2099

Monday - Friday 5:00pm-6:00pm, Sat & Sun @ 4:30pm:

Hale Kau Kau - St. Theresa's Church 25 W. Lipoa St. (808) 875-8754

Every Friday 9:00am-10:00am:

Keolahou Church 177 S. Kihei Rd. (808) 879-4693

Every Saturday 10:30am to 12:00pm:

Hope Chapel Parking Lot 300 E. Welakahao St. (808) 879-3853

Aloha South Maui,

We are about halfway through the 2021 legislative session and hundreds of bills and resolutions are still being actively considered. It's "Crossover" time, which means all the remaining House bills cross over to be debated by the Senate and vice versa.

Please consider testifying in support of my bill, HB424, which would provide financial incentive to the vehicle rental industry to invest in electric vehicles. Instructions for how to testify at

dist11smaui.com/testify

Back in the district, Trade Winds Productions asked

me if they could make a donation to benefit South Maui schools. They initially wanted to donate laptops to all the students so they could work remotely, but the DOE had already taken care of that, so they donated new shade structures to all four South Maui schools instead, so our keiki can be comfortable in the shade & trade wind breezes while social distancing. Kihei Ice, Inc. donated the cost of installation.

Open this newsletter for updates on vaccine distribution, South Maui disaster preparedness, and my 2021 Resolution package!



Pictured: one of the new shade structures at Lokelani Intermediate, thanks to a generous donation of time, money, and resources, from Trade Winds Production/USA Network and Kihei Ice, Inc.

Vaccine Update



Vaccines are being distributed equitably by county, but statewide shortages are likely to continue. Vaccinations continue at Maui Memorial Hospital, Maui Community College, Kaiser Kihei, and Longs (Lahaina & Kahului).

Statewide, vaccine access opened up in 3 main ways starting March 15:

- 1. Hawaii residents 65+.
- 2. Group 1C essential workers (hotel, food industry, etc.)
- 3. Individuals 16-64 with high risk medical conditions.

More details at dist11smaui.com/vaccines

First New Law of 2021

The legislature fast-tracked HB1278, which was signed into law (Act 1) on March 02, 2021. This bill will bring much needed relief to employers and small businesses across the state. Act 1 aims to mitigate the economic fallout from the pandemic by reducing employer contribution rates. Without these protections, struggling businesses would face the highest rate, Schedule H, at a time when they can least afford it. By lowering this to Schedule D, the Legislature's goal is to help our local economy stay afloat without the need for layoffs or other cost-cutting measures that would affect workers.

HHARP South Maui

I've been spearheading Maui's first Community Emergency Preparedness plan as part of the Hawaii Hazards Awareness & Resiliency Program (HHARP) since October 2019. We're working with key stakeholders including Maui Police Department, Maui Fire Department, MEMA, HIEMA, community members, and



local non-profits. Our plan was certified by HIEMA on 03/20/2021, please contact my office if you would like to get involved in South Maui disaster preparedness plans!

Other Notable Bills

Electric Vehicle Rental HB424: The State rents over 1,000 vehicles per year. This bill requires State workers to prioritize electric vehicles when renting for State business, which would be a huge step toward our clean energy goals.

Unemployment Tax Relief SB614: This bill retroactively exempts unemployment compensation and pandemic unemployment assistance from the state income tax.

Lexi's Law SB615: This bill was requested by a constituent as the result of a tragic incident where a visitor named Lexi had rented a moped and wasn't wearing a helmet. This bill protects visitors who aren't familiar with our roads while still allowing residents the freedom to choose.

Full details on all bills can be found by typing the measure number in the box at capitol.hawaii.gov

Rep. Wildberger's 2021 Resolutions

Environmental Justice:

- **eFoils HCR158/SCR139:** strongly urging the department of land and natural resources to recognize that efoil vessels constitute thrill craft and to update the department's website and enforce thrill craft laws and rules accordingly.
- **Underwater Munitions HCR159/HR135:** Strongly urging the department of land and natural resources to work with the international dialogue on underwater munitions' international scientific and technology advisory board on underwater munitions to seek and secure federal funding for the non-destructive disposal of thousands of tons of underwater munitions dumped, lost, or abandoned in Hawaiian waters.
- **5G Health & Safety HCR157/SCR256**: Requesting the legislative reference bureau to compile and synthesize research studies examining all potential health impacts of radio frequency radiation, including fifth-generation cellular networks.

Social Justice:

• **Restorative Justice HCR156/SCR151:** Encouraging the department of education, complex areas, and charter schools to implement school-wide restorative justice practices in the state's public and charter schools.

Economic Justice:

Unemployment Loans HCR160/SCR148: Urging the united states congress to forgive the state's outstanding federal
unemployment insurance loan balance for federal loans borrowed to continue to pay for unemployment benefits.