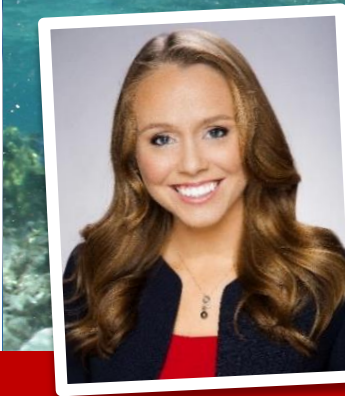


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Community Engagement

2016 Mid-Session Update



Reading the book "Grace for President" to the students of Mililani Waena Elementary.



Had a wonderful conversation with Korean War Veterans at a Veterans and Military Affairs Committee hearing.



We built several giant games, like Connect Four, to play with keiki who attended the Mililani Character Counts Fair.



Talking with the Hawaii Bicycling League about the Waialua Bike Path and safe routes to school.



Sharing my priorities as co-convenor of the Hawaii Women's Legislative Caucus at our 2016 Legislative Update Breakfast.



Teaching the students of Waialua Elementary School about the legislative process at the State Capitol.

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Survey Reminder

My office sent out a **Community Input Survey** in early March to gather your opinions on issues being addressed this Legislative Session. The due date was March 21st; however, if you haven't turned your survey in yet, we'd still love to hear from you! If you have any questions or if you've lost your survey, please call or e-mail us.



Aloha Neighbors & Friends,

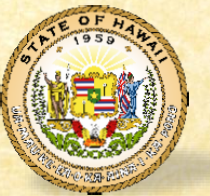
We are now at the midpoint of the 2016 Legislative Session! This update includes information about key measures that were introduced in the House and continue to move through the legislative process as well as some community event highlights.

The bills on the inside of this update, if passed, are likely to have a significant impact on our families and community. There is still time to participate in the legislative process through testimony and our community input survey. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact my office.

Mahalo nui loa,

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Bills Moving Through the Legislature

Agriculture & the Environment

Agricultural Theft	HB 1996: Requires the Dept. of Agriculture to establish a 2-year pilot project to focus on investigating and prosecuting agricultural theft.
K-12 Agricultural Education	HB 1997: Establishes K-12 agricultural workforce development pipeline initiative, including training for teachers and school administrators.
Feed Development Grant	HB 1999: Establishes grant program for qualified feed developers. Appropriates funds to reimburse qualified producers for feed costs.
Food Safety Certification Program	HB 2582: Requires Dept. of Agriculture to develop and implement an Agricultural Food Safety Certification Program compliant with FDA Food Safety Modernization Act for farmers and ranchers.
Industrial Hemp	HB 2555: Authorizes the Board of Agriculture to regulate the growing of industrial hemp for research purposes and requires regulation of growers.
Subsistence Fishing Areas	HB 2023: Requires DLNR to designate and adopt rules for the management of five or more community-based subsistence fishing areas by Dec. 31, 2020.
Wildlife & Ivory Trade	HB 2502: Prohibits the trafficking of protected animal species, with some limited exceptions.

Public Safety, Military, & Human Services

Sex Trafficking	HB 1902: Strengthens enforcement of sex trafficking laws and increases penalties against sex traffickers.
Cybersecurity	HB 2755: Requires the development and maintenance of an incident response plan to cyber-attacks for each executive department in the State.
Firearms & Stalking / Assault	HB 625: Prohibits individuals who have been convicted of misdemeanor stalking and/or sexual assault from owning a firearm.
Firearms & Alcohol	HB 626: Prohibits the actual physical possession of any firearm while consuming alcohol outside of the home, a temporary residence, or place of sojourn.
Firearms & Terror Database	HB 1813: Temporarily prohibits a person listed in the federal Terrorist Screening Database from owning, possessing, or controlling a firearm.
Firearms & Mental Illness	HB 2632: Requires individuals disqualified from owning a firearm due to mental illness to immediately surrender any firearms to police, with no grace period.
Erin's Law	HB 1787: Creates and appropriates funds for Erin's Law Task Force on sexual abuse prevention and education program for public school students.
National Guard Training	HB 1807: Authorizes reserve and national guard members to receive paid military leave while on inactive-duty training.
Correctional Facilities	HB 2388: Appropriates funding for a new Oahu Community Correctional Center and relocation of the Maui Community Correctional Center.
Work for a Day Program	HB 2647: Establishes a Work for a Day Pilot Program to be administered by the City to provide homeless individuals with work opportunities.

Bills Moving Through the Legislature

Healthcare

Right to Try Act	HB 1013: Authorizes manufacturers to make investigational drugs, biological products, or devices available to terminally-ill patients who have given consent.
Involuntary Hospitalization	HB 2559: Requires family court to consider assisted community treatment as an alternative for individuals subject to involuntary hospitalization in a psychiatric facility.
Elderly Services & Programs	HB 1878: Appropriates funds for Kupuna Care Program, Aging & Disability Resource Center, Healthy Aging Partnership Program, Alzheimer's program, and other services.
HIV/STD Testing	HB 1897: Ensures insurance coverage for sexually transmitted disease screenings, including screenings for HIV and acquired immunodeficiency syndrome.
Youth Mental Health	HB 2163: Provides therapeutic prevention and mental health programs for high risk youths.

Energy, Economy, & Cost of Living

Tourism Leakage	HB 2259: Seeks to reduce economic leakage—revenue that is lost from Hawaii's local economy to foreign economies—in the tourism industry.
Fantasy Sports Drafts	SB 2429: Defines "fantasy competition" as a "contest of chance" under State law, which makes fantasy sports drafts illegal in Hawaii.
Battery Backup Tax Credit	HB 212: Establishes a nonrefundable income tax credit for taxpayers who purchase and install battery backup systems for solar energy systems.
Transient Accommodations	HB1850: Allows transient accommodations brokers to register as tax collection agents to collect and remit taxes on behalf of individual operators and plan managers.
Hawaiian Homelands	HB 1932: Appropriates sufficient funding for the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands for Fiscal Year 2016.
Crowdfunding	HB 2704: Provides avenue for local investors to invest in local businesses in the State.
Interisland Ferry System	SB 2618: Requires the Dept. of Transportation to conduct a feasibility study of establishing an interisland ferry system.

Voting & Elections / Labor

Automatic Voter Registration	HB 401: Requires that an eligible person is automatically registered to vote when applying for a new or renewed driver's license, permit, or state identification card, unless the person affirmatively declines to be registered.
Voting by Mail	HB 1653: Incrementally phases in statewide elections by mail by the 2022 primary.
Dislocated Maui Workers	HB 2605: Appropriates funds to establish, administer, and support on-the-job training for individuals dislocated due to the closure of the Maui sugar industry.
Public Employees' Benefits	HB 2446: Authorizes public employees facing position abolishment, reduction-in-force, or workforce restructuring to opt to receive either voluntary severance benefits or a special retirement benefit in lieu of exercising any reduction-in-force rights.