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2020 END OF SESSION UPDATE

MALAMA MASKS

I started #malamamasks in mid-March when I realized that my mother was interacting with hundreds of customers a day at our family's egg farm Petersons' Upland Farm in Wahiawa. Since my husband is a firefighter, I know how important N95 masks are for medical workers and first responders but I wanted to protect workers like my mother. My husband's family business, Hawaii Mercantile LLC., generously cut and donated the fabric and elastic needed to make 2,000 masks. Community volunteers helped sew the masks. However, once the CDC recommended masks for all, we realized we needed to increase production and provide inexpensive masks for community members. We then cut another 5,000 masks to be sewn by professional sewers. The masks were sold at the farm for \$5 and for every mask bought, three were donated to frontline workers. Both businesses generously donated time and supplies and no profit was made.

Now, the #malamamasks project has helped donate over 5,500 masks to essential workers in our community. Through the generosity of the community, we have been able to provide a mask for every employee in over 30 businesses and give masks to the entire Honolulu Fire Department.

I am so inspired by the way our community has come together to help each other get through this difficult time, flatten the curve, and slow the spread of COVID-19. It truly demonstrates Hawaii at its best. On behalf of all the essential workers in our community - mahalo! If you want instructions on how to sew your own mask I filmed a tutorial and it is available at RepMatsumoto.com.



Donating Masks to HFD



Delivering to Costco Waipio



Raising Funds for Mask Donations

ALOHA FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS,

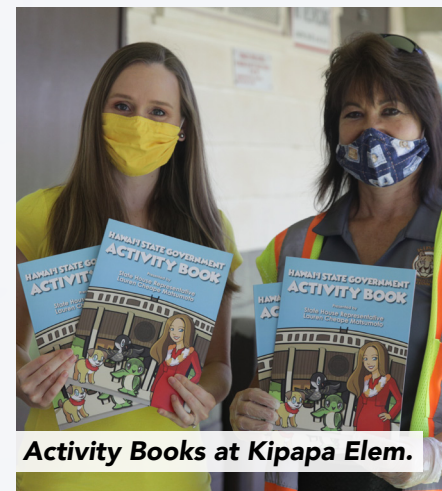
I pray you and your family are doing well. Normally this mailer would mark the end of another session and include a legislative wrap-up. But in these unprecedented times, with the legislative session temporarily suspended, I instead want to provide you and your family with some important information about economic resources, community updates, and the results of our office's 2020 Midsession Survey. I look forward to working toward a swift economic recovery along with many other important issues in the upcoming session.

Mahalo,
Lauren Cheape Matsumoto



Volunteering with Hawaii Food Bank

HAWAII GOVERNMENT CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY BOOK



Activity Books at Kipapa Elem.



I'm excited to announce a brand new activity book for your kids to learn about the branches of government, the legislative process, and so much more! We've already passed out over 1,000 books to students and families and all the district schools have received copies. You can also download a digital copy from my website at RepMatsumoto.com or email RepMatsumoto@capitol.hawaii.gov to request a copy.

DILLINGHAM AIRFIELD UPDATE

After months of coordinating phone calls, stakeholder meetings, and letter writing, I'm happy to announce that the Hawaii Department of Transportation announced on April 15 that they will push back lease termination to June 30, 2021. This extension gives legislators and community advocates time to work toward preserving general aviation at the airfield for years to come. I look forward to pursuing legislative solutions in the upcoming 2021 session. If you'd like to be added to our Kawaihapai (Dillingham) Airfield email list, please contact us at RepMatsumoto@capitol.hawaii.gov.

COVID-19 HELPFUL LINKS

City & County of Honolulu COVID19 FAQ
www.OneOahu.org

Small Business Assistance
www.covid19relief.sba.gov

Renter Legal Resources
www.legallaidhawaii.org

Unemployment Insurance (UI)
labor.hawaii.gov/ui

Self-Employed UI
labor.hawaii.gov/pua

Child Care Resources
earlylearning.hawaii.gov
cap4kids.org

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RESOURCES

CHILD CARE



The Executive Office on Early Learning provides links to childcare options for essential workers at earlylearning.hawaii.gov.

Child Care Connection Hawaii offers a subsidy program for childcare at DHS-approved providers to help families sustain employment and education. The instruction and application are at humanservices.hawaii.gov.

Cap4Kids provides additional programs and financial assistance for child care. A full list of their resources can be found at cap4kids.org.

AGRICULTURE



The Hawaii State Board of Agriculture approved an additional emergency loan program for farmers, ranchers, and producers facing economic hardship. Qualified parties can apply for loans up to \$150,000, agricultural loan relief or forbearance, expedited micro loans for small operations, and assistance for hog farmers affected by restaurant closures.

Please visit <http://hoda.hawaii.gov/agl> for more information. Federal assistance is also available at www.rd.usda.gov.

SMALL BUSINESS



Congress refreshed available fund for the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) to help businesses keep workers on payroll.

There are also a number of other loan, debt relief, and tax relief programs managed by the Small Business Administration to help businesses during the COVID-19 crisis.

Please visit covid19relief.sba.gov for more information and to apply for one of these programs.

RENTERS & HOMEOWNERS



Property owners are prohibited from filing for eviction or charging fees for unpaid rent to tenants living in properties backed by federally guaranteed loans or who are participating in federal housing programs. Renters who need additional information about these protections should contact a HUD approved housing counselor or visit www.legallaidhawaii.org.

Homeowners with a loan backed by Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac may be able to skip mortgage payments for up to a year. Visit fanniemae.com or freddiemac.com for more information.

CITY & COUNTY OF HONOLULU COVID-19 GUIDELINES*

The Stay-at-Home, Work-from-Home order has been extended through May 31st. Certain businesses may reopen with strict social distancing criteria, including: limited car dealership transactions, automated services, mobile service providers like home-service pet grooming, one-on-one lessons like tutors or piano teachers, limited real estate transactions, and potentially some golf courses and certain small retail businesses. The Mayor indicated that large gatherings and opening of bars or nightclubs would be the very last phase of reopening. In the coming weeks, the City will designate activities as low, medium, or high risk and roll out re-openings accordingly.

For more information, visit www.OneOahu.org.

*As of April 28, 2020

SURVEY RESULTS

2020 MIDSESSION SURVEY

A note from Rep. Matsumoto:

Mahalo to everyone who responded with their thoughts on these very important issues. Although the legislature is recessed due to COVID-19 and these bills will most likely not be moving forward this year, your input is invaluable as many of these ideas will be considered by the legislature in future years.

"Where do you

Surveys were mailed to registered voters in District 45 and responses could be made via postcard or online at RepMatsumoto.com. Just over half responded by postcard for a total of 214 completed surveys.

