

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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DISTRICT 25: KAILUA - WAIMANALO - HAWAI'I KAI

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*Aloha
Kailua!*

October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, an issue of equality for women in relationships.

Although domestic violence is not always physical, three to four women are killed every day by their intimate partner in the United States. Domestic violence is the leading cause of homicide of women in Hawaii.

I am working with stakeholders to create policies that will help change behavior to decrease incidents of domestic violence in Hawaii.

As always, please feel free to contact my office at 587-8388 if I can provide assistance.

Mahalo,

HOMELESS AND THE H4 PROJECT

It is heart wrenching to see the number of homeless suffering on our streets. It is also frustrating that the homeless have to resort to using emergency hospital services for basic medical conditions, costing the State millions.

A groundbreaking project, H4- hygiene, health, housing and humanitarian - is designed to target the highest users of our hospitals. The state's largest health care providers are partnering with the City, the State and private donors to turn a four-story industrial building in Iwilei into an all-in-one space to help the homeless and relieve the hospitals of copious and unnecessary emergency visits.

- > Floor 1: Hygiene Center
- > Floor 2: Crisis Health Care
- > Floor 3: 21 units for housing for those who require medical care
- > Floor 4: 21 units for longer-term homeless with complex medical and behavioral health needs

The H4 program has the potential to save \$30 to \$50 million in health costs per year statewide.

KAILUA OCEAN WATERS COMMUNITY MEETING

Tuesday, October 10, 2017 - 6:30 p.m. - Kailua District Park Multipurpose Room

I am partnering with DLNR's Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation (DOBOR) on a community meeting regarding Kailua Ocean Waters.

DOBOR will give an overview of current issues and rules, followed by a community discussion on suggested amendments to the Ocean Recreation Management Area (ORMA) rules for Kailua Ocean Waters

Please come and voice your ideas on how to improve the rules for Kailua Bay. Kite Surfing, Commercial Activity, and Overall Kailua Bay rules will be discussed.

If you can not attend, your comments and suggestions may be emailed to: dlnr.harreview@hawaii.gov



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THE PILLBOX TRAIL PROJECT

Hawaii trails are in poor shape. And the explosion in popularity in hiking, coupled with the now six plus million tourists per year, is creating a nightmare for communities located near trailheads.

DLNR has selected the planning firm PBR to do a trail management plan that will include the entire length of the trail from the road to the pill boxes on top of the hill. The Ka'iwa Ridge Trail project purpose is to develop a plan that reduces erosion and other adverse environmental impacts, upholds the rights of



public access to mauka lands, and lays the groundwork for reduced community conflict. DLNR will seek community input to ensure they are aware of all of the issues and address as many as they can in the scope of trail safety and environmental considerations.

We will keep you updated with the progress of this project and let you know about any public meetings.

ROAD CONSTRUCTION KALAHEO AVE & KAILUA RD

The City and County of Honolulu, Department of Transportation Services, has contracted with Paradigm Construction LLC to construct improvements previously studied and presented on at the intersection of South

Kalaheo Ave. and Kailua Rd. These improvements include the reconstruction and vehicle counter-clockwise travel that resembles a roundabout.

Construction is slated to start October 2nd, and may take anywhere from 3-6 months. During this time, the work may require temporary closure of Kailua Rd. and/or Kalaheo Ave. between the hours of 8:30 am and 3:30 pm, Monday thru Friday.



EQUIFAX DATA BREACH BE VIGILANT

Information compromised in the recent Equifax data breach includes Social Security numbers, driver's license numbers, names, dates of birth, credit card numbers and addresses—creating a perfect opportunity for impacted people to become victims of identity theft.

The State of Hawaii's Office of Consumer Protection (OCP) recommends that everyone register for free credit monitoring at: www.equifaxsecurity2017.com.

The OCP is urging consumers to consider placing a credit freeze on their credit reports.

Additionally, the OCP recommends:

- ◇ Regularly request free credit reports, and promptly dispute any unauthorized accounts;
- ◇ Inspect all financial statements and promptly dispute any unauthorized charges;
- ◇ Place alerts on financial accounts to be alerted when money above a pre-designated amount is withdrawn;
- ◇ Don't open any emails or attachments from unknown senders; and
- ◇ Be on the lookout for spoofed email addresses, those that make minor changes, such as changing the letter O to the number zero,

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