

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Senator Laura Thielen

DISTRICT 25: KAILUA - WAIMANALO - HAWAI'I KAI

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*Aloha
Kailua!*

The 2018 Legislative Session is in full swing. As we debate issues here at the Capitol, I encourage you to keep current on measures being heard at the Legislature, and submit testimony on bills that are important to you. I've listed a few of my bills in this newsletter.

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

Mahalo,

Laura

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SENATOR THIELEN'S BILLS: 2018 SESSION

| Bill | Title | Description |
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| SB2330 | RELATING TO HOMELESS WITH MENTAL ILLNESS. | Requires the state to establish a pilot project to operate a shelter providing mental health treatment for homeless who are court-ordered to a psychiatric facility. |
| SB2331 | RELATING TO TRAILS. | Requires funds to improve Na Ala Hele, the Hawaii statewide trail maintenance and access program. |
| SB2333 | RELATING TO RETIREMENT. | Establishes a Hawaii Retirement Savings Plan for employees of small businesses who don't have access to a 401K retirement plan. |
| SB2334 | RELATING TO PLANNING. | Requires the State and counties to take into account sea level rise and other climate change hazards for infrastructure planning. |
| SB2335 | RELATING TO CESSPOOLS. | Extends the duration of an existing temporary tax credit for cesspool replacement from 2020 to 2025. |
| SB2336 | RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY OF HAWAII'S WATER. | Requires DOH to protect waters if the federal Clean Water Act is amended; identify waters that are at risk of pollution; and recommend how the State can address water pollution risks. |
| SB2337 | RELATING TO WASTE MANAGEMENT. | Requires that all state and county contractors to provide a receipt that construction demolition waste was disposed of at a licensed facility before receiving payment. |
| SB3048 | RELATING TO ENFORCEMENT TRAINING. | Appropriates moneys to the Department of Land and Natural Resources for the establishment of a training academy for conservation and resources enforcement officers. |
| SB3049 | RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES. | Implements \$10 fee for each motor vehicle that is imported into the State, paid to the county that is the final destination of the vehicle. Monies to be used to clean up abandoned cars. |
| SB3050 | RELATING TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING. | Exempts certain affordable housing projects from environmental impact statements. Exempts rental income from certain affordable housing projects from GET. Requires HHFDC to annually re-certify the GET exemption for rental income. |
| SB3051 | RELATING TO GET EXEMPTIONS. | Exempts certain groceries and prescription drugs from the general excise tax. |



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WOMEN'S LEGISLATIVE CAUCUS: 2018 BILL PACKAGE

| Bill | Title | Description |
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| HEALTH | | |
| SB2339 HB2125 | RELATING TO PRESCRIPTION DRUGS. | Requires every pharmacy to accept for disposal the return of any unused prescription drug that the pharmacy previously dispensed. |
| SB2340 HB2126 | RELATING TO HEALTH INSURANCE. | Ensures certain ACA benefits under Hawaii law: coverage for children to age 26; prohibiting preexisting condition exclusion; prohibiting using gender to determine premiums or contributions. |
| SB2341 HB2127 | RELATING TO HEALTH CARE. | Requires health insurers to provide comprehensive coverage for reproductive health. Requires reimbursements for women who are eligible for medical assistance but for their citizenship status. |
| SB2342 HB2128 | RELATING TO SEXUAL VIOLENCE. | Requires health insurance to cover clinical services for victims of sexual abuse who suffer from mental disorders. |
| REDUCING VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN | | |
| SB2343 HB2129 | RELATING TO VIOLENCE. | Amends various sections of the HRS in order to more effectively address domestic violence cases. |
| SB2344 HB2130 | RELATING TO RESTRAINING ORDERS. | Automatically imposes a restraining order upon filing for annulment, divorce, or separation to preserve the financial assets of the parties. |
| SB2345 HB2131 | RELATING TO SEXUAL ASSAULT. | Establishes a Team to address the manner in which sexual assault kits are processed and tracked, and to ensure that victims of sexual assault are informed of their rights under the law. |
| SB2346 HB2132 | RELATING TO ADDRESS CONFIDENTIALITY. | Establishes an address confidentiality program to help survivors of domestic abuse, sexual assault, and stalking to keep their addresses confidential. |
| SB2347 HB2133 | RELATING TO POLICE DEPARTMENTS. | Clarifies that complaints against a police officer alleging acts of domestic abuse shall not be required to be filed as a notarized or sworn written statement. |
| SB2348 HB2134 | RELATING TO VIOLATION OF PRIVACY. | Establishes the act of threatening to disclose a pornographic image(s) as a misdemeanor offense. Expands the offense of "violation of privacy" to include revenge pornography. Makes "violation of privacy" of a minor, a separate class B felony, instead of a class C offense. |
| SB2349 HB2135 | RELATING TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE. | Requires law enforcement and emergency medical services to have training addressing lethality assessments and safety planning for victims of domestic violence in order to receive certain funds. |
| WOMEN & ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES | | |
| SB2350 HB2136 | RELATING TO FAMILY LEAVE. | Requires employees and employers to contribute to an insurance fund to be used to provide family leave benefits in order to care for a family member. |
| SB2351 HB2137 | RELATING TO EQUAL PAY. | Prohibits employers from requesting or considering an applicant's salary history as part of the application process or compensation offer. Prohibits enforced wage secrecy and retaliation. |
| CHILD HEALTH AND SAFETY | | |
| SB2352 HB2138 | RELATING TO CHILDREN. | Amends the HRS to increase protections for child victims of sex trafficking, prostitution, and commercial exploitation by increasing penalties. |
| EDUCATION | | |
| SB2353 HB2139 | RELATING TO DISCRIMINATION IN EDUCATION. | Adds a section to the HRS that provides a State corollary to the federal Title IX protections in any educational program that receives state funds. And expands the definition of sex to include gender identity or expression, or sexual orientation. |

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