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Please Join Us for Lunch

Last Monday in January ~ 11:30 A.M. To 1:00 P.M.

Miyama Main Hall, Harris United Methodist Church, Nuuanu Ave. and South Vineyard Blvd.
Ample parking—driveway off Nuuanu Ave.

Monday, January 29, 2018

Legislative Review

The Key Bills and Issues in the 2018 Session

Kokua Council Windward

& Pohai Nani Green Team

Thursday, January 11th, 2018 12:30-1:30 pm

Pohai Nani 2nd Floor Club Rm.

Honolulu Opala Program Recycling Specialist **Evan K. Bisho** will give a presentation on what and how residents in the community and at Pohai Nani should sort their recyclables and other wastes that go to the city transfer stations and H-Power under the present Department of Environmental Services Refuse Division.

There are current community concerns that the policies of the city's garbage disposal and recycling program will be changed in a few years.

Jerry Aglipay, Pohai Nani maintenance supervisor will explain the disposal of waste and recycling operations at Pohai Nani.

Key Legislative Dates

Wednesday, January 17, 2018: Opening Day

Friday, January 19: Grant in Aid Applications Due

Monday, January 22: State of the State Governor's Address

Wednesday, January 24: Last Day to Introduce Bills

Friday, February 16: All bills must move to LAST Committee
Friday, March 2: All non \$ bills must be decked with clerk
Friday, March 9: Last Day to introduce substantive resolutions
Monday, March 12: Budget must be decked with clerk.

What does all this mean?

The Legislative session spans 60 official working days, meaning the House and Senate actually meet in Session. Sprinkled in between are occasional “recess” days when committees meet but House and Senate do not meet to act on bills. Here is the link to the detailed calendar for 2018: <https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/docs/SessionCalendar.pdf>

Kokua Council will be strongly supporting these top five priorities, and many more issues:

	Bill Idea
1.	Revise HB833 from 2017: requiring licensing of so called Aging in Place family boarding and private homes by DOH
2.	Funding for HB607 (Kupuna Caregivers additional \$6mil) Gov’s Budge is just for \$600K.
3.	Funding for HB608 (Kupuna Care additional \$4,145,695)
4.	Funding for county ADRCs - \$1,700,000
5.	Improve vendor time lag on payments for services rendered; more info posted on web.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Many nonprofits that are contracted to provide services must wait as long as a year to be paid – some regularly must borrow up to \$700K (plus interest) to tide them over. All payments are made by snail mail.
- Current funding for the Caregivers program (up to \$70 a day for services) will only be able to serve about 135 families. Executive budget does not propose an increase.
- In Hawaii, 35% of those aged 60 or older live alone.
- By 2020, 40% of Hawaii’s workforce will be providing care for older parents.
- Family caregivers provide 70% of all care for frail elderly persons.

- Forty percent of Hawaii workers do not have access to a single day of leave from work for family caregiving.
- There are approximately 12,000 residents in nursing and other residential care facilities. Some 200 so-called Aging in Place facilities are operating outside of any state quality control or oversight.
- The Long-Term Care Ombudsman, with a staff of two, serves all 12,000, or a staff to resident ratio that is six times the recommended ration of one for every 2,000.
- In Hawaii, 46% of the long-term care beds are in small community residential care homes (1,630) and 54% in larger nursing and assisted living facilities.
- The state faces a shortage of eldercare workers and currently many people entering these jobs have no formal training in Gerontology.
- In 2016, the cost of home health care in Hawaii was almost \$10,000 higher than the national average.
- The Alzheimer's Association projects that in 2025 ten percent of all Hawaii residents age 65 and over will have been diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease.
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New House Health and Human Services Committee:

<p>Chair Rep. John Mizuno</p>  <p>Room 439 phone: 586-6050 fax: 808-586-6051 repmizuno@Capitol.hawaii.gov</p>	<p>Members:</p> <p>Vice Chair Rep. Bert Kobayashi Room 403 phone: 586-6310 fax: 586-6311 repkobayashi@Capitol.hawaii.gov</p> <p>Rep. Della Au Belatti Room 402 phone: 586-9425 fax: 586-9431 repbelatti@Capitol.hawaii.gov</p> <p>Rep. Chris Todd Room 305 phone: 586-8480 fax 586-8484 reptodd@Capitol.hawaii.gov</p> <p>Rep. Andria Tupola Room 317 phone: 586-8465 fax: 586-8469 reptupola@Capitol.hawaii.gov</p>
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Who Are We?

The **Kokua Council** is one of Hawaii's oldest advocacy groups. There is a \$10.00 annual membership to defray printing and postage costs. At each meeting, topical issues are presented for discussion and possible action. We embrace diversity and extend a special invitation to any senior or intergenerational minded individual interested in advocating for these important issues in Hawaii." All are welcome. **WHEN:** 4th Monday of every month, 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. **WHERE:** Harris United Methodist Church @ Nuuanu & South Vineyard Blvd., Ample parking and a light lunch are provided for \$5.00 Donation. **REACH US:** c/o Harris United Methodist Church, 20 South Vineyard Blvd, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Mission: "Kokua Council seeks to inform and advocate through policy change to provide support and advocacy for seniors and other concerned citizens and serves as a conduit to provide information on current issues of interest."

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