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Legislature Reaches First Decking Deadline

The Legislature has reached the First Decking deadline which means that bills will be heard by their final committees. Legislation that has been passed by their final committees and passed by the Senate on Third Reading will Crossover to the House of Representative for further discussion and consideration.

As the Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means, my committee has been reviewing any legislation that relates to overall state financing policies. Ways and Means has received over 1,800 measures which also includes gubernatorial nominees.

In addition to hearing bills that were introduced by my colleagues, I have introduced and supported other measures for further consideration. Please see below for a list of bills which I have either introduced or supported within my committee:

- **SB2520** which appropriates funds to the Department of Education for behavior analysis services performed by a licensed behavior analysis for public school students.
- **SB2521** which appropriates funds to the department of education to provide up to \$1,690 to each special education classroom teacher for instructional materials and equipment.
- **SB2524** which requires condominium property regimes to comply with county subdivision requirements. Allows the real estate commission to adopt rules that require a developer to seek county council approval for significant projects. Requires agricultural lands that are subdivided and leased for agricultural uses or activities to comply with county subdivision standards.
- **SB2699** which imposes the transient accommodations tax on additional hotel resort fees that are calculated separately from the advertised transient accommodation's rate.
- **SB2963** which allows transient accommodations brokers to register as a tax collection agent for its operators and plan managers. The bill includes language which makes it unlawful for brokers to do business with any operator or plan manager that is not in compliance with state laws and county ordinances.

The Committee on Ways and Means also recently voted to approve Ms. Linda Chu Takayama as the Director of the Department of Taxation and Ms. Laurel Johnston as the Director of the Department of Budget & Finance. Both Director Chu Takayama and Director Johnson have been working with my committee to develop the state budget.

For a full list of bills that I have introduced or co-signed, please go to capitol.hawaii.gov.

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(Left) The American Association of Retired Persons held their annual Advocacy Day at the State Capitol. Here I am seated with AARP Executive Director Barbara Kim Stanton and active members of the AARP.

(Below Left) I joined my colleagues to congratulate Ms. Linda Chu Takayama as the new Director of Dept. of Taxation and Ms. Laurel Johnston as the new Director of the Dept. of Budget & Finance.



(Above Right) The Emergency Preparedness Town Hall was a great opportunity for Central Oahu residents to learn about how they can be ready for all disasters, including ballistic missiles. We hope that many walked away with a better understanding of what to do during a disaster.

SCR86: Requesting the Board of Education to Redistrict Students from Koa Ridge to the Pearl City-Waipahu Complex Area

Senator Michelle Kidani and I introduced SCR86 and SR54 which requests the Board of Education to redistrict students who will be living in the Koa Ridge Development to the Pearl City-Waipahu Complex Area.

The Koa Ridge development is expected to create 500 new housing units in Central Oahu, and the current master plan only includes plans for a new elementary school. Should students from Koa Ridge be districted to the Mililani Complex, this could jeopardize Mililani Middle School's transition from a multi-track calendar to a single track calendar.

The measures were referred to the Committees on Education and Ways and Means. The Committee on Education recommended that SCR86 and SCR54 be passed unamended, and sent to the Committee on Ways and Means for further discussion and deliberation.