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LEGISLATIVE WRAP-UP FOR 2004

This was an extremely busy and successful legislative session. Listed on this page are all the bills, Senate concurrent resolutions, and Senate resolutions introduced this session by Senator English that passed out of the Legislature. The following are brief descriptions of some of the major bills that have not been highlighted in previous newsletters.

SB 3237 HD1 is a state prescription drug program that provides discounts on prescription drugs for lower to middle income individuals and families without drug coverage or with poor coverage. The program will be implemented in two phases and also includes seniors on fixed incomes and people who are spending a significant portion of their income on medication. (Act 47)

SB 2690 CD1 creates a special fund to support additional emergency medical services for the Leeward Coast, urban Honolulu, and Kaha-luu-Kaaawa. The fund will also provide for professional development and training for paramedics

statewide. The bill addresses the need for additional emergency medical care and for the recruitment and retention of paramedics.

SB 3044 HD1 makes obstructing a public right of way to the sea, shoreline, or public recreation area a misdemeanor offense.

SB 3238 CD1 is the Legislature's education reform bill. Some amendments to this measure are still possible, however this is a brief summary of the bill as it passed out of the Legislature. The bill changes the way schools receive funding so that it is based on the needs of each student enrolled. It gives principals additional training, support, and responsibility. The bill facilitates increased involvement by principals, teachers, staff, parents, and students in decision-making processes, lowers class size in grades K through 2, provides funding for mathematics textbooks and supplies, encourages and funds teacher education and National Certification for teachers. It also reduces bureaucracy by

transferring certain functions to the Department of Education over a two-year period. And, it includes an accountability system which addresses academic achievement, safety and well being, civic responsibility, and fiscal accountability. (Act 51)

SB 1611 CD1 fixes the Bottle-Bill Law passed two years ago to make it more flexible for retailers by extending their deadline to act as redemption centers. It clarifies reporting requirements for payments of redemption centers and puts clear rules into statute, decreasing confusion for consumers, retailers, and distributors.

SB 2474 HD2 establishes renewable portfolio standards in Hawai'i of 20% by the year 2020. While it encourages many good steps towards energy independence, there are problematic components to the bill that will need to be worked out in the coming session. The final floor vote in the Senate to approve was 23 in favor and 2 opposing.

Energy and Environment

- SB 1239 CD1 (Tax reduction for Alternative Fuels)
- SB 1611 CD1 (Bottle Bill)
- SB 2134 CD1 (Emerg. Environ. Wk. Force)
- SB 2474 HD2 (Renewable Portfolio Standards)
- SB 3153 CD1 (\$ for soil renutritication on Maui)
- SB 3162 CD1 (Renewable energy tech. Income tax credit)
- SB 3193 CD1 (Gas Cap)
- SB 3207 CD1 (Ethanol Facility Tax Credit)
- SCR 169/SR 89 (Seawater A/C)
- SCR 175 SD1/SR 94 (International Partnership for a Hydrogen Economy)
- SCR 180 SD1 HD1 (Electricity Transmission-"Wheeling")
- SR 86 (Precautionary principle)
- SR 91 (Promoting the use of compost)
- SR 93 SD1 (Light pollution)
- SR 97 SD1 (Backhauling shipping materials)

Health & Human Services

- SB 2586 CD1 (Professional licenses)
- SB 2690 CD1 (\$ for Emergency Medical Services)
- SB 3156 CD1 (Air ambulance)
- SB 3237 HD1 (RX Plus)
- SCR 27 (Prescription Drug Imports)
- SCR 185 SD1/SR 102 (Upcountry Maui Lead levels)
- SR63 (Prescription Drugs from Canada)
- SR 100 SD1 (Mold Working Group)
- SR 111 (Alternative schools for adolescents)

Education

- SB 2790 CD1 (Bonds for Haleakala Waldorf)
- SB 2791 CD1 (Bonds for Montessori of Maui)
- SB 3238 CD1 (Education Omnibus Bill)

Miscellaneous

- SB1491 CD1 (Fiscal Bill)
- SB 2606 CD1 (Brewpub licenses)
- SB 3025 CD1 (Office of Planning)
- SB 3044 HD1 (Public access)
- SB 3113 CD1 (Kalaupapa-voting)
- SCR 167/SR 87 (Native Hawaiian rights)
- SCR 168 SD1/SR 88 (Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation)
- SCR 203 (Filipino Veterans of WWII)
- SR 67 SD1 (China visas/human rights/illegal drugs)

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Vital Funding for Maui County Secured Under Law

Now that the State budget bill is law, the final funding amounts for Maui County are secured. The final say to release the funding still remains with the Governor, and it is up to everyone in the Maui County community to make sure that the Governor, and her advisory committees on each island, are thoroughly informed of the importance of releasing these funds. The 2004 Legislative Session was extremely successful in many respects, and as we look towards the future, there are many great expectations now before us because of the work done this year. I want to thank the members of the Maui Delegation, Senator Roz Baker and Senator Shan Tsutsui, and the members of our team in the House for making all of this possible.

Education:

\$2 million for a six classroom building at Hana High and Elementary School.

\$491,000 for an 8 classroom building at Baldwin High School.

\$2 million for a girl's athletic locker room at Baldwin High School.

\$5.5 million for the construction of a new school in Kihei.

\$3.5 million for the renovation of the Student Services Building at Maui Community College.

\$300,000 for the Science Building at Maui Community College.

\$30,000 for the Hui Malama Learning Center to provide alternative education services for Maui's at-risk youth.

\$75,000 for the Hawai'i Nature Center to provide children's environmental education programs on Oahu and Maui.

Health Services and Medical Infrastructure Improvements:

\$16.25 million for the construction and operation of the Kulamalu long-term care facility on Maui.

\$4.154 million for an emergency room expansion at Maui Memorial Hospital.

\$433,000 for a fire sprinkler system at Kula Hospital.

\$250,000 for the construction of a nutrition training center at the Hana Community Health Center.

\$750,000 for the Hana Community Health Center for operational expenses.

\$500,000 for behavioral health services at Hana High and Elementary School.

\$90,000 for Hale Mahaolu's personal care program for disabled or chronically ill frail adults and elders residing in Maui County.

\$150,000 for the Domestic Violence Clearinghouse and Legal Hotline for Maui program services.

\$750,000 in operating funds for the Moloka'i General Hospital.

\$320,000 for redevelopment and renovations at the Moloka'i General Hospital.

\$100,000 for the Roman Catholic Church's Mobile Care Health Project to provide primary dental care services for the uninsured and underinsured on the islands of Hawai'i and Maui.

Social Services:

\$100,000 to the Self-Help Housing Corporation of Hawai'i

to provide self-help housing technical services to assist low and very low income families in rural areas to build and own their own homes.

\$1 million to Maui Economic Opportunity to provide a critically needed transitional housing facility for persons leaving Maui Community Correctional Center.

\$18.735 million for a new bed expansion and renovations at Maui Correctional Center.

\$150,000 to the Domestic Violence Clearinghouse and Legal Hotline for domestic violence victim services.

\$50,000 for Maui Economic Opportunity, Inc. to provide critically needed night transportation for dialysis treatment programs in Maui County.

Community and Cultural Centers:

\$350,000 for Binhi At-Ani Community Center.

\$650,000 for the Maui Arts and Cultural Center

Transportation Services and Infrastructure Improvements:

\$37.5 million for the Pa'ia Bypass Highway.

\$905,000 for widening of the Haleakala Highway.

\$300,000 for improvements to the Moloka'i Airport.

\$150,000 for improvements to the Lana'i Airport.

\$12.47 million for terminal developments at the Kahului airport.

\$1 million for runway area safety improvements at the Kahului airport.

\$20.425 for inline baggage system improvements at the Kahului airport.

\$19 million for a Kahului Airport Access Road.

\$905,000 for widening at milepost .08 of the Haleakala Highway.

\$30 million for Honoapi'ilani Highway Widening and/or realignment from Honokowai to Launiupoko.

\$100,000 for highway widening from Lahainaluna Road to South of Front Street.

Small Boat Harbors:

\$1.35 million for improvements to the Hana Wharf and Small Boat Harbor.

\$770,000 for piers and a pump-out facility at Ma'alaea Small Boat Harbor.

Land Conservation and Irrigation Systems:

\$300,000 for the Trust for Public Land to acquire 70 acres of land at Mu'ole'a Point in Hana, Maui.

\$250,000 for improvements to the Moloka'i Irrigation System.

\$3 million in state funds and \$3.25 million in matching federal funds for the upcountry dual agriculture water line.

\$431,000 for a deep monitor well for Waihe'e aquifer.

I am humbled by the privilege to represent you in the Senate. Your dedication to the important issues in Hawai'i strengthens our community in Maui County, and ultimately makes Hawai'i a better place.

Thank you—A hui hou! Kalani