

2nd Quarter 2015

KAPA FM

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KBIG FM

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- April 24 – Broadcast High School baseball game between Hilo and Kea`au

\$45.2M CIP FUNDS APPROPRIATED FOR HILO
High schools, airport, harbors among funded projects

HONOLULU, HI – Hilo residents will see improvements at the airport, the harbor and at the high schools after a panel of state lawmakers reached an agreement Tuesday on the overall state budget for the current biennium, fiscal years FY2015-2016 and FY2016-2017. The current draft of the state budget bill includes \$45.2M in funding for several key Capital Improvement Projects (CIP). “Even though we are looking at a lean budget for the next biennium, the CIP funding provided addresses a wide range of much needed improvements for the Hilo community,” said Sen. Gilbert Kahele (Dist.1 – Hilo).

The Hawai‘i Army National Guard is receiving a substantial amount of CIP funding. \$30.212M is being appropriated for the construction of a new support maintenance shop complex that includes office, personnel and work area space and maintenance shop work bays.

Other CIP projects for Hilo include:

- \$1.675M for the design and construction for renovation to the existing armory at Keaukaha Military Reservation for administration, classrooms, restrooms, storage, multi-purpose/dining area and other facility and infrastructure improvements
- \$2M for the plans and design for renovations to Building A at Hilo Intermediate School
- \$450K for the plans, design and construction for a new baseball batting cage at Waiakea High School
- \$550K for the design and construction for replacing galvanized water lines and service laterals along Nohea Street and Santos Lane
- \$7.390M for improvements to the airfield at Hilo International Airport
- \$1.425M for plans to modify the turning basin, entrance channel and other physical features to improve navigational safety and operational efficiencies at Hilo Harbor
- \$1.5M for the construction of portable trailers at Hawai‘i Community College

GOVERNOR IGE SIGNS CLEAN AIR BILL, BANNING USE OF E-CIGARETTES WHERE SMOKING IS PROHIBITED

HONOLULU – The Department of Health applauds Governor Ige, members of the legislature, and partners statewide for passing and signing Act 19 (HB 940), which restricts the use of electronic smoking devices, or e-cigarettes, in all locations where smoking is illegal. Act 19 upholds the protections created by Hawaii’s very successful Smoke-Free Workplace and Public Places Law, enacted in 2006. The signing of this historic legislation makes Hawaii the fourth U.S. state to have passed such a bill, after North Dakota, New Jersey, and Utah.

The use of e-cigarettes in existing smoke-free locations has had the potential to expose non-smokers and vulnerable populations, such as children and pregnant women, to aerosolized nicotine and other toxic substances, which could be dangerous to one’s health. Studies have found that there is enormous variability among e-cigarette devices in terms of their design, operation, contents, and emissions of carcinogens, other toxicants, and nicotine.

“These products currently are not regulated and many of the hazardous components in cigarettes are also found in e-cigarette emissions,” said Director of Health Dr. Virginia Pressler. “Just as we found that smoking was dangerous after many years of unrestricted use, we could be unintentionally harming people as a result of not including e-cigarettes as part of our smoke-free laws.”

In a report issued this month on workplace tobacco policies, the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health warns about the secondhand exposure to nicotine from e-cigarettes. Nicotine is addictive and toxic, and harmful even at low doses. It is an acute irritant, and capable of causing headache and nausea. For pregnant women, nicotine can transfer to and harm the developing fetus.

Smoke-free air laws were designed to protect the public from the dangers of nicotine and other harmful chemicals found in cigarettes. In addition to potential health consequences, e-cigarette use undermines compliance with these same smoke-free laws by reversing the progress made in establishing a social norm that smoking is not permitted in public spaces.

“The erosion of Hawaii’s smoke-free legislation is evident when looking at e-cigarette use among our youth,” said Lola Irvin, Manager of the Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion Division. While tobacco use among Hawaii’s public middle and high school students has declined over the past decade, e-cigarette use has been increasing rapidly. In particular, lifetime e-cigarette use among high school students tripled from 5.1 percent in 2011 to 17.6 percent in 2013, and quadrupled among middle school students, from 1.8 percent to 7.9 percent, during the same time period.

Despite the fact that many e-cigarettes are marketed as smoking cessation devices, data has shown that e-cigarette users often do not quit smoking traditional cigarettes but instead become dual users. E-cigarettes are not approved smoking cessation devices. The Department of Health’s Hawaii Tobacco Quitline can provide approved cessation devices to Hawaii residents who are trying to quit smoking traditional or e-cigarettes.

Residents can speak or chat with a quit coach free of charge by calling 1-800-QUIT NOW or by visiting www.hawaiiquitline.org.

**Statement by Governor David Ige regarding Thirty Meter Telescope Construction
April 17, 2015**

Today, the Thirty Meter Telescope (TMT) leadership informed me that construction will continue to be postponed. Any further announcements about the construction schedule will come from TMT.

My understanding is that TMT followed an almost 7 year planning and permitting process, which included public hearings and community input. Following this process, project permits were issued. The TMT team is legally entitled to use its discretion to proceed with construction.

I understand that not everyone will agree with this and recognize and respect their right to appeal through the court system.

We have used this time to listen and learn about Maunakea from various stakeholders. I learned about other issues that need our attention to create and implement a better plan for the stewardship of Maunakea. This may include:

- Decommissioning and removing older telescopes and facilities to restore the summit
- Reducing the level of activity on the summit
- Integrating culture and science

My administration will be working with the University of Hawai'i, the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, and the community to actively pursue these outcomes.

**PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULED ON PROPOSED KAHALUU BAY RULES AMENDMENTS
*Designated swim and surf zones proposed***

Kailua-Kona – Heavy usage of Hawaii Island's Kahaluu Bay is prompting the DLNR Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation (DOBOR) to propose rule changes for specific ocean recreation activities in the bay.

Proposed amendments to HAR § 13-256-152 include regulation of certification requirements for commercial surf instructors and to limit commercial surf instruction to four (4) permittees with a maximum of eight (8) students in the water at any one time per permittee.

Daniel Mersburgh, DOBOR Hawaii District Manager said, "These amendments are a result of concerns about overcrowding in Kahaluu Bay and we've worked with the ocean users there and the Hawaii County parks division to propose clearly designated swim and surf zones, in addition to the commercial surf instruction rules."

People have a chance to provide feedback and comment on the proposed amendments at a public hearing scheduled for April 29, 2015 from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at the Kealakehe High School Cafeteria at 74-5000 Puohuluhuli Street, in Kailua-Kona. For a copy of the proposed amendment and more

information about providing testimony regarding the proposed amendment please visit: <http://dlnr.hawaii.gov/dobor/draft-rules/>.

ATTORNEY GENERAL TO INVESTIGATE HAWAI‘I COUNTY MAYOR’S USE OF GOVERNMENT PURCHASING CARD

HONOLULU – Attorney General Doug Chin announced today that, at the request of Hawai‘i County Prosecuting Attorney Mitch Roth, the attorney general’s office will investigate facts related to Hawai‘i County Mayor Billy Kenoi’s use of his county-issued purchasing card, or PCard.

“In discussions with the county prosecutor and Hawai‘i County Police Chief Kubojiri, we have concluded an independent investigation may guard against an appearance of conflict under these circumstances,” said Chin. “I appreciate Prosecutor Roth and Chief Kubojiri for their cooperation and support of the law enforcement community.”

Facts learned during the course of the investigation will determine whether the attorney general’s office pursues or recommends criminal charges, administrative discipline or no further action. Mayor Kenoi has not been charged with a crime. A criminal conviction requires proof beyond a reasonable doubt of a violation of law.

Hawai‘i Moon RIDERS Project *Next Maunakea Skies at ‘Imiloa*

Hilo, Hawai‘i – Join Rob Kelso, Executive Director at the Pacific International Space Center for Exploration Systems (PISCES) as he introduces the Moon RIDERS Hawai‘i robotics teams’ work on the electrodynamic dust shield (EDS) lunar project and the partnership with PISCES, NASA, and Google Lunar Xprize. ‘Imiloa Astronomy Center’s next *Maunakea Skies* program entitled “Moon RIDERS: 2016 Hawai‘i High Schools’ Experiment on the Surface of the Moon,” is Friday, April 17, 2015 at 7 p.m.

Over the past 2-years PISCES and the NASA-Kennedy Space Center (KSC) have been working together in partnership for a lunar surface flight experiment leveraging transportation through the Google Lunar X-Prize (GLXP). This joint flight test project for a lunar surface flight experiment is called: Moon RIDERS (Research Investigating Dust Expulsion Removal Systems.)

Recently, the two Hawai‘i high schools selected for participation in this joint project were publically announced as Kealakehe High School in Kona and ‘Iolani School from Honolulu.

“The Google Lunar X-PRIZE is designed to inspire pioneers to do robotic space transport on a budget, in turn the Moon RIDERS project seeks to inspire this generation of Hawai‘i high school students in a first-ever student–participation involving a lunar surface experiment project with emphasis on STEM.” Notes Kelso.

In a similar fashion, this project allows for critical flight testing and validation of spacecraft systems technology on the surface of the moon, something NASA is unable to do on its own, up to this point.

NASA-KSC has been actively working to advance dust-removal technologies which could be critical in future spacecraft systems operating on planetary surfaces, referred to as the Electrodynamic Dust Shield. PISCES, given its legislative direction in advancing planetary surface systems, saw this collaboration as an opportunity to uniquely involve Hawai‘i high school students in a joint engineering project with NASA-KSC, flying as a hosted-payload on an upcoming GLXP mission to the Moon’s surface in late 2016.

Rob Kelso has served as the Executive Director at PISCES since November of 2012. Kelso is a career civil servant, serving 37 years at NASA’s Johnson Space Center, formerly holding a position as the NASA Shuttle Flight Director at NASA’s famed Mission Control Center. He also served as NASA’s Mission Director, responsible for the launch and delivery of the Chandra X-Ray telescope, the last of the great NASA observatories sent into space by NASA.

Kelso has been the recipient of the NASA Outstanding Leadership Medal, and NASA Exceptional Service Medal. He holds a Bachelors Degree in physics and a Masters in Business Administration.

Maunakea Skies program will be hosted by Cam Wipper, ‘Imiloa planetarium staff. He will provide observational highlights of the current night sky over Hawai‘i, pointing out prominent constellations and stars one can see during this time of year.

The monthly Maunakea Skies planetarium presentations are held on the third Friday of each month. Cost is \$8 for Individual, Dual, Kupuna and Family Members; \$6 for Patron Members; Free for Silver, Gold, and Corporate Members. Non-member rate is \$10. Pre-purchase tickets at the ‘Imiloa front desk or by phone at 969-9703.

‘Imiloa Astronomy Center of Hawai‘i is located at 600 ‘Imiloa Place in Hilo, off Komohana and Nowelo Streets at the UH Hilo Science and Technology Park. For more information, go to www.imiloahawaii.org, or call (808) 969-9703.

The Pacific International Space Center for Exploration Systems is a Hawai‘i State Government Aerospace Agency located in Hilo. The Center is part of the State Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT) and conducts environmentally safe field demonstrations on Hawai‘i’s volcanic terrain to test and validate advanced space technologies under the jurisdiction of the State Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR).

PISCES’ projects also include robotics, advanced manufacturing, and advanced communications, all of which involve dual-use technologies: they have applications both in space and here at home. They can potentially advance planetary surface systems technology, as well as stimulate the growth of Hawai‘i’s economy, create jobs locally, educate keiki astronauts-to-be, and improve our State’s sustainability.

April 7 Response to Governor Ige’s announcement of a construction stand down

Mauna Kea Protectors (3:30 p.m.)

6. Require training in the cultural aspects of the mountain and how to be respectful to the cultural areas for anyone going on the mountain.
7. Substantially reduce the length of its request for a lease extension from the Board of Land and Natural Resources.
8. Voluntarily return to full DLNR jurisdiction all lands (over 10,000 acres) not specifically needed for astronomy.
9. Ensure full use of its scheduled telescope time.
10. Make a good faith effort to revisit the issue of payments by the existing telescope now as well as requiring it in the new lease.

Governor Ige asked the TMT team to increase its support for Native Hawaiian students interested in science and technology through admission to and scholarships at its own or partner institutions with first priority given to students on Hawai'i Island and then to students statewide.

The governor concluded by committing to take a much longer view of our cultural and natural resources and to plan for them in 10 years, 40 years or even 100 years.

Child Passenger Safety Project

Public Service Announcement

Nearly 98% of car seats installed on Hawaii Island are installed WRONG! Improperly installed car seats can cause severe injury and even death. Public Health Nursing on Hawaii Island now provides FREE car seat inspections: please call for an appointment.

- Kona office: 2nd Friday of each month - call 322-1500
- Waimea office: 4th Friday of each month, beginning in July - call 887-8116

Working together let's all decrease the number of injuries and fatalities resulting from seat belt non-use or incorrect car seats installation in the future.

Re: FREE FAMILY READ ALOUD PROGRAM
Books Are Building Blocks
Kailua Kona Library
May 26, 2015 from 5:00PM - 6:30PM

The Friends of the Libraries, Kona is hosting their free family Read Aloud Program, "Books are Building Blocks," from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 26th at the Kailua Kona Public Library. Registration will take place from 4:30 to 5:00 p.m. in front of the library. During this school year, our theme has been "Fizz Boom Read" focusing on science as we explored the world through reading. Join us for this final entertaining and informative program to encourage family literacy.

May's guest speaker is fitness instructor, Susie Villasenor who will be coming as Mrs. Captain America. She is excited to share her story about finding health and fitness with our young readers.

We are proud to partner with Costco, Target, and Keiki O Ka' Aina. Their sponsorship helps our organization meet the needs of our community, whether it's inspiring young minds or offering unique cultural experiences at the library. If you would like to get more information, email FOLK@folkhawaii.com. You can also visit our website at www.folkhawaii.com.

Legislative Talk Story, May 19th, 2015, 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM, King Kamehameha Kona Beach Hotel Ballroom

Join Representative Nicole Lowen and Senator Josh Green for a talk story on this past legislative session. Listen as they share some of stories and their viewpoints on the bills that that were signed into law and those that did not pass. This is an opportunity to ask your legislators questions about issues you may have from our community or what you would like to see done at the state level.

Aloha Friends,

Randy Llanes has been a regular bowler at KBXtreme for over 25 years. He was an amazing fisherman and touched the lives of countless people with his stories, friendly personality, and genuine Aloha spirit. He ended his journey doing what he loved, and we know his spirit will live on in all the many lives he touched.

KBXtreme is hosting a fundraising bowling tournament on Sunday, June 28th for a 5-man team fundraising bowling tournament for the Llanes Ohana. Check in is 8:30am. Randy was the true definition of Aloha, and we want to do this the Llanes way. Entry fee will be \$39/person (\$195/team) and will include prizes and a round of Coronas for each team (applicable to those 21+, soda for under age). All proceeds from the tournament will be donated to the "Llanes That's Why!" memorial fund through www.gofundme.com. Entry forms are enclosed.

We will also host a silent auction displaying items and prizes to raise money for his family. We ask that you please join us in our fundraising efforts by donating items, gift certificates, or monetary amounts that can be used as prizes for tournament participants or by sponsoring a bowling team for your business. Any donation, big or small, is greatly appreciated. Your support is an essential component to the success of this event.

If you are willing to support this fundraiser, we will pick up donations before June 27 th during business hours. You may also mail donations to the address above. We will be sure to promote your business by advertising your involvement on flyers, event posters, and online advertising before and at the tournament. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 808-747- 8873.

Statewide homeless 'Point in Time' count released

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

June 18, 2015

Honolulu – The Department of Human Services (DHS) Homeless Programs Office (HPO) has released the 2015 Statewide Point in Time (PIT) count, which represents a cross section of homelessness across O‘ahu and the neighbor islands. O‘ahu-only data were released in April 2015. This year’s statewide count of homeless individuals and families was conducted on Jan. 25, 2015.

The primary objective of the PIT count is to estimate the number of sheltered and unsheltered homeless individuals and families throughout Hawai‘i at a single point in time. The count allows service providers and the community to 1) accurately assess current levels of homelessness for various household types, 2) accurately estimate the number of chronically homeless individuals and families, and 3) evaluate the extent of homelessness among veterans and youth.

In 2015, Hawai‘i Island saw the total number of homeless individuals increase in both sheltered and unsheltered categories. The sheltered total increased 4 percent compared to 2014.

- In 2015, 62 percent of all homeless individuals on Hawai‘i Island were singles; 38 percent were in family units, up slightly since 2014.
- Eighteen percent of all homeless individuals and 30 percent of homeless families were sheltered.
- Forty-five percent of sheltered families resided in transitional housing facilities, while the remaining 55 percent resided in emergency shelters.
- Of all individuals who were part of a homeless family, 27 percent were sheltered in either emergency or transitional facilities.

Maui County showed an increase in both sheltered and unsheltered homelessness. The total of sheltered homeless individuals increased 12 percent compared to 2014.

- In 2015, 65 percent of all homeless individuals were singles; 35 percent were in a family unit.

- Forty-four percent of all homeless individuals and 78 percent of homeless families were sheltered.
- Eighty-six percent of sheltered families resided in transitional housing facilities, while the remaining 14 percent resided in emergency shelters.
- Seventy-four percent of all homeless family individuals were sheltered in either emergency or transitional facilities.

On Kauaʻi, there was a decline in the total number of homeless individuals.

- In 2015, 68 percent of all homeless were singles; 32 percent were in family units, a slight decline from 2014.
- Fifty-six percent of all homeless individuals and 59 percent of homeless families were sheltered.
- Of the sheltered families, 71 percent resided in transitional housing facilities, while the remaining 29 percent resided in emergency shelters.
- More than half (56 percent) of all homeless family individuals were sheltered in either emergency or transitional facilities.

“It is clear that we must collaborate with the counties to address the rising numbers of homeless individuals and families across the state. I fully support the Housing First Initiative and similar programs that provide transitional and permanent emergency housing, job training, referral services for mental illness and addiction and other social services,” said Gov. David Ige.

The Department of Human Services (DHS) Homeless Programs Office (HPO), City & County of Honolulu, Bridging the Gap (BTG), and Partners in Care (PIC) collaborated to refine the 2015 count methodology. The DHS is publishing the data on behalf of Bridging the Gap, the Continuum of Care for the neighbor islands.

“Providers and community volunteers worked hard to design and implement a better coordinated 2015 PIT survey system and the results prove that we’ve made systematic progress,” says Lori Tshako, Administrator of the DHS Homeless Programs Office. “While there is always room for improvement, operational counts are better and outreach workers are more effectively locating and assessing homeless individuals and families.”