**DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF HAWAII**

**HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS CAUCUS**

**LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES 2014**

**HAC In Support of Bills Listed**

**(Bills are available for review at** **http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov)**

**AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT (Juanita Brown Kawamoto)**

**HB733, RELATING TO LABELING OF GENETICALLY ENGINEERED WHOLE FOOD (HAC 2013 Legislative Priority)**

Requires labeling of certain genetically engineered food products.

**SB468, RELATING TO FOOD LABELING**

Establishes, beginning January 1, 2014, labeling requirements for any food or raw agricultural commodity sold in the State that contains a genetically engineered material, or was produced with a genetically engineered material; establishes exceptions; establishes violations; requires director of health to adopt rules.

**SB2241, RELATING TO THE PROTECTION OF TARO**

Includes taro lands and taro-growing structures as special agricultural lands to be protected from development.

**SB2242, RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL LANDS**

Amends public land classifications to add taro lands for wetland cultivation as a fourth class of intensive agricultural use lands. Defines taro lands. Requires retention of supporting structures associated with taro fields. Adds growth and perpetuation of traditional Hawaiian crops to agricultural state planning objectives.

**SB2737, RELATING TO GENETIC ENGINEERING**

Requires a biotech company that sells a genetically engineered organism to provide written disclosure of possible risks from the use of such an organism; written notice does not waive any liability a biotech company may have toward a purchaser.

**SB2738, RELATING TO GENETIC ENGINEERING**

Prohibits the planting of a genetically engineered seed or plant part in an open field; allows the chairperson of the board of agriculture to grant an exception where such planting is done in a controlled environment.

**SB2739, RELATING TO GENETIC ENGINEERING**

Mandates the department of agriculture to take precautionary measures to anticipate, prevent, or minimize the adverse effects of biotechnology and genetic engineering.

**MONITOR: Bills on invasive species and geothermal.**

**CULTURE (Raytan Vares)**

**SB2369, RELATING TO HISTORIC PRESERVATION**

Repeals the authorization of phased reviews of projects by the DLNR state historic preservation division under certain conditions.

**HB1618, RELATING TO THE COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES** (OHA Legislative Priority)

**HB1327, HD1, RELATING TO STATE AGENCIES**

Requires that at least one member of the Board of land and natural resources, other than the member appointed for having a background in conservation and natural resources, have demonstrated expertise in native Hawaiian traditional and customary practices.

**SB406, SD2, HD1, RELATING TO TRAINING (**(HAC 2013 Legis Priority; OHA 2014 Legis Priority**.)** Requires OHA to establish, design, and administer a training course in native Hawaiian and Hawaiian rights and requires specified members of boards, councils and commissions to take the course.)

**SB235, RELATING TO THE KING KAMEHAMEHA CELEBRATION COMMISSION (**HAC 2013 Legislative Priority)

Adds a member to the King Kamehameha celebration commission to represent the Daughters of Hawaii. Changes the representation of the appointed, non-organization representatives on the commission from residents of the islands of Kauai, Maui, Molokai, and Hawaii to residents of the counties of Kauai, Maui, and Hawaii. Repeals the commission's authority to appoint an arts program specialist. Authorizes the commission to appoint an executive director. Requires the executive director and clerk typist's salaries to be provided, in part, by the State.

**NOTE: Anticipate an updated bill that proposes to move the KKCC from DAGS to the Hawaii Tourism Authority and funding for its staff and work**

**HB710, HD1, RELATING TO FISHPONDS**

Requires the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Department of Health, and Office of Planning to streamline the permitting process and facilitate the restoration of Hawaiian fishponds. Requires DLNR to submit a report of findings and recommendations. Effective July 1, 2030. (HB710 HD1)

**Monitor:**  Bills on ‘Iwi, such a, SB320, Relating to Native Hawaiian Burials. Requires that ‘iwi kupuna in the possession of the State whose provenience is unknown or for other special circumstances, be reinterred annually on the island of Kaho‘olawe.

**GOVERNANCE AND PUBLIC LANDS (Leimomi Khan)**

**SB 408, RELATING TO THE BUDGET OF THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS** (OHA Legislative Priority)

Appropriates funds for the Office of Hawaiian Affairs for the fiscal biennium beginning 07/0113 and ending 06/30/15.

**HB1553, MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE AHA MOKU ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Appropriates funds for the administrative and operational expenses of the Aha Moku Advisory Committee. Appropriates funds for the community education on the administrative structure regarding the aha moku system and on natural and cultural resource management.

**HB1617, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF REMNANTS**

**SB204, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF REMNANTS**

Clarifies that the term “remnant” shall apply only to the categories listed in section 171-51(a) Hawaii Revised Statues. (OHA Legislative Priority)

**HB1507, RELATING TO PUBLIC LAND**

Amends the legislative approval requirement for any exchange of public land for private land to require a majority vote in both house.

**MONITOR**: Self-Governance Bills; Voter Registration/Voter Education Bills

**HAWAIIAN LANGUAGE AND EDUCATION (Davis Price)**

**HB224, HC3, SD2, RELATING TO THE HAWAIIAN LANGUAGE IMMERSION PROGRAM** (Carryover from 2013; HAC 2013 Legis Priority; OHA 2014 Legis Pri).

**SB410, RELATING TO THE HAWAIIAN LANGUAGE IMMERSION PRGM**

Requires the DOE to develop annual assessments in the Hawaiian language in language arts and mathematics to be administered to students in grades three through six of the DOE’s Hawaiian language immersion program and in science to be administered to students in grade four of the DOE’s Hawaiian language immersion program. Requires the DOE, with the Hawaiian language community, to establish procedures for the

development of the assessments. Report to the 2014 legislature.

**HB1551, RELATING TO EDUCATION**

**SB481, RELATING TO EDUCATION**

**SB2740, RELATING TO EDUCATION**

Establishes the instructional office of Hawaiian studies for the purpose of providing instruction to public school students on Hawaiian history, culture, arts, and language. Makes an appropriation for the instructional office of Hawaiian studies.

Status: 1/22, The committees on OMH recommend that the measure be PASSED, UNAMENDED.

**CHARTER SCHOOLS**

**SB952, RELATING TO CHARTER SCHOOLS**

Establishes the Hawaii Charter school facilities special fund for funding the repair, maintenance, and other facilities needs of charter schools. Establishes the Hawaii charter school facilities special fund advisory board to, among other things, establish criteria for expenditures from the special fund. Makes an appropriation to the special fund.

**SB2516, RELATING TO FACILITIES FUNDING FOR CHARTER SCHOOLS**

Appropriates funds for the state public charter school commission to allocate to charter schools for facilities projects based in part, on the need and performance of the charter schools. Requires annual reporting to the legislature.

**SB2680, MAKING AN APPRPRIATION FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS TO THE KANU O KA ‘AINA NEW CENTURY PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL**

Authorizes the issuance of general obligation bonds and appropriates funds for Kanu o ka ‘Aina new century public charter school to plan and design a cafeteria that will simultaneously serve as an emergency shelter.

**HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS**

**HB866, HD2, RELATING TO SEWER SYSTEMS SERVICING ON HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS** (HAC 2013 Legis Priority; DHHL 2014 Legis Priority)

Clarifies counties’ ownership of and responsibility for certain existing sewer systems and facilities servicing Hawaiian Home Lands. Requires the counties to accept dedication or license of and responsibility for certain other sewer systems and facilities servicing Hawaiian Home Lands. Effective Jul 1, 1010. (HB866, HD2)

**HB2104, RELATING TO HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS**

Requires the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to devise a comprehensive plan to provide water and infrastructure sufficient for development of Hawaiian home lands.

Status: 1/24/14, The committees on OMH recommended that the measure be PASSED, WITH AMENDMENTS.

**HB2289, RELATING TO THE HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION ACT, 1920, AS AMENDED. COMPANION: SB2839** (DHHL Legislative Priority)

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| Repeals the directive to amend the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, 1920, as amended,  to accomplish the purposes of Act 195, Session Laws of Hawaii 2011.  **SB2254, RELATING TO THE HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION**  Establishes a candidate advisory council for the Hawaiian homes commission to present nominees  to the governor for the appointment of individuals to serve on the Hawaiian Homes Commission.  Requires all members of the Hawaiian Homes Commission to be of Hawaiian ancestry. Establishes  that the ninth member of the Hawaiian Homes Commission be an at-large member. Requires the  members rather than the governor to select a chairperson among the members thereof at the end  of each fiscal year. Changes the term of the chairperson from commencing on January 1 and  expiring on December 31 to one year term commencing on July 1 and expiring on June 30. |  |
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