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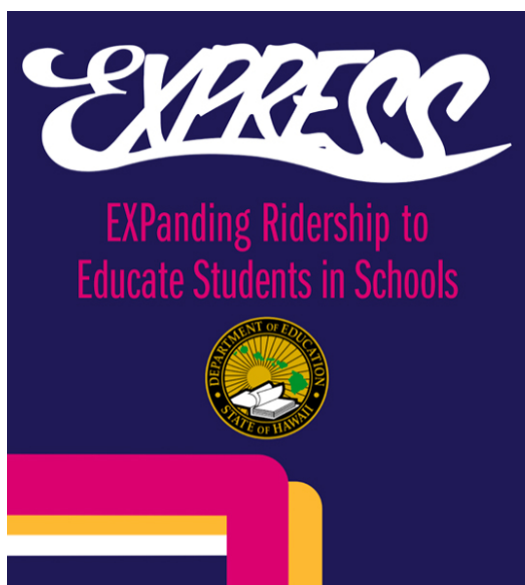
RENTAL AND UTILITY RELIEF PROGRAM TEMPORARILY REOPENED FOR 8,000 NEW APPLICATIONS - APPLY TODAY

On October 3, the Rental and Utility Relief Program temporarily reopened for 8,000 new applications for O'ahu renters at oneoahu.org/renthelp. Applicants are asked to have all needed documents available when applying, including a government-issued photo ID, overdue rent or utility bills, tax returns, and proof of financial hardship since March 2020. A household must also earn at or below 80% of the area median income.

Please note that the Program is prioritizing new applicants and renters should apply only once. Duplicate applications will reduce the number of renters who receive help and slow down processing. Additionally, renters who have received less than 18 months of support from RURP can also request additional funds directly from Catholic Charities Hawai'i (CCH) at rurp.recert@catholiccharitieshawaii.org or the Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement (CNHA) at RURP@hawaiiancouncil.org, on or after October 3.

For more information, please visit oneoahu.org/renthelp or call the Office of Economic Revitalization at (808) 768-2489.

EXPANDING RIDERSHIP TO EDUCATE STUDENTS IN SCHOOLS



Last month, the Hawai'i State Department of Education (HIDOE) launched a pilot program to expand subsidized county bus passes for high schoolers in grades 9-12. The pilot program — called EXPRESS, which stands for Expanding Ridership to Educate Students in Schools — aims to help mitigate the impacts of the national school bus driver shortage. Expanding free bus transportation services to all high school students under the EXPRESS program also stands to benefit more than 21,000 students, who are currently ineligible because they live within the walk zone of their school campus. The goal is to increase high school student ridership on county bus services so that underutilized school buses can be reassigned to restore canceled and consolidated routes.

Interested students with an active HIDOE student ID number may sign up online at portal.k12.hi.us/express.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

The City Council is the policy-making body for Honolulu. Following are legislative items that may be of interest to you:

Bill 45: Relating to the Royal Hawaiian Band.

On September 7, the City Council heard Bill 45 that seeks to update the performance fees of the Royal Hawaiian Band, which have not been updated in over 20 years, to better reflect the cost of putting on performances. This bill passed Second Reading and received a Public Hearing, and now goes back to the Committee on Budget for further discussion and deliberation. View Bill 45 here: <https://hnldoc.ehawaii.gov/hnldoc/measure/2267>.



Bill 46: Relating to Height Limits for Rooftop Structures.

On September 7, the City Council heard Bill 46 that amends the City's Land Use Ordinance ("LUO") to allow rooftop solar panels to be placed above rooftop equipment, and allow the creation of new rooftop gathering spaces underneath rooftop solar panels. This Bill passed Second Reading and received a Public Hearing, and now goes back to the Committee on Zoning and Planning for further discussion and deliberation. View Bill 45 here: <https://hnldoc.ehawaii.gov/hnldoc/measure/2270>.

Resolution 22-199: Authorizing the Lease of City Property to Hale Kipa, Inc. for Special Needs Housing.

On September 7, the Honolulu City Council adopted Resolution 22-199 that authorizes a 4.5-year lease of City property located in Kalihi to Hale Kipa Inc., to be used as an emergency shelter for youth aged 12 to 19 years. View Resolution 22-199 here: <https://hnldoc.ehawaii.gov/hnldoc/measure/2300>.

Bill 44: Relating to the O'ahu Historic Preservation Commission.

On October 5, the City Council heard Bill 44 (2022) that seeks to establish the O'ahu Historic Preservation Commission by amending Section 3-10 of the Revised Ordinances of Honolulu (ROH). This Bill passed Second Reading and received a Public Hearing, and now goes back to the Committee on Housing and the Economy for further discussion and deliberation. View Bill 44 here: <https://hnldoc.ehawaii.gov/hnldoc/measure/2259>.

Resolution 22-225: Amending Resolution No. 22-251, CD1, FD1 to Extend the Deadline for Commencement of Construction of Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA) Affordable Housing Development at Kapālama, O'ahu, Hawai'i.

On September 22, the Council's Committee on Zoning and Planning (ZP) heard Resolution 22-225 to extend the construction commencement deadline, by an additional 24 months, for a Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA) Affordable Housing Development at Kapālama (originally scheduled to begin by November 5, 2022). During the ZP Committee meeting, Councilmember Cordero proposed an amendment to reduce the "24-month extension" to "18-month extension" in hopes of expediting the start of construction of this long-anticipated project. The ZP Committee voted unanimously to amend the resolution to include Councilmember Cordero's proposal. On October 5, the City Council adopted Resolution 22-225. View Resolution 22-225 here: <https://hnldoc.ehawaii.gov/hnldoc/measure/2326>.

To view these and other items before the Council, please visit the Honolulu City Council Honolulu Records Collection at: <https://hnldoc.ehawaii.gov/hnldoc/>.

HONOLULU CITY LIGHTS WREATH CONTEST – SPLASHES OF JOY



The City invites O'ahu residents to submit entries for the 35th Annual Holiday Wreath Contest. The contest makes its return after a two year hiatus and is part of the Honolulu City Lights celebration. Wreaths will be on display from December 3rd – 31st, in the Lane Gallery of Honolulu Hale. This year's theme is "Splashes of Joy." There are three contest divisions:

- Adult, open to any individual or group with participants ages 18 and over;
- Youth, ages 17 and under; and
- Best in Theme, for wreaths depicting our 2022 theme "Splashes of Joy."

Entries are judged on workmanship, creativity, use of materials, and best representation of the contest theme. For all three divisions, first place prize is \$150; second place is \$100; and third place is \$75. The overall Best in Show wreath will receive the Mayor's Holly Award of \$200. In addition, six Judges' Choice Awards will be presented with monetary prizes of \$25 each. Each entrant, individual or group, is eligible to win only one award.

Entry forms and contest rules are available online at <http://www.honolulu.gov>. Entries must be submitted on Monday, November 28, 2022 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., at the Lane Gallery of Honolulu Hale at 530 South King Street. Each wreath must include a contest entry form; early or late entries will not be accepted. Winners will be notified by Thursday, December 1, 2022. For more information, please contact the Office of Council Support Services at (808) 768-5098, or contact brad.kitsu@honolulu.gov.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

10/05 City Council Meeting, 10:00 a.m.
(Kapolei Hale)

10/18 Transportation, Sustainability, and
Health Committee, 9:00 a.m.

Housing and the Economy Committee,
10:30 a.m.

Executive Matters and Legal Affairs
Committee, 1:00 p.m.

10/19 Budget Committee, 9:00 a.m.

Public Infrastructure and Technology
Committee, 1:00 p.m.

Public Safety Committee, 2:30 p.m.

10/20 Zoning and Planning Committee,
9:00 a.m.

Parks and Community Committee,
2:30 p.m.

11/10 City Council Meeting, 10:00 a.m.

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