**HPHA Legislative and Government Relations Committee**

**Department of Health, Kinau Hale Boardroom, 12:00 – 1:00pm**

**Meeting Summary 3/15/16**

**and Recent Updates**

**Members present at meeting:**

* Hoce Kalkas
* Cindy Goto
* Holly Kessler
* Danielle Sharek
* Laura Reichhardt
* Kathleen Stofocik

**Hand-outs: (also attached)**

1. Agenda
2. HPHA Legislative Committee By-laws and Guidelines draft
3. Pamphlets

**Top Take-aways:**

1. Announcements:

* Public Health Week! **Monday** we are hosting a booth at HPU, showcasing all the great work the HPHA Legislative Committee has done this year! Mahalo to all committee members!!
* **Thursday April 7th** from 5-7pm join us for the HPHA sponsored “Healthiest Nation 2030, Hawaii: The Healthiest State?” event held at the UH Cancer Center’s Sullivan Conference Center

1. Meeting Discussion:

* Legislation update; reviewed over all bills we have been supporting during 2016. We’ve submitted over 30 testimonies to date!
* Recent activities have been centered around building up the HPHA name within the community and leaders at legislature. We’ve made a lot of progress on our relationship building front; our HPU student interns have been very active and attending caucus and coalition meetings.
* Modification of HPHA Legislative Committee By-laws and Guidelines discussion. Changes are attached with original document for your review!
* HPHA website tab (Legislative): soon will be updated with all copies and versions of testimonies submitted. We are hoping to create a resource for continued legislative actions.

**Legislative Report:**

Of note: SB2320 was deferred as of 3/23. We had been tracking this bill since the beginning of session; although there was ample support of this bill, several intrinsic concerns with feasibility, age restriction, and patient counseling were broached. Further discussion has been recommended.

Report for weeks 3/21-3/27 and 3/28 – 4/3.

*21-Mar-16, SB2083(3) Relating to Statewide Traffic Code: smoking e-cigs in cars with minors present*

*22-Mar-16, SB2320(5) Relating to Contraceptive Supplies: allowing pharmacists to prescribe OTC-OC*

*29-Mar-16, HB1772(4) Relating to Oral Health: providing dental insurance coverages for adults*

*30-Mar-16, B2917(4) Relating to Child and Maternal Death Review : appropriates funds to conduct CDR and implement program for MDR.*

*31-Mar-16, SB2319(5) Relating to Contraceptive Supplies- Access: mandating insurers to cover 12 months of OTC-OC*

*3-Apr-16, HB1897(2) Relating to Insurance Coverage of Health Screenings: ensures insurance coverage for STD screenings, including HIV, AIDS*

**To Dos:**

* Please review the edits that have been suggested to modify the current HPHA Legislative Committee By-laws and Guidelines. The intent is to make these as usable and enforceable as possible. Return suggestions and comments by Friday, April 8, 2015.

**Next on the Agenda:**

* Finishing up the 2016 legislation session strong!
* The next HPHA Legislative Committee meeting will be scheduled for early May.