

## 2020 Legislative session:

*2020 started off with a bang as the 31<sup>st</sup>* Hawaii legislature opened with the House, Senate, and administration unveiling a joint package of economic bills to benefit Hawaii's working families. The bills focused on critical economic issues including affordable housing, childcare, and reducing poverty to make life better for Hawaii residents. In addition to over 2,800 bills that were carried over from the previous year's session, the legislature introduced another 2,400 new bills in 2020. Needless to say, our elected officials had a busy session.

After six weeks of hearings and late nights, 430 Senate bills crossed over to the House, and 616 House bills crossed over to the Senate. Of these, HPMA has been actively monitoring several bills that have the potential to impact our industry and its members.

**SB3150:** Amends the environmental response, energy, and food security tax to address carbon emissions, and increases the tax rate to effectively set a price per metric ton of carbon dioxide emissions.

**HB2451:** Increases the State minimum wage rate to \$11.00 on 1/1/21, \$12.00 on 1/1/22, \$12.50 on 1/1/23, and \$13.00 on 1/1/24.

**HB2148:** Extends Hawaii family leave to include care for employees' grandchildren.

**SB2491:** Provides family leave insurance benefits and extends the period of family leave to 16 weeks for businesses that employ one or more employees.

**SB2228:** Prohibits the sale of e-liquid products by mail and includes e-liquid products within the definition of tobacco products.

**SB2903:** Bans the sale of flavored tobacco products.

**SB2780:** Prohibits offshore drilling for oil or natural gas in State marine waters.

It's yet to be determined how many bills will reach the Governor's desk for signature this year, but, as a point of reference, 304 bills passed out of the legislature in 2019. HPMA will continue to advocate for its members until this year's session concludes at the end of April.

## The HPMA Golf Tournament:

*Come join us in Honolulu Hawaii* for our annual Golf Tournament, **November 2, 2020**. Register today, space is limited.