

Legislative Update

- A new law requires the Hawaii community development authority to collaborate with and consider the recommendations of the working group of interested stakeholders in developing, accepting, and implementing plans for the development of Kakaako makai, a 600-acre warehouse district, into a mixed-use community.
- A state aerospace advisory committee has been established to assist the legislature and state agencies in the development of the aerospace indus-

try in Hawaii.

- The state's unemployment tax rose on Jan. 1, 2010. Preliminary analysis by the Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii noted that the average cost per employee per year would go from \$90 to approximately \$1,000.
- Lawmakers appropriated \$566 million for University of Hawaii projects for Fiscal Biennium 2009-2011, including a new IT center and a new Center for Microbial Oceanography Research and Education on its Manoa campus.