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2018

The 2018 Pacific Building Trade Expo was held at the Hawaii Convention Center on November 14, 2018. We are pleased to have had 17 member booths which is the highest to date! Dan Curtis, Schluter System's Territory Manager for Hawaii, Northern California, Oregon, Washington and Alaska presented a continuing education seminar on Controlling Sound for Ceramic and Stone Tile Floors.



Stephen Pazienza from Mapei



Rick Lau from Tile Warehouse, Inc.

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**Paul Cote from American Olean and Marazzi,
Vanessa Ulloa & Maria Maldonado from Daltile**



**Jeff Pompadur from the Ceramic Tile Institute of
America and Evergreen by Debra**



**Kay Kaneshiro, Gino Soquena, Michelle Wong
& Leanne Ogata representing the
Masonry Institute of Hawaii**



Josh Stuart from Wedi Corporation

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**Kevin Coronas from Laticrete and Roy Uesugi,
President of the TCAH Promotional Program**



**Jim Hall from Longust Distributing and
Gita Tao from Crossville, Inc.**



Dan Curtis from Schluter Systems



Dean Moilanen from Noble Company

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Mincey Marble Installation Class

December 15, 2018
Honolulu Community College
Building 14
Mason Trade Shop

Members will see an installation demonstration by the
Training Coordinator, Bobby Haskin.

Presented by the Hawaii Masons Union
Local #1, IUBAC

For more information and exact
time of the class, contact:
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Daltile Hawaii Article

Pick up the December issue of the
Building Management Hawaii Magazine
and read an article on page 37 by John
Pasternak from Daltile Hawaii. An expert
in this field, John's topic is:

**The Benefits of Tile:
Tile is Timeless, Tough,
Trouble-Free and Trustworthy**

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Cambria® Quartz from Tile Warehouse, Inc.

Tile Warehouse, Inc. offers the stunning and durable line of Cambria natural stone surfaces. With a large part of the quartz sourced from unique mines they own, every Cambria design is guaranteed to reflect stunning features. Look a little deeper and you will find the uncompromising quality and unbeatable performance that make Cambria the perfect choice for life.



STRENGTH & DURABILITY Cambria is much harder than granite or marble making it more durable. That means Cambria is less likely to scratch, chip, or stain for years of worry-free service.

MAINTENANCE FREE Other natural stone surfaces like granite and marble require regular sealing and polishing. With Cambria, all you need to do is wipe it down with a little warm water and mild soap.

A HEALTHY KITCHEN Cambria is nonporous and nonabsorbent so it won't draw in moisture from raw or leftover food, which can harbor harmful bacteria.



Britannica Gold



Mersey



Golden Dragon



Huntley

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2018 Hawaii Legislative Report



The 2018 Legislature was calmer than most sessions and certainly a lot lighter than 2017. Assisted suicide and paid sick leave passed and the rail financing issue got mostly resolved in a special session.

For the two (2) year legislative session combined, there were 3107 Senate Bills and 2754 House Bills. Of that, 229 bills were passed in the 2018 Legislative Session.

The Legislature passed a \$14.4 billion budget for the fiscal year plus a \$4.65 billion construction budget.

County Tax

An item to watch is a bill which passed which allows Maui and the Big Island extra time to adopt a surcharge on the State tax. Kauai has already adopted it, but it will not implement the county surcharge until January 2019. This is the ½% rail tax that Oahu adopted. It extends the time period for the other two (2) counties to do this from March 31, 2018 to March 31, 2019. This is a provision to watch inasmuch as if they do that, your transactions which occur solely on those islands would be subject to the additional ½% general excise tax. Reference H.B. 2587, CD 1, Act 11, signed by the Governor 5/4/18.

Energy Efficiency Appropriation

This bill creates a revolving line of credit and a sub-fund within the Hawaii Green Infrastructure Special Fund that a state agency can use to finance cost effective energy efficiency measures. Reference H.B. 1508, CD 1, Act 121, signed by the Governor on 7/5/18.

Micro Grid

Passed is a bill that directs the PUC to establish a micro-grid services tariff which is to encourage and facilitate the development and use of energy resilient micro-grids. Reference H.B. 2110, SD 2, Act 200, signed by the Governor on 7/11/18.

DUI

H.B. 2003, CD 1 allows an individual who is convicted of driving while intoxicated to file a request for a permit to drive or operate an employer's vehicle during the period that their license is revoked to be supported by the employer's sworn statement that they will only drive for the purpose of employment and for specified hours. Reference H.B. 2003, CD 1, Act 74, signed by the Governor on 7/5/18.

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Electrical Contractors

This bill extends the sunset date which provided for a limited exemption to the licensing requirements for individuals in situations when an electric utility must retain qualified individuals to work with high voltage (600 volts or higher) who are not licensed in the State but are otherwise deemed qualified by the utility. It requires the Board of E and P to submit reports to the Legislature. Reference S.B. 2297, CD 1, Act 60, signed on 6/29/18.

Procurement U.H.

Several years ago, in the face of problems at the University of Hawaii, in particularly procurement problems, there was a bill that removed the President of UH as the Chief Procurement Officer. This bill reinstates the President as the Chief Procurement Officer for their contracts and requires a report to the Legislature twenty (20) days prior to every legislative session. Reference S.B. 2831, CD 1, Act 42, signed by the Governor on 6/13/2018.

Marijuana

This bill does everything from establishing standards to clarifying dispensary licensee's rights and increasing the strength of cannabis products. Most importantly, it establishes a working group to make its recommendations regarding the employment of patients under the influence of marijuana. The original bill called for a prohibition against the "discrimination, suspension or termination" of any employee who had a valid marijuana certificate without stating any qualifying factors. Obviously, this would lead to a whole variety of complicated situations, most of which the employer would probably not be able to defend. After pointing out a lot of those situations, legislators agreed to drop that language and instead formulate a working group in order to discuss the parameters of when an employer could take some sort of action. Reference H.B. 2729, CD 1, Act 116, signed by the Governor on 7/5/18.

Wage Secrecy

This new law prohibits employers from asking for or considering a job applicant's past wage or salary history as part of the employment application process or offer to hire. It also prohibits retaliation or discrimination against employees who disclose or discuss their own or co-workers wages. Reference S.B. 2351, CD 1, Act 108, signed by the Governor on 7/6/18.

Labor Law Enforcement

This bill establishes a special fund known as the "Labor Law Enforcement Special Fund" which is meant to finance the collection of penalties and fees for violations of the labor law. It establishes two (2) positions including an attorney and a legal assistant in the Department of the Attorney General to represent the Department of Labor in collecting penalties for violations of the law. Reference S.B. 2801, CD 1, Act 187, signed by the Governor on 7/11/18.

Paid Family Leave

This bill requires the Legislative Reference Bureau (LRB) to conduct an analysis of the best framework to establish a paid family leave program. This is done by looking at the requirements that may exist in other jurisdictions and other states and then requires a report to the Legislature by September 1, 2019. This would mean that it would be the 2020 Legislature which would consider it and any legislation they pass would likely not become effective until July 1, 2020 at the earliest and more than likely not until January 1, 2021. Reference S.B. 2990, CD1, Act 109, signed by the Governor 7/6/18.

Please visit www.TileHawaii.com for the complete report.

**Proposed Amendments to the 2012 International
Building Code & International Residential Code
State Building Code Amendments**

Amendment (15) Group R Revision

Section 903.2.8 is revised by adding the following exception:

Exception: In accordance with HRS 46-19.8 Fire sprinklers; residences, until June 30, 2027 no county shall require the installation or retrofitting of automatic fire sprinklers or an automatic fire sprinkler system in:

- (1) Any new or existing detached one-or two-family dwelling unit in a structure used only for residential purposes; and
- (2) Nonresidential agricultural and aquacultural buildings and structures located outside an urban area; provided that this section shall not apply to new homes that require a variance from access road or firefighting water supply requirements.

Justification: This change is required to be consistent with state law HRS-19.8 and includes the sunset date of such law.

**New Amendment to be inserted between Amendment 22 and Amendment 23
(22.5) Chapter 11 Accessibility**

Accessibility. Chapter 11 is deleted in its entirety and replaced to read as follows:

1101 Scope. Buildings or portions of buildings shall be accessible to persons with disabilities in accordance with the following regulations:

- 1. For construction of buildings or facilities of the state and county governments, compliance with Section 103-50 HRS, administered by the Disability and Communication Access Board, State of Hawaii.**
- 2. Department of Justice's Americans with Disabilities Act Standards for Accessible Design.**
- 3. Housing and Urban Development recognized 'Safe Harbors' for compliance with the Fair Housing Acts design and construction requirements.**
- 4. Other pertinent laws relating with disabilities shall be administered and enforced by agencies responsible for their enforcement.**

Prior to the issuance of a building permit, the owner (or the owner's representative, professional architect, or engineer), shall submit a statement that all requirements, relating to accessibility for persons with disabilities, shall be complied with.

Justification: This change acknowledges the Authorities with jurisdiction for accessibility requirements and their corresponding laws/regulation.