

# TILE CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION OF HAWAII

## 2021 TCAH Scholarship Program

### 2021 TCAH Membership Scholarship Recipients

We are pleased to announce the two recipients of the 2021 TCAH Membership Scholarship Program. Each have been awarded \$3,000.00 towards advancing their educational pursuits.



**Jennyl Chun** is a family member of an employee with RYU Tile. She is enrolled at the University of Hawaii at Moana and will be graduating in 2024. She maintained a 4.0 and above GPA and high scholastic honors at Kapolei High School and has an impressive 3.74 GPA at the university. She also received the Valedictorian and Summa Cum Laude recognition from her high school. After receiving her bachelors in Environmental Design, she plans to continue onto graduate school to receive her doctorate in Architecture. She would like to pursue a career as either an interior architectural designer or an architect at a Hawaii based firm. Her other career goal is to own a clothing enterprise

as a side business as she has a passion for fashion and design. We wish Jennyl the best of luck and we are sure she will reach



**Reyan Lee** is a family member of an employee at BF Tile, Inc. and a graduate of Waipahu High School where she was the valedictorian with a GPA of 4.374. She is attending the University of California, Berkeley to major in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science (EECS). She would like to pursue a career in Software or Electrical Engineering. Her many accolades include the first high schooler to receive an Associate in Science in Natural Science-Engineering Degree and a U.S. Presidential Scholar in CTE Semifinalist and a National Honor Society Inductee. Reyan certainly has a bright future!

# TILE CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION OF HAWAII

## How the Transient Accommodation Tax is Affiliated to the Rail Project

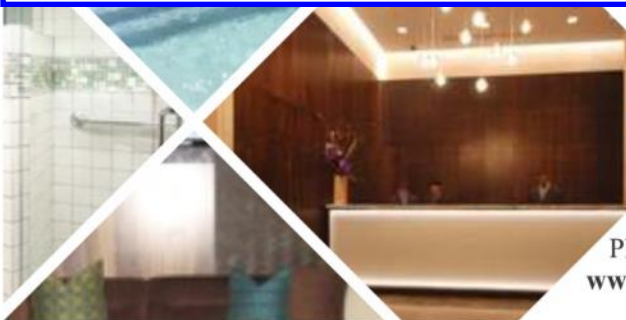
HB862 was vetoed by Governor Ige but was overridden. It was greatly presented as a tourism marketing bill where the counties could add 3% to the Transient Accommodation Tax currently at 10.25%. The state currently gives \$100 million to Oahu but will now keep all of that and let the counties charge their own TAT up to 3% more to make up the difference. Of the 3%, an allocation of 1½% will likely go to Honolulu County and the other half of the 3% will be earmarked for the rail project. It is estimated to raise \$45 million a year for rail which will finance a bond of \$900 million. The reason for this is because the Federal government has directed HART that the counties must put “skin in the game” and contribute to the rail project. The route from West Oahu to the Stadium is planned to be operational in 2022 and the fares will be similar to that of The Bus.



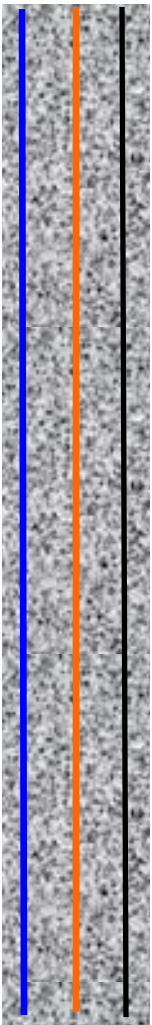
## Construction Approvals

Ward Village (Howard Hughes Corporation) request to build two additional condominiums was passed for Ulana at Ward Village and The Park Ward Village where the demolished Bank of Hawaii, and the former Sports Authority and Ross was located. Currently, Ohana Marketplace is in that complex. It is a \$1.3 billion project with 1,300 units. Construction will commence next year. Victoria Place will be located at the former site of Ward Warehouse and is currently a dredging job as the project recently commenced. There will be a total of eight more towers planned by Howard Hughes.

Kamehameha Schools received approval to extend their master plan for Kakaako by ten more years.



95-1030 Meheula Parkway #892711, Mililani, HI 96789  
Phone: (808) 295-7064 | Fax : (808) 888-6662  
[www.tilehawaii.com](http://www.tilehawaii.com)



## 2021 Hawaii Legislative News



We would like to present two bills that were “killed” during the past legislative session that affect our industry. Please see the full 2021 Legislative Report at [www.tilehawaii.com](http://www.tilehawaii.com) under the Updates tab.

H.B. 58, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1 – This bill temporarily suspended a whole variety of general excise tax exemptions. It also increases the conveyance tax for the sale of noncommercial properties if they are valued at over \$4,000,000.00. The original terms of this bill would have repealed the subcontractor GET exemption. In 2011 the Legislature actually did repeal the exemption. As a result, the subcontractor had to pay the general excise tax even though the general paid it when he got paid. It was also paid when payment was received. That is the purpose of the general excise tax exemption. The subcontractor’s general excise tax exemption is that it allows the general contractor to pay the 4% on your behalf to avoid double taxation. The original bill proposed repealing a whole variety of current general excise tax exemptions, including the subcontractor exemption.

The Subcontractors Association of Hawaii (Tim Lyons) lobbied heavily against this bill and ultimately the version that was passed repeals the exemption for eight (8) different general excise tax exemptions who will now have to pay the GET from January 22 thru December 31, 2023. This one effort alone saved many of our members who do business with general contractors many thousands of dollars.  
(Vetoed by Governor Ige on July 6, 2021.)

The second effort was the Subcontractor Listing Clause. This clause applies anytime you do State and County work and requires the general contractor to list his proposed subcontractors. The general contractors have tried for the past eight (8) or nine (9) years to try to get rid of the Subcontractor Listing Clause in what has become a very apparent motivation of wanting to be able to bid shop. They disguise this effort saying that they sometimes make mistakes, so they need to be able to correct them. The law however already provides for mistakes to be corrected. In this legislative session, the Legislature turned to a study that had been done previously and had proposed to delete the nature and scope of the work to be done by each subcontractor from the Subcontractor Listing Law. This would really confuse the issue and would allow entirely too much “wiggle room” for dishonest general contractors to play around with subcontractor bids. It was heavily opposed and that version died. In the meantime, other bills had been introduced extending the time period for when a general contractor can change his bid list from two (2) hours after bid time (H.B. 1214) to five(5) days after bid time (S.B. 625) and one to establish a total deletion of subcontractor listing, calling it a “pilot project” (H.B. 1211).

We are happy to report that we defeated these proposals and the Subcontractor Listing Clause remains intact.

**TILE CONTRACTORS  
ASSOCIATION OF HAWAII**



**Local #1 Masons Union HI, International Union of  
Bricklayers and Allied Craftsmen (IUBAC) Training**

**Safety Class Offerings**

**1188 Sand Island Parkway - Honolulu, HI 96819  
(808) 848-0565 (Office); (808) 847-7068 (Fax)**

**Listed below are classes that are being offered to Local 1IUBAC members.**

**Other classes may be provided on a case by case basis.**

**Class dates and times are subject to change.**

**Forklift/Rough Terrain  
Scaffold Safety  
Mobile elevated Work Platforms (MEWP)  
New Silica Standard  
OSHA 10  
Advanced Certification in Tile (ACT  
ACI Certification (American Concrete Institute)**

**Contact Training Coordinators:**

**Patrick Coronas**

**Tile and Pointer-Caulker-Cleaner (PCC) Coordinator**

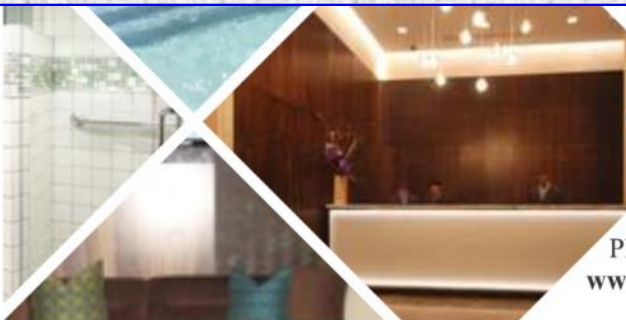
**(808)741-6971**

**Ikaika Castillo**

**Bricklayer and Stone Mason Coordinator**

**(808) 479-6640**

**Email: [himpdff@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:himpdff@hawaii.rr.com)**



95-1030 Meheula Parkway #892711, Mililani, HI 96789  
Phone: (808) 295-7064 | Fax : (808) 888-6662  
[www.tilehawaii.com](http://www.tilehawaii.com)

# TILE CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION OF HAWAII

## Local #1 Masons Union HI (IUBAC) News

### New Wage Rates Began August 30, 2021

The new wage rate will apply to Local #1 members who work for the GCLA/BILA, MCAH and TCAH. In addition to the annual increases specified in the five-year agreement with the contractors, Local #1 has decided to exercise its 30-cent Wage & Fringe Options as follows:

GCLA/BILA - \$0.30 allocated to the Health and Welfare Fund

MCAH - \$0.20 allocated to Vacation Fund and \$0.10 allocated to Local Training Fund

TCAH- \$0.20 allocated to Annuity Fund and \$0.10 allocated to Local Training Fund



	TCAH Contractors Increase
<b>Overall Increase</b>	\$2.05
<b>Wage Rate</b>	\$0.90
<b>Health &amp; Welfare</b>	\$0.30
<b>Pension</b>	\$0.30
<b>Vacation &amp; Holiday</b>	\$0.25
<b>Apprenticeship, Training and IMI</b>	\$0.10
<b>Annuity</b>	\$0.20

### Historic Agreement Between Kamehameha Schools and Local #1

Local #1 signed a historic Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Kamehameha Schools (KS) that will span 20 years and solidify the longstanding relationship with the trust that all major construction projects will be done using the union members. This includes all properties that KS will self-develop.

Kamehameha Schools is the largest private landowner in Hawaii. This deal represents hundreds of thousands of work hours for the trade in the community and will also provide job opportunities for keiki as it is a long term commitment.



KAMEHAMEHA SCHOOLS®

# TILE CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION OF HAWAII



## PBX21 Rescheduled to January 26, 2022 IMI Provides Architectural Education in Hawaii *Scott Conwell, FAIA, FCSI, International Masonry Institute*

Scott Conwell from the IMI has written a very informative article on architectural education that will be a good lead-in to the PBX21 event. International Masonry Institute (IMI) will soon be visiting Hawaii to promote BAC-installed tile as they educate local architects in person as a featured presenter at the Honolulu chapter of Construction Specifications Institute (CSI) PBX'21 ([www.pbxhawaii.com](http://www.pbxhawaii.com)). The conference was recently rescheduled from October 28, 2021 to January 26, 2022 due to the COVID Emergency Order in Hawaii. The expo and seminars will take place at the Hawaii Convention Center as previously scheduled. IMI will present a session on **Critical Points on Tile Design and Installation**, highlighting the value of tile and BAC tile contractors and craftworkers.

TCAH members interested in attending IMI's 2022 presentation at the Hawaii Convention Center are welcome as guests of IMI. Please contact Lisa Kim for details at [lisaakim@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:lisaakim@hawaii.rr.com). To read Scott's article, please click [Link Here](#)



Last year, IMI presented at PBX20 ([www.pbxhawaii.com](http://www.pbxhawaii.com)) virtually due to the pandemic. This year, IMI will be presenting in person on October 28, 2021. Contact TCAH for complimentary tickets courtesy of IMI at [lisaakim@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:lisaakim@hawaii.rr.com).

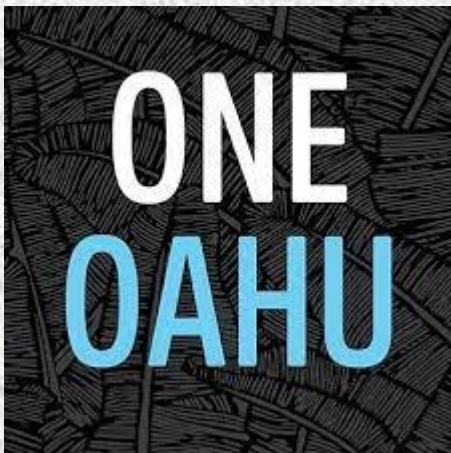


## CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) INFORMATION & UPDATES

### Office of The Mayor City And County Of Honolulu Emergency Order No. 2021-11

The “Safe Access O‘ahu” program requires all employees, contractors, and volunteers of businesses, such as restaurants, bars, gyms, movie theaters, museums, arcades and other similar establishments, to show proof of full vaccination against COVID-19 or a negative COVID-19 test result each week in order to operate. In addition, customers must show proof of full vaccination or a negative COVID-19 test result taken within the previous 48 hours in order to enter the establishment. Children under 12 years old are exempt. The link below contains the full Emergency Order.

[Link Here](#)



### COVID - 19 Booster

*This article from the CDC is intended for those that have received the full Covid-19 vaccination and the TCAH does not endorse or disapprove of vaccinations.*

The goal is for people to start receiving a COVID-19 booster shot beginning in the fall, with individuals being eligible starting 8 months after they received their second dose of an mRNA vaccine (either Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna). This is subject to authorization by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and recommendation by CDC’s Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP). FDA is conducting an independent evaluation to determine the safety and effectiveness of a booster dose of the mRNA vaccines. ACIP will decide whether to issue a booster dose recommendation based on a thorough review of the evidence.

The COVID-19 vaccines authorized in the United States continue to be highly effective in reducing risk of severe disease, hospitalization, and death, even against the widely circulating Delta variant. However, COVID-19 constantly evolves. Experts are looking at all available data to understand how well the vaccines are working, including how new variants, like Delta, affect vaccine effectiveness. If FDA authorizes and ACIP recommends it, the goal is for people to start receiving a COVID-19 booster shot this fall.