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Several of our Associate/Supplier Members were well represented at the International Surface Event (Surfaces, Stone Expo and Tile Expo) at the Mandalay Bay Convention Center on January 29 to February 1, 2018.



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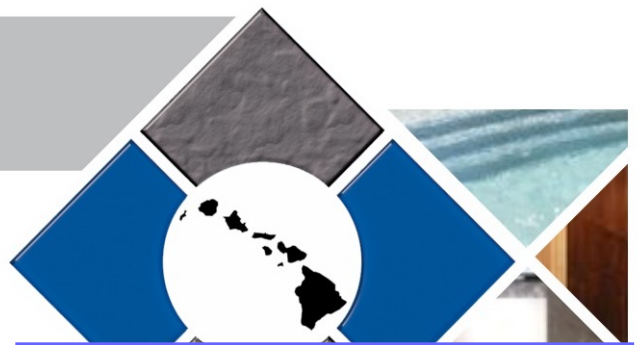
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**Subcontractors Association of Hawaii  
Annual Golf Tournament**

**Friday, May 25, 2018  
Kapolei Golf Course  
11:00 a.m. Arrival Time  
12:30 p.m. Shot Gun Start**

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Deadline to Register: May 11, 2018**

**Funds raised go towards legislative efforts to help  
protect the interest of the Hawaii subcontractors.**



**Hawaii Masons Union Local #1, IUBAC  
has a new Training Coordinator who is  
eager to assist you.**

**Training is held at 1188 Sand Island  
Parkway, Honolulu 96819 at the Sand  
Island Training Facility.**

**Subjects include but are not limited to  
New Silica Standard, Fall Protection in  
Construction, Counterbalance Forklift,  
OSHA, CPR, etc.**

**Please contact  
Patrick Coronas at 808-741-6971 or  
[himpttf@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:himpttf@hawaii.rr.com) for an  
upcoming schedule.**

**Please see page 7 on this newsletter for  
the current schedule.**



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## Legislative Report

The Hawaii Legislature will adjourn in three weeks and here some of the bills that have died and others moving forward.

### Bills that Died

#### **Minimum Wage Proposal**

This law could have increased to \$22.00 an hour in the next few years.

#### **Vehicle Safety Checks**

Payment would be every other year on vehicles 6 years or younger. BUT the fee would double.

#### **Truck Weight**

Trucks over 10, 000 GVW cannot drive on the left lane on H-1, H-2 or H-3.

#### **Handyman Bill**

The realtors proposal to increase the amount of a project to \$5000 for not needing a contractor's license. These unlicensed people do not pay workers compensation, license fees, recovery fund fees, GET, and does not even have to use a written contract. Realtors want it so they can close escrow fast with an unlicensed person.

#### **Sublisting**

If you are a state or county contractor (primary or subcontractor) there was a major battle to eliminate the sublisting and another against a two year UH "pilot" project with no listing for jobs under \$5,000,000.

#### **Past Performance**

To be used (instead of low bid) in selecting contractors for state and county work projects. Much discussion over the criteria government would use to evaluate. On the one hand they would have rated how timely the general paid his subs but on the other hand, they would only accept reports and input from the general contractor and not the sub who was paid late or not at all.

### Bills Still Alive

#### **Family Leave**

It is likely to work similar to Temporary Disability Insurance paid for by BOTH employee and employer. The amount to be determined and applies to all employers even with one employee. Proposed not to start until 2020 but funding may begin sooner. Employee can use for care of a new child or family member. Proposed to pay 75% of wages for a maximum of 16 weeks. May not pass this year but it is likely to come.

#### **Neighbor Island Half Percent Charge**

Bill to allow the other three counties (Kauai, Maui and Big Island) to charge the additional one half of one per cent GET for rail (or other transportation projects) like Oahu, may pass. The neighbor island County Councils would have to authorize. Don't get caught like some Oahu businesses did when the rail tax went into effect and they had already signed long term contracts at 4% when the 4 1/2% tax took effect. Neighbor island members should fix your contracts now to state your price and then add "plus all applicable taxes".

#### **Marijuana**

A marijuana proposal that will not allow the employer to discharge, suspend or discriminate against an employee caught "stoned" but has a medical certificate. Almost any action for employment could wind up with a discrimination charge. Still illegal on the federal level but when it is legal on the state level, you are caught between.



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### **The Silica Citations Hit 116 in Six Months**

As of April 17, 2018, OSHA and state safety agencies have issued 116 national violation citations under OSHA's new silica safety rule, Bloomberg BNA reported. The regulation went into effect September 23, 2018, but OSHA began full enforcement October 23, 2018.

The most frequently mentioned violation involved contractors allegedly failing to measure silica levels, which was the subject of 35 citations. That was followed by 31 citations to those that did not comply with the regulation's Table 1, which identifies 18 procedures that firms can follow as an alternative to air monitoring.

Despite the issuance of citations, enforcement of the rule has been limited, with contractors being tagged for silica violations as part of investigations into other unsafe jobsite conditions like inadequate fall protection. The majority of violations (80%) were classified as serious, but the highest fine imposed was \$9,239—short of the potential maximum of \$12,934.

Even though OSHA postponed enforcement 30 days to allow more time for compliance, contractors still maintain that there are ambiguities and omissions in the rule that could lead to a citation. The National Association of Home Builders has submitted questions regarding the silica rule to OSHA in the hopes that the agency will beef up the compliance guidelines that it posted on its website at <https://www.osha.gov/dsg/topics/silica/crystalline/construction.html>.

The fall update to the silica standard was the first major change since it was established in 1971. The rule targets silica dust particles, which are 100 times smaller than sand granules. Those workers who breathe in too much silica dust can develop the fatal lung disease silicosis, lung cancer, kidney disease and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease.

Source: Construction Dive



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### *New Products from Bella Pietra Design*

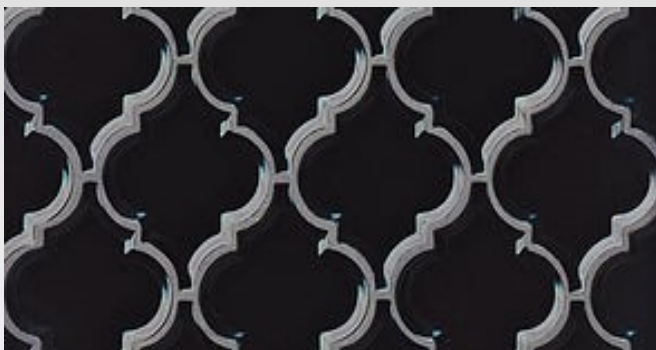
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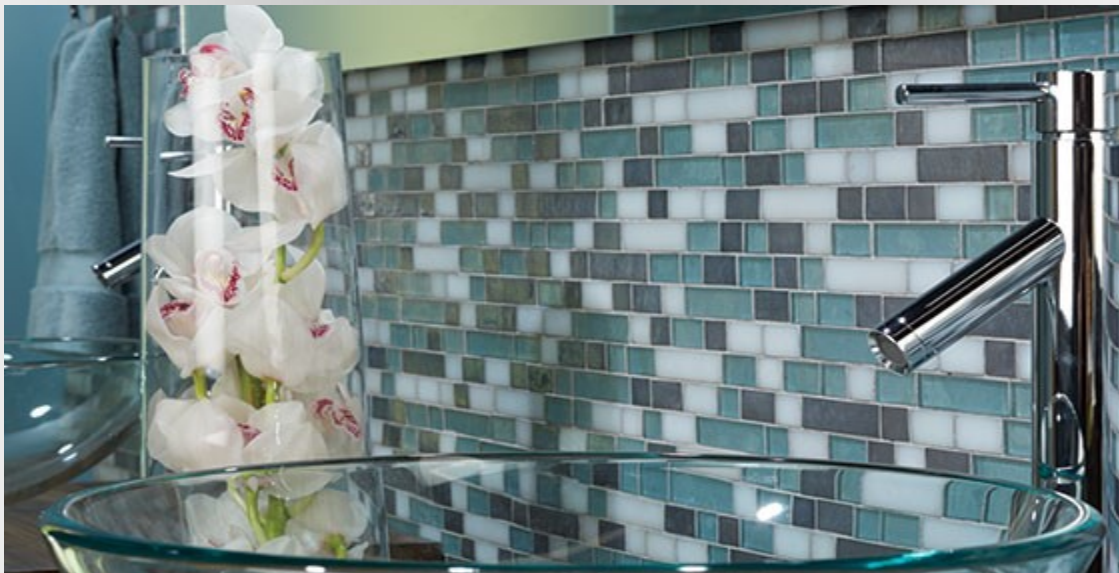
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### *Sustainability Matters for Daltilo*

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### **Summer 2018 Safety Class Offerings**

(Classes are subject to change.)

Listed below are Safety and Journeyman up grade classes that are being offered to Local 1IUBAC members. Other classes may be provided on a case by case basis. Contact Training Coordinator Patrick Coronas at (808)741-6971 to submit your request. Class dates and times are subject to change.

Date	Day	Course	Time	Location
May 9	Wednesday	New Silica Standard	4:30 - 8:00 pm	Sand Island Training Facility
May 15,16,17	Tues. Wed. Thu.	OSHA 10 Hour	4:30 - 8:00 pm	Sand Island Training Facility
May 22	Tuesday	FA/CPR/AED	4:30 - 8:00 pm	Sand Island Training Facility
June 2	Saturday	Cladding-upgrade	7:00 -12:00 pm	Sand Island Training Facility
June 9	Saturday	Cladding-upgrade	7:00 - 12:00 pm	Sand Island Training Facility
June 16	Saturday	Fabrication-upgrade	7:00 -12:00 pm	Sand Island Training Facility
June 23	Saturday	Fabrication-upgrade	7:00 -12:00 pm	Sand Island Training Facility
July 3	Tuesday	FA/CPR/AED	4:30 - 8:00 pm	Sand Island Training Facility
July 5	Thursday	Fall Protection	4:30 - 8:00 pm	Sand Island Training Facility
July 7	Saturday	Large Format-upgrade	7:00 -12:00 pm	Sand Island Training Facility
July 14	Saturday	Large Format-upgrade	7:00 -12:00 pm	Sand Island Training Facility
July 21	Saturday	Burnish Block-upgrade	7:00 -12:00 pm	Sand Island Training Facility
July 28	Saturday	Burnish Block-upgrade	7:00 -12:00 pm	Sand Island Training Facility

**Fall semester begins on August 4, 2018.**

**Eligible:** Members of Hawaii Masons Union Local #1, IUBAC.

**To Register:** Contact Training Coordinator Patrick Coronas at (808) 741-6971 (Cellular) or by e-mail at [himpptf@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:himpptf@hawaii.rr.com).