



STATE SENATOR Brandon J.C. Elefante

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Proudly serving: 'Aiea, 'Aiea Heights, Hālawā, Pearlridge, Newtown, Royal Summit, Waimalu, Waiāu, Momilani, Pacific Palisades, and Pearl City



A LEGISLATIVE SESSION OF ACTION: SERVING YOU IN THE STATE SENATE

Aloha Friends and Neighbors,

Mahalo for the privilege of serving as your State Senator. It's an honor to represent our community.

This legislative session, I'm proud to report that five of my bills passed the Legislature, addressing key community concerns such as Senate Bill (SB) 2667 restrictions for certain commercial and towing vehicles, SB2135 privacy protections of intimate images, SB2140 county labor standards and contractor accountability, SB99 school resource officer staffing needs, and SB2138 expanded tuition assistance for Hawai'i National Guard members pursuing graduate degrees at the University of Hawai'i. *(More about these measures listed on Page 3.)*

Also passed this session was SB3157, which supports transportation safety by expanding the automated speed enforcement system on O'ahu, with no more than two systems per Senate District each calendar year.



Left: Office Manager Janice Salcedo, Senator Brandon Elefante, Committee Clerk Taylor Sayles, & Legislative Staffer Keila Okamura.

We also secured significant funding in the state budget for critical **Capital Improvement Projects (CIP)** to benefit schools and neighborhoods across our district. Key allocations include:

- **\$450,000** for drainage and fencing improvements at **'Aiea High School**.
- **\$1 million** for an emergency egress/ingress route in **Pacific Palisades**.
- **\$1 million** for health, safety, accessibility, and code improvements at the **Waimano Hale Complex**.
- **\$8 million** Funding to support **Red Hill remediation** through environmental monitoring and site improvements.

(See Page 2 for a full breakdown of district funding, including recent CIP funding released.)

As we close the school year, I extend my warmest congratulations to the Class of 2026. May your future be bright and full of opportunities!

Mahalo nui loa for the privilege of serving you.

With aloha,

Our Senate District 16's Legislative Team!

Together, we are here to serve our community and welcome your thoughts and concerns.



Above: Take down tobacco sign waving with students in front of the Capitol.

Session by the Numbers



\$26.5 MILLION

CIPs Secured in the State Budget

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Bills, Resolutions, & GMs Reported out of the Committee on Labor & Technology

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Bills & Resolutions Introduced, Co-Introduced, & Co-Sponsored

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BUSY AT WORK

Investing in Our District

We are making real progress in improving our schools and neighborhoods. I'm pleased to report that we secured critical funding in the state budget for CIPs across our district.



The Keaīwa Heiau State Recreation Area ADA campsite.

New CIPs Secured in the State Budget:

- **'Aiea High School – \$450K** for plans, design, and construction for leveling of the ground around the gym exterior and installing a proper drainage system, replacing the football stadium fencing; ground and site improvements; equipment and appurtenances.
- **Pacific Palisades – \$1M** for emergency/ingress route
- **Waimano Hale Complex – \$1M** for design and construction for necessary improvements to provide for health and safety, accessibility, and other code requirements.

Contract Awarded:

- **'Aiea High School New Athletic Football Field \$7.69 Million** awarded to **Peterson Bros. Construction, Inc.**

Additional Statewide Investments:

- **Education – \$446M** for school facility improvements and repairs statewide, including deferred maintenance, health and safety improvements, compliance, kitchen renovations, and pre-kindergarten expansion
- **School-Based Budgeting – \$81.4M** for priority school capital improvement and support projects
- **Transportation – \$365M** for airports and **\$646M** for the state highway system



Supporting Our Keiki!



From celebrating the **Pearl City Highlands Intermediate School's Science Olympiad team** (top right) to learning from **'Aiea High School's Health Sciences Symposium at Leeward Community College** (top left), I'm proud to support education that builds a strong foundation and future.

I returned to my alma mater for **'Aiea High School's Student Association Induction Ceremony** (middle left) and attended the **ChargerPalooza at Pearl City High School** where students showcased their talent, innovation, and collaboration (bottom left).

Community Leadership

The State Senate confirmed **Claire Tamamoto** to the **Stadium Authority Board**. A proud **'Aiea High School and University of Hawai'i graduate**, and a longtime **'Aiea resident**, Claire has dedicated decades of service to our community through her leadership with the **'Aiea Community Association, 'Aiea Christmas Parade, 'Aiea Hongwanji Preschool**, and efforts supporting projects such as the new **'Aiea library, Loko I'a Pā'aiau, and kūpuna housing**. Her experience, integrity, and deep commitment to community make her a strong voice for the future of the Stadium Authority and our region. Mahalo, Claire, for your willingness to serve and congratulations on your Senate Confirmation!



Pictured are from, left to right, Senator Elefante, Claire Tamamoto, and her husband Dr. Warren Tamamoto.

Celebrating Our Local Talent!

From the court to the mat, **Pearl City High School** displayed incredible talent, teamwork, and Charger pride.

It was an honor to recognize the **JV Girls Basketball team, Varsity Girls Basketball team, and wrestling program** at **Chargerpalooza. Go Chargers!**



SERVING YOU AT THE STATE CAPITOL

I'm proud to share another productive legislative session, during which I began serving as **Chair of the Senate Labor and Technology (LBT) Committee** and **Vice Chair of the Transportation (TRS) Committee**. I also continued my work as a **member of the Ways and Means (WAM) and Housing (HOU) Committees**, helping address key issues impacting our workforce, infrastructure, state budget, and housing needs.

Leading Labor & Technology

In my first year chairing LBT, we addressed critical issues impacting Hawaii's workforce, public employees, labor relations, employment training, employee benefits, and the modernization of state technology systems and services.



Pictured are the Senate Committee on Labor and Technology, and the House Committee on Economic Development and Technology during conference week.

Advancing Workforce, Safety, & Community Priorities

My commitment to our diverse community remains firm, and I continue to advocate for policies that support workers, strengthen public services, improve safety, and address emerging community needs. This session, I introduced **SCR85** to help address high-vacancy and difficult-to-fill civil service positions, **SCR139** to support a comprehensive statewide workforce strategy, **SCR87** to encourage expanded access to automated external defibrillators and training in state-owned buildings, and **SCR83** to request the City and County of Honolulu to consider developing a facility for discarding lithium-ion batteries.



Pictured are the Workforce Development Council, from, left to right, Jason Benn, Senator Moriwiki, Gina Anonuevo, Trang Malone, Cheryl Cross, Ashleigh Loa, Senator Lamosao, Keith DeMello, and Senator Elefante.

Bills Passed through Legislature

SB3157 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION.

Removes county-specific expenditure restrictions for funds in the Automated Speed Enforcement Systems Program Special Fund. Authorizes the Department of Transportation to reissue procurement for the Automated Speed Enforcement Systems Program every five years. Requires unencumbered and unexpended revenues from the Automated Speed Enforcement Systems Program Special Fund in excess of a \$12,000,000 as of June 30 of each year to lapse to the general fund.

SB2135 RELATING TO PRIVACY.

Establishes the nonconsensual disclosure of intimate or private images as a criminal offense. Amends the criteria for an extended term of imprisonment to include defendants whose act of attempting to commit or committing the offense of nonconsensual disclosure of intimate or private images against a minor or vulnerable adult was the proximate cause of the victim's death.

SB2140 RELATING TO COUNTY LABOR STANDARDS.

Authorizes counties to require contractors to disclose employee wage, benefit, hour, and employment-status information. Authorizes counties to deny, revoke, or suspend building permits for violations of related laws under certain conditions. Establishes a process by which an owner or developer may replace a noncompliant contractor and transfer the building permit to the replacement contractor.

SB99 RELATING TO GOVERNMENT.

Allows a retirant to be employed without reenrollment in the Employees' Retirement System and without loss or interruption of retirement benefits if the retirant is employed as a school resource officer identified by the Department of Law Enforcement or other law enforcement agency as a labor shortage or difficult-to-fill position and stationed at a public school, subject to certain conditions.



Senator Elefante at the Wake Up 2day KHON2 News Station discussing the biggest challenges filling vacancies in state jobs and encouraging them to apply!

SB2138 RELATING TO THE HAWAII NATIONAL GUARD STATE TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

Authorizes the Adjutant General to expand the Hawaii National Guard State Tuition Assistance Program to include graduate degrees at the University of Hawaii for qualified enlisted personnel in the Hawaii National Guard.

Hawai'i State Capitol

Our State Capitol in Honolulu is truly one of a kind. With its rich history, open-air design, and symbolic architecture, it stands apart from any other state capitol in the nation.



I encourage everyone to visit and take a tour—you'll gain a deeper appreciation for the building and the democratic process it represents.

If you plan to stop by, please let us know! We'd be happy to welcome you and take a photo together.



Your voice matters!

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Pictured from, left to right, Representative Takayama, Representative Chun, Senator Elefante, Chair Larry Veray, board member Heide Weber, Pearl City High School students Kyle Sewake and Travis Osaki, and Senator Lamosao.



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