



Senator Kurt Fevella

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'Ewa by Gentry, Iroquois
Point, and portion of
'Ewa Villages

Aloha Family and Friends,

Since Opening Day, the Senate has been meeting to discuss and vote on a slew of bills. Over 2,800 senate bills have been introduced/carried over to this legislative session. We just reached the triple referral deadline on February 8. The next deadline is February 15- the filing of first lateral bills. To learn the legislative process and understand the session deadlines, visit the Legislative Reference Bureau - Public Access Room's website: <https://lrb.hawaii.gov/par/>.

As my office is always open to your comments and concerns, I would like to take this time to thank you for sharing your testimonies and showing your support for what is pono and voicing your concerns when needed.

Sincerely,

Potential City Bus Route to Kapilina Beach Homes

I have been meeting with departments and the appropriate parties in discussing the expansion of city bus routes, since last year. We are hopeful that an additional route may take place from Fort Weaver Road to Kapilina Beach Homes and an emergency access road may be used to Cormorant Avenue. More discussions are needed to take place to help increase access to roads and routes in case of emergencies and my office will continue to work with the agencies and departments to ensure these routes.



Moment of Contemplation February 5, 2024

A Moment of Contemplation (MOC) is a practice the Senate has kept over the years. Prior to the start of each session, a MOC is presented before the Senate and guests. Kenny Tagavilla performed an original song, "Kona Grown," before the Senate and his wife, Tia, with other guests, including Lieutenant Governor Sylvia Luke. Kona Grown is a heartfelt song that speaks on Mr. Tagavilla's upbringing and experiences in his hometown. It is a song like this that reminds me of how beautiful and special Hawai'i is. Mahalo nui Kenny for your wonderful performance.



L-R: Tia Tagavilla, Sen. Kurt Fevella, Kenny Tagavilla



Mr. Tagavilla performing "Kona Grown" in the Senate Chamber.



Kenny and Tia Tagavilla with the Hawai'i State Senators after floor session.



L-R: Senate President Ronald Kouichi, Mr. Tagavilla, and Sen. Fevella



In the Community

Keone'ula Elementary School Induction Ceremony

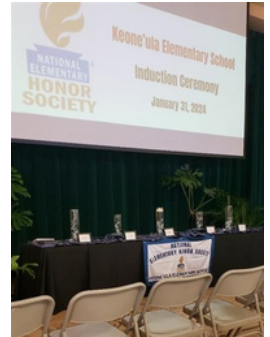
January 31, 2024

The Keone'ula Elementary School held an induction ceremony for thirty-two of our students into the National Elementary Honor Society (NEHS) - eleven students have continued on while twenty-one have been inducted into the honor society. To be invited into the honor society and at such a tender age is a great achievement and proves their academic excellence. Congratulations and mahalo for your commitment and hard work:



The ceremony was held at the Keone'ula Elementary School.

(inductees) Kamila Jade Alisa, Miley Arquero, Matua Benavente, Rachel Castillo, James Ethan Ching, Kennedy Cota, Elenoa Kaleopa, Karlee Kalipi, Jaerick McCoy, Brooklyn Megna, Bennett Okamura, Leia Park, Mahina Perkins, Mason John San Juan, Hila'i Santos, Aeisha Sison, Derien Smith, Annaleigh Taupo, Sophie Tong, Arianna Udani, Timothy Wright; and (current) Anela Barboza, Joleigh Gulisao, Lila Kama, Christina Liederbach, Victoria Martel, Jarren Masumoto, Dylan Pascual, Leah Shim, Kolten Tunupopo, Logan Ugalde, and Sienna Villareal.



The National Elementary Honor Society hosting the induction ceremony.

Nanakuli High and Intermediate School Visit the Capitol

January 26, 2024

Students from the Nanakuli High and Intermediate School visited the State Capitol. As we toured to a few places, I had the privilege to share my experiences and provide insight on the work we do as legislators and the staff handling community and constituency matters. Nanakuli High and Intermediate School has a motto that



Nanakuli High and Intermediate School students and staff with legislators at the capitol.

should be motivation for all students," We seek the highest." I believe that civic education is important for all students to know, and I appreciate the staff for making this opportunity possible for our students as education is beyond the classroom and having this experience cultivates growth in our keiki preparing them for their future.



Senator Fevella talking story with the students in a conference room where hearings are held.



- Market-Priced Homes and Townhomes (Hau Bush)
 - New Recreational Activities in Wai Kai
 - Future Developments
 - Renaming JCHS's Softball Field after Aunty Loke
- Attend in-person to share your comments/questions.

Monday
February 5, 2024
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM
'Ilima Intermediate Cafe.
91-884 Fort Weaver Rd.
Ewa Beach, HI 96706

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Sen. Fevella's Town Hall February 5, 2024

I held a town hall meeting at 'Ilima Intermediate School's cafeteria to provide an opportunity for the public to attend and join in the discussion of Haseko's updates and future development. We also spoke on the renaming of James Campbell High School's Softball Field after Aunty Loke Huddy, former JCHS coach. You may find the electronic copy of the MidWeek column I dedicated to Aunty Loke here:

<https://midweek.com/pdf/West/2023/1129/>



Haseko presented first on its updates relating to Wai Kai.



Capitol Update

Opening Day - 32nd Hawai'i State Legislature January 17, 2024

Mahalo nui to all who have visited our office and expressing their aloha!

Many people gathered at the Hawai'i State Capitol to join us in the opening day of the Thirty-Second Legislature. Groups and individuals made their way through the offices of senators and representatives partaking in the festivities. I enjoyed meeting and conversing with everyone that came by the office that day and wishing us a successful session. I hope you all continue to follow along with us this legislative session. My priorities have remained the same- improving the lives of the people of Hawai'i. It is my hope that you will continue to be vigilant in testifying on important issues.



The Committee on Energy, Economic Development, And Tourism's (EET) First Hearing January 30, 2024

The EET committee held its first stand-alone hearing with all members present - reporting out three measures: SB2081 - relating to economic development, SB2122- relating to energy-efficiency portfolio standards, and SB2504- relating to state programs. You may find the hearing schedule on the State Legislature's website:

<https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/>. Mahalo to the individuals testifying on not just measures in this committee but overall.



L-R: Senators Carol Fukunaga, Kurt Fevella, Lynn DeCoite (Chair), Donna Kim, and Glenn Wakai (Vice Chair)

Lahaina Strong

The committees on Water and Land (WTL) and the Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs (PSM) held an afternoon hearing with twelve items on the agenda. One of the items was SB3327, relating to the Commission on Water Resource Management.

Many testifiers were in support of this measure, including Lahaina Strong. This bill passed the WTL/PSM committee and is referred next to the committees on Ways and Means and Judiciary.



Senators Inouye, McKelvey, and Fevella with Lahaina Strong in the Senate Chamber after the PSM/WTL passed SB3327.

HSATA and FFA - February 5, 2024

The Hawaii State Agriculture Teachers Association and Future Farmers of America hosted a presentation in the auditorium.

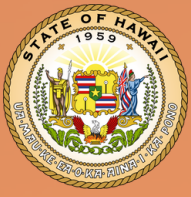
DOE's Teacher of the Year, Jackie Freitas was also hosting the program. Student leaders presented on a self-sufficient and productive agricultural future for Hawai'i, including students from the 'Ewa district.



The Hawai'i State Student Council (HSSC) was established in 1972 by the Board of Education to include student participation and representation. The HSSC visited the State Capitol and attended the floor session. The gallery was full of our students and staff from O'ahu and neighbor islands.

Hawai'i State Student Council February 7, 2024





Important Dates & Contacts

'Ewa Neighborhood Board

February 8 at 7 pm
Ewa Beach Public and School Library
and online (Webex)

Visit: <https://www.honolulu.gov/nco/boards.html>



32nd Legislative Session

January 17 - May 3, 2024

Mahino 'Olelo Hawai'i

Hawaiian Language Month
(Pepeleuli/February)

President's Day Holiday

Monday, February 19

Ewa Lions Club Valentine's Dance

Saturday, February 12 from 9 am to 12 noon
Asing Community Park

Connecting our Community

Emergency Services

Ambulance/Fire/Police: 911

State Emergency Management Division: 808-733-4300

State Highway Safety Hotline: 808-831-6714

Utilities

Hawaiian Electric Co. (trouble only): 808-548-7311

Hawaiian Telcom (customer care): 611

Board of Water Supply (report leaks): 808-748-5000 ext. 1

The Gas Company (trouble only): 808-526-0066

Community Concerns

City Refuse & Bulky Item Collection: 808-768-3200

(Missed) Pickup in 'Ewa Beach: 808-768-9732

Graffiti Hotline (HPD): 808-723-3475

Damaged Sidewalks: 808-768-8159

Public Trees: 808-971-7151

Clean Stream Hotline: 808-768-7890

Medicare Call Center: 800-633-4227

Social Security: 800-772-1213

Potholes (City): 808-768-7777

Potholes (State): 808-536-7852

City & State Departments

Education ('Ewa)
808-692-8000

Handi-Van Operations
808-456-5555

Hawaiian Home Lands
808-620-9531

Health
808-586-4400

Mental Health Hotline
DOH Hawaii CARES
808-832-3100 or
1-800-753-6879

Labor & Industrial Relations
808-586-8844

Land and Natural Resources
808-587-0401

Neighborhood Board Commission
808-768-3710

Parks & Recreation
808-768-3003

Public Safety
808-587-1288

Transportation Services
808-768-3053

Transportation
808-587-2150