



Senator Kurt Fevella

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Senate District 20:

'Ewa Beach, Ocean Pointe,
'Ewa by Gentry, Iroquois
Point, and portion of
'Ewa Villages

Aloha Family and Friends,

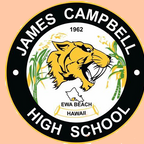
We have ended our legislative session for 2024! As you look through the newsletter, I have highlighted a few bills and several illustrations of what occurred near the end of session. Exciting events happened in our community and I was proud to participate and partake in several celebrations. I appreciate the involvement of our school faculty, parents, and members of our community in investing in our keiki and advancing 'Ewa Beach.

MAHALO NUI to our community members and stakeholders for another legislative session. I would also like to take this opportunity to mahalo my colleague, Senator Maile Shimabukuro, and for her years of service to the people of Hawai'i and a hui hou.



Mahalo and God bless,

Capitol Improvement Projects for Fiscal Year 2025



\$2,000,000

James Campbell High School received funding to design, construct, and equip an athletic complex that includes locker rooms under the bleachers, fitness and weight room, relocate play courts, ground site improvements, provide equipment and accessories, and alternatives, including concession stand, restroom, and visitors' bleachers.

Congratulations to Principal Lee, faculty, and our mighty Sabers!



\$750,000

Iroquois Point Elementary School received funding to plan, design, and construct the replacement of sewer systems and six-foot perimeter fencing for student safety, equipment, related-accessories, and land.

Congratulations to Principal Reed, faculty and fellow Ali'i!



\$775,000

'Ewa Beach Elementary School received an appropriation to plan, design, and construct three portable buildings, refurbish G Building, and security fencing.

Congratulations to Principal Lin, faculty, and thriving Bees!



\$1,000,000

Holomua Elementary School received an appropriation to plan and design a new three-story classroom building.

Congratulations to Principal Bonilla, faculty, and courageous Voyagers!

District Appropriation from HB1800 (State Budget)

- Department of Defense was allocated \$1,430,900 for utilities at Kalaeloa.
- UH West O'ahu was restored \$1,620,000 from COVID and added two positions for early childhood education support.



In the Community

James Campbell High School Site Visit

April 16, 2024

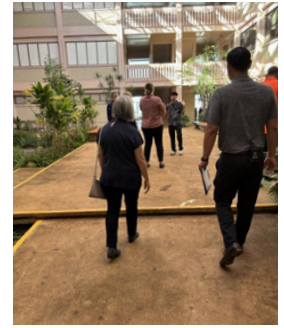
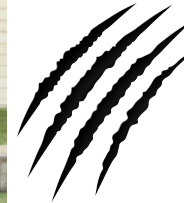
I, along with other legislators and Board of Education members, attended a site visit at Campbell High School. This site visit was prompted by the BOE's student representative, Ahryanna McGuirk. This year the state budget included funding for our district schools, including Campbell High School, enabling the vision of our school to increase opportunities for our student athletes.



Athletic Director Rory Pico briefing the guests during the site visit.



Sen. Fevella with DOE faculty and students and other state legislators.



JCHS students leading the site visit.

James Campbell High School's Showcase

May 2, 2024

The Saber Showcase recognizes and celebrates students and their accomplishments. Our students were awarded opportunities to continue postsecondary education/athletic programs to become innovative, career-driven, global citizens, and compassionate leaders. Seventy-four of our students were recognized for their profound athleticism and one hundred twenty students for their notable academics. Senate certificates were presented to each one on account of their hard work and dedication.



One of the students receiving a certificate.



Honorees receiving their Senate certificate by Sen. Fevella.

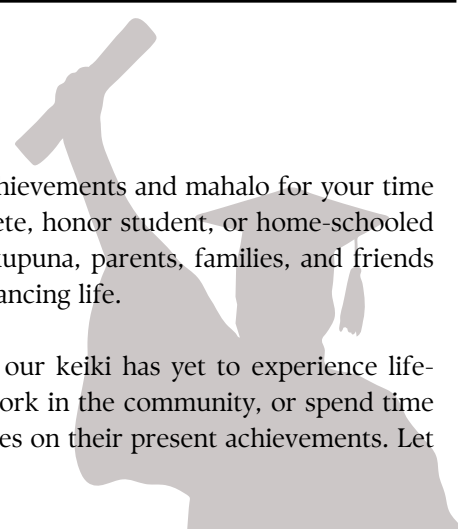


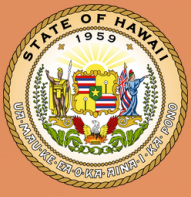
Students and Sen. Fevella in the Campbell courtyard.

Graduation Season

As graduation ceremonies are approaching, I would like to applaud every student for their achievements and mahalo for your time throughout the years from primary and secondary schooling. Whether you are a student athlete, honor student, or home-schooled student, challenges come in all forms and is different for everyone. MAHALO NUI to our kupuna, parents, families, and friends who have dedicated their time and efforts in having their child(ren) graduate school while balancing life.

For those of us with older keiki graduating high school, I would like to remind us all that our keiki has yet to experience life-altering opportunities after the graduation ceremony - plans to go vacation, attend college, work in the community, or spend time with family - our choices affect not only ourselves but one another. We celebrate our graduates on their present achievements. Let us look forward to their future successes.





Capitol Update

“Sine Die” - Adjournment of the Legislative Session

May 3, 2024

The 32nd Hawai'i State Legislature concluded its order of business. On the last day of session, several speeches were made and many individuals were acknowledged. In summary, the Legislature passed 260 of 2,871 bills this session. With 17 bills already enacted, 243 pieces of legislation are still pending before the governor. Governor Green has until June 25, 2024 to inform the Legislature of his intent to veto and July 10 to sign bills into law, allow bills to become law without his signature, or veto. You may find more information on the [Hawai'i State Legislature website](#).

HB2404- Relating to Income Tax

	Current	Beginning after 12/31/2023	Beginning after 12/31/2025	Beginning after 12/31/2027	Beginning after 12/31/2029
Joint Return/ Surviving Souse	\$4,400	\$8,800	\$16,000	\$18,000	\$20,000
Head of Household	\$3,212	\$6,424	\$9,000	\$13,500	\$15,000
Single Individual	\$2,200	\$4,400	\$8,000	\$9,000	\$10,000
Married Individual Filing Separate	\$2,200	\$4,400	\$8,000	\$9,000	\$10,000

House Bill 2404 provides substantial tax relief by doubling the standard deduction for state taxpayers and adjusts income tax brackets upwards. Families preparing their 2024 taxes will immediately benefit by a significant boost to the family's disposable income- it's not just a tax cut. According to projections from the Hawai'i State Department of Taxation, the impact of HB2404, by 2031, a family of four earning Hawai'i's median household income of \$91,010 will see a 69% decrease in their income tax liability. This is equal to a \$19,925 tax savings over a span of seven years.

SB1035 - Relating to General Excise Taxes

An important step towards enhancing healthcare in our community passed this legislative session. Senate Bill 1035 eliminates the general excise tax amount on a hospital, infirmary, medical clinic, health care facility, or pharmacy, or a medical or dental service provider, for health care-related goods and services purchased under Medicare, Medicaid, and TRICARE. As a member of the Ways & Means committee, my colleagues and I collectively worked to improve universal accessibility and promote equity in our healthcare system.



Nearing the End of Session

April 16: The Higher Education committee questioning Mr. Michael Miyahira, nominee for the University of Hawai'i's Board of Regents- confirmed later by the Senate on the floor.

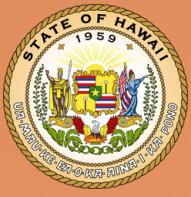


April 26: Sen. Fevella and Ms. Michelle Comeau, District Court Judge of the First Circuit after the Senate confirmation

May 3: Alanna Rollorta, top citizen scholar from JCHS and Sen. Fevella in the Senate chamber.



May 3: The Hawai'i State Senate adjourning on the last day of session on a "rising shaka."



Important Dates & Contacts

'Ewa Neighborhood Board

June 13 at 7 pm (Recess in May)

Ewa Beach Public and School Library
and online (Webex)

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

Spread ALOHA

Everyday



JCHS Graduation Ceremony

Sunday, May 26

Interim

May 6, 2024 - January 2025

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