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ALOHA KĀKOU!

Hau‘oli Makahiki Hou! It continues to be a great pleasure to represent Kona and Ka‘ū in the Hawai‘i State Senate. The privilege to advocate and voice concerns on behalf of our community, where I was born and raised in, is truly an honor.

During the interim, my staff and I worked diligently to identify our districts' greatest needs and areas of improvement. Whether it is at the Capitol or in Senate District 3, we made sure that every day we made a difference in our community's well-being and future. While in the community, I was able to visit Kealakehe High School, Ke Kula ‘O ‘Ehunuikaimalino and Nā‘ālehu Elementary School as well as driving south to Ka‘ū to experience local ranchers' livelihoods. With every visit, I learn something new and meet inspiring community leaders, building upon my experience and reaffirming why I am proud of our island home.

Interim also provides time for collaboration and outreach to consider solutions to Hawai‘i's most pressing issues. The legislation I introduced this Session are products of my staff and I meeting and consulting with various community leaders, organizations and constituents like yourself.

It is important to build on 2019's momentum and continue to work robustly through to the end of this legislative biennium.

I remain committed to ensuring your voices are heard at the Capitol and will continue working hard to ensure the best possible quality of life for our community. As always, your feedback is welcome and encouraged.

Me ke aloha,

Senator Dru Mamo Kanuha



State Sen.'s Kanuha and Kaiali'i Kahele with Sen. Mazie Hirono at the 5th annual Hawai'i on the Hill in Washington D.C.



Sen. Kanuha, Rep. Lowen, and DOFAW representatives visiting the Pu'u O Umi natural area reserve in Kohala.



Sen. Kanuha and members of the Hawai'i County Council visit Kealakehe High School in coordination with Teach For America- Hawai'i.

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Representing Senate District 3 During Interim 2019



Sen. Kanuha and members of the Hawai'i State Senate visit Taiwan in October to foster relationship-building and discuss indigenous issues.



Senate Committee on Ways and Means (WAM) visiting Maui to view funded and proposed projects. WAM site visits allows members to make more informed decisions when advocating for funding.



Big Island Senators celebrating with Judge Jeffrey A. Hawk after his confirmation during the First Special Session of 2019.



In May, Sen. Kanuha visited Singapore and Hong Kong with the Hawai'i Affordable Housing Delegation to consider alternative solutions to Hawai'i's housing shortage.



Sen. Kanuha and Rep. Lowen on Opening Day of the 2020 Legislative Session.



Sen. Kanuha and Helena Nihipali, Miss Ka'ū Coffee 2019 at the 11th Annual Ka'ū Coffee



Sen. Kanuha presented certificates at the Sayre Memorial Foundation Awards Ceremony in August at the Fairmont Orchid Ballroom.



Sen. Kanuha participating in the July 2019 West Hawai'i Legislative Talk Story with state and county leaders at the West Hawai'i Civic Center.



Sen.'s Kanuha and Kahahele with Associate Justice Michael D. Wilson at the opening of the new Keahouli Courthouse in Kailua-Kona.