



Senator Jill N. Tokuda

2016 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

24th Senatorial District - Kaneohe, Kaneohe MCBH, Kailua, Heeia, Ahuimanu

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Dear Friends:

This past legislative session was filled with both challenges and opportunities as we once again focused our state's limited resources on priority needs that are important to our communities and our people, while ensuring a strong fiscal foundation so essential programs and services can be sustained.

Homelessness and access to affordable housing personally impacts all of us. Walking through our community, sitting with many of you, everyone has a story to share. Understanding that there is no one single solution to this issue, I introduced a package of bills that provided solutions across the spectrum.

We passed a \$500,000 appropriation and provided for the establishment of comprehensive mental health services for homeless individuals with severe mental illness (SB2560); established a goal of building 22,500 affordable rental units by 2026 and provided the Office of State Planning with funding for a designated Special Action Team made up of public and private sector leaders to get us to our goal (SB2561). We also established accountability and performance measures for the over \$13million in shelter bed contracts that are given out annually (SB2559). In addition, the legislature provided an unprecedented \$12million in lump sum funding for homeless services in the supplemental budget, along with additional personnel to oversee and implement that funding.

And as we begin another school year, we continue to push forward with the Department of Education with \$100million in general funds that were provided for air conditioning and other heat abatement measures. While significant, the challenges ahead are humbling and both as policy makers and as parents, the work continues on how we create positive and conducive environments in which our children can learn and our educators can teach.

Our office continues to work hard during the interim on district issues and looking at the overall needs of our state. I will be in your neighborhood soon, and look forward to seeing you soon. As always, please do not hesitate to contact me if we can be of assistance!

Mahalo,



Senator Tokuda and sons Matt and Aden repainted a bus stop as part of the Malama 96744 Graffiti Paint-Out and Community Clean-Up.

Over \$179 Million for Senate District 24

Prior to this fiscal year, Senator Tokuda has brought home over **\$172 million** in CIP funding for the 24th Senatorial District for much needed infrastructure and public facilities. During the 2015-2016 Legislative Sessions, she fought to ensure that the following priority projects were funded for fiscal year 2017 as part of the biennium budget so that our community's needs could be met:

Castle High School	\$150,000
<i>Classroom renovation to support digital media/video productions.</i>	
Heeia Elementary School	\$300,000
<i>Design and construction for fire lane access to rear of school.</i>	
Kaneohe Elementary School	\$541,000
<i>Design, construction, and equipment for net zero modular classroom and improvements to driveway and parking.</i>	
Kapunahala Elementary School	\$400,000
<i>Plans, design and construction for a new facility for education, research and employment programs in Kaneohe, Oahu.</i>	
Hawaii State Hospital	\$161,832,000
<i>Design and construction for a patient care facility. Other improvements necessary to maintain health and safety for patients and staff.</i>	
Windward Health Center	\$1,565,000
<i>Design and construction for re-roofing.</i>	
Kawainui Environmental Restoration Project	\$1,200,000
<i>Environmental cleanup, wildlife habitat restoration, and management facility enhancements.</i>	
Heeia Pier	\$3,500,000
<i>Remediation of a failing concrete apron around the mole for row 200.</i>	
Women's Community Correctional Center	\$1,150,000
<i>New consolidated female housing and associated support offices and a new security electronic and security hardware system.</i>	
Kahekili Highway	\$200,000
<i>Land acquisition and design for highway widening and other improvements to provide corridor capacity and operational improvements from Likelike Highway to Kamehameha Highway.</i>	
Keaahala Road	\$3,000,000
<i>Land acquisition, design and construction for widening of Keaahala Road from Kahekili Highway to Pookela Street.</i>	
Castle Hills Access Road	\$3,000,000
<i>Land acquisition, design and construction for the widening of Castle Hills Access Road (Pookela Street) from Keaahala Road to Kupohu Street.</i>	

TOTAL **\$179,688,000**

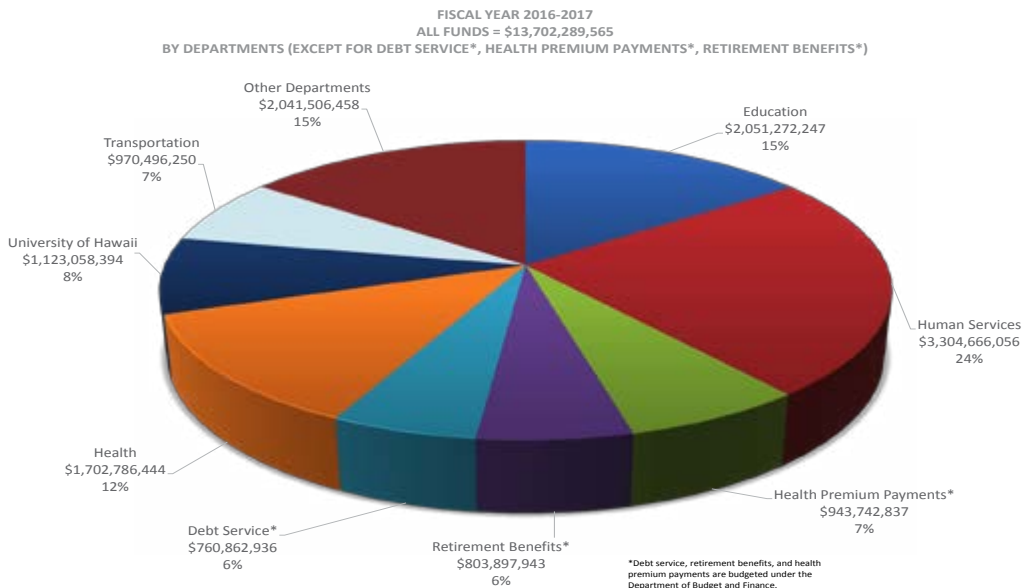
Fiscal Year 2016-2017 State Executive Budget:

State lawmakers passed a \$13.7 billion budget for 2017, providing for substantial increases in funding for early education, approved an unprecedented appropriation for homeless programs statewide, delivered additional support to meet the housing needs for Hawaii's families, and focused on improving the delivery and access to health care services statewide.

With homelessness and affordable housing being at the forefront of issues, \$12 million was provided for homelessness programs, surpassing the governor's request for about \$9 million, and gives the Governor's office flexibility on how best to spend the money.

To address Hawaii's severe shortage of affordable housing, the Legislature earmarked nearly \$100 million to make a dent in the crisis, including \$36.6 million in bonds for the Rental Housing Revolving Fund for developers of affordable housing for rent, and \$25 million for the Dwelling Unit Revolving Fund, which is for developers of affordable housing to purchase. \$3 million in general funds have been provided for Hawaii Public Housing Authority state family and elderly housing facilities.

Recognizing that the greatest equalizer is access to high quality educational opportunities, especially at the earliest age, lawmakers increased Preschool Open Doors base funding to \$10 million to present families with a real opportunity for school readiness. For the University of Hawaii, \$3 million in general funds for athletics was allocated at the system level, and \$1.25 million in general funds for equipment for the community college's vocational programs.



Focused on the health needs of our community, the budget includes \$1.2 million to assist in the fight against mosquito-borne diseases and newly emerging public health threats. \$3 million was provided for kupuna care. For the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation, in addition to the \$21 million requested by the Governor and HHSC, \$10 million was provided to cover any additional funds required for Maui Memorial's seed capital requirement, as well as to provide operating subsidies to the other regions as they see fit.

In addressing environmental concerns, lawmakers provided \$1.6 million in general funds for water infrastructure support statewide and \$1.5 million for a federal study on Hawaii streams looking at in-stream flow

standards and assessing water availability.

\$4.8 million was appropriated to support agriculture, ranging from food safety certification compliance to including qualified feed developers in our livestock revitalization program, to combating the movement of invasive species between islands.

Focused on growing jobs and our economy, \$1 million was budgeted for HI-Growth and \$100,000 in matching general funds for the Creative Labs program.

Additionally, lawmakers provided \$1.15 billion in general obligation bonds and \$2.5 billion for projects funded by all other means of financing for capital improvement projects that will play a vital role in rebuilding our economy and strengthening our social infrastructure.



Joint State Budget Briefing with House Finance and Senate Ways and Means Committee members.

2016 Legislative Session in Review

State Lawmakers pass measures that align with legislative priorities

State lawmakers passed more than 270 bills that address the wide range of needs and concerns of Hawaii residents during the 2016 Session of the 28th Legislature.

Senators made decisions on a wide range of issues ranging from homelessness and housing, to health care, education and a focus on growing our economy all with a mindset of ensuring we can financially sustain these programs and services now and into the future.

Here is a summary of some of the bills passed this legislative session. These bills have been sent to Governor David Ige who has the option of signing them into law, vetoing the bills or he can allow them to become law without his signature.

End of Session Highlights:

STATE BUDGET

H.B. 1700, HD1 SD1 CD1: Adjusts the Fiscal Biennium 2017 funding requirements for operations and capital improvement projects to \$13.7 billion in State spending. Includes \$23.9 million in funding for the state Department of Hawaiian Home Lands administration and operating support; \$81.9 million to pay down the unfunded liability for public workers and retiree health benefits that the state is required to pay in the years ahead; \$31.5 million provided for the state to purchase prime agricultural lands between Wahiawa and Waiialua from Dole Food Co. to lease to farmers to increase local food production; \$12 million for homeless programs which provides the opportunity to change the way the State deals with the challenging problem of homelessness; \$10 million for the Preschool Open Doors program; eliminated \$1.5 million in general funds for vacant positions across various departments.

BUDGET RESERVES

H.B. 2317 HD1 SD1 CD1: Appropriates \$150 million for the State's "Rainy Day" budget reserve fund.

INCOME TAX

HB1527 HD1 SD1 CD1: Requires the Auditor to periodically review certain credits, exclusions, and deductions under the income tax and financial institutions tax.

COOL SCHOOLS

SB 3126 SD2 HD2 CD1: Appropriates \$100 million to install air conditioning and other heat abatement measures in public school classrooms to promote the



Senator Tokuda, Representative Ken Ito, and Shari Ah Yat at the Kaneohe Senior Center's 39th Anniversary Luncheon.

health and safety of students and teachers, and to provide a more comfortable and productive learning environment.

VACATION RENTALS

HB1850 HD1 SD3 CD1: Allows transient accommodations brokers to register as tax collection agents with the state and enter into an agreement to collect taxes owed on vacation rentals.

HOMELESS SHELTERS

SB2559 SD1 HD1 CD1: Makes available more emergency and transitional shelter space by establishing minimum requirements for emergency shelters and transitional shelter space and establishing positions and funds to assist in the operation of the homeless program.

PRE-PAYMENT OF BOND DEBT SERVICE, PENSION, AND OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFIT LIABILITIES

SB2554: I introduced a bill that puts on the ballot a constitutional amendment allowing us the alternative to first pay off our debts and address our unfunded pension liabilities with excess general fund revenues.

REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE

SB2547 SD1 HD1 CD1: Recognizing the need to better repair and maintain what we build, I introduced this measure to establish a full funding policy and budgetary procedures for routine repair and maintenance of state owned buildings,

facilities and improvements.

AFFORDABLE RENTAL HOUSING

SB2561 SD2 HD1 CD1: We introduced this bill to establish a goal of developing or vesting the development of at least 22,500 affordable rental housing units ready for occupancy by 2026. Establishes a temporary special action team on rental housing to make recommendations to the Governor, Legislature and other parties to achieve the goal. Makes an appropriation.

Other Notable Bills:

COMMERCE & CONSUMER PROTECTION

Job Training

HB2605 HD1 SD2 CD1: Appropriates funds to establish, administer, and support job training for individuals who are unemployed and dislocated due to the closure of Hawaiian Commercial & Sugar Company and the Makena Beach and Golf Resort on Maui.

Workers Comp

HB2715 HD2 SD1 CD1: Appropriates \$150,000 for the state auditor to conduct a study on closed claims in the State's workers' compensation system to determine if changes are necessary to ensure health, safety and fairness in the workplace.

Organic Food Production Credit

HB1689 HD2 SD2 CD1: Establishes an organic foods production tax credit of up to \$50,000 for farmers, ranchers, and

producers seeking to obtain organic certification starting on January 1, 2017.

Disciplining Doctors

SB2675 SD1 HD2 (Act 38): Authorizes the Board of Dental Examiners, Hawaii Medical Board, Board of Nursing, and Board of Pharmacy to deny a license to an applicant or impose disciplinary action against a licensee who has been disciplined by another state or federal agency.

Jury Duty

SB2315 SD2 HD2: Exempts from jury duty a woman who is breastfeeding for a period of two years from the birth of the child.

Voter Registration

HB1055 HD2 SD1: Requires on an application to register to vote, a Hawaii driver's license number or a Hawaii state identification card number or, if no license or identification card has been issued, the last four digits of the applicant's social security number. If the applicant does not have a social security number, requires an election official or county clerk to assign the applicant a unique number for voter registration purposes. Takes effect on 1/1/2018.

EDUCATION

Sexual Harassment

HB2772 HD1 SD2 CD1: Adopts the preliminary recommendation of the affirmative consent task force including requiring the University of Hawaii to train employees and students on sexual harassment, sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking policies.

Data Management

SB2607 SD2 HD2 (Act 40): Limits the ways in which the operator of a website, online service, online application, or mobile application working with the Department of Education can use student data.

Insulin Assistance

HB2494 (Act 10): Authorizes Department of Education employees to volunteer to administer or assist a student with blood glucose monitoring.

HEALTH

Concussions

SB2557 SD2 HD1 CD1: Building upon measures our office has previously passed, I introduced this bill on behalf of the stakeholders working group to expand the concussion educational program established under Act 197, Session Laws of Hawaii 2012, and incorporate additional concussion protocol program requirements. This bill also appropriates

funds to develop and implement the concussion monitoring and education program for school athletics and youth athletic activities, administer concussion testing to high school student athletes, and implement a concussion awareness program for youth athletics.

Medical Marijuana

HB2707 HD1 SD2 CD1: Amends Hawaii's medical marijuana law to ensure the efficient and responsible operation of medical marijuana dispensaries and to better clarify dispensary provisions including data, dispensary tax exemptions, transport and testing. Also allows advanced practice registered nurses to certify patients for medical marijuana use.

STD Screenings

HB1897 HD1 SD1 CD1: Ensures that all insurers in the State provide insurance coverage for sexually transmitted disease screenings, including HIV and AIDS.

Drug Overdose

SB2392 SD2 HD3 CD1: Takes steps to reduce opioid-related drug related overdoses in the State by encouraging the use of opioid antagonists to assist individuals experiencing or at risk of experiencing an opioid-related drug overdose.

Health Department Inspections

SB2384 SD1 HD1 CD1: Requires the Department of Health to conduct unannounced visits and inspections for state-licensed or state-certified care facilities beginning July 1, 2019 and medical marijuana production centers and dispensaries beginning July 1, 2016.

Birth Control

SB2319 SD1 HD3 CD1: Requires health insurers in the State, including health benefits plans under the Hawaii Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund and Medicaid managed care programs, to cover reimbursement for contraceptive supplies intended to last for up to a twelve-month period for an insured.

Respiratory Therapists

SB2341 SD1 (Act 14): Helps to insure the health and safety of Hawaii residents and visitors by making permanent the statute requiring respiratory therapists to be licensed in Hawaii.

Mentally Ill

SB2560 SD2 HD1 CD1: We introduced this measure as part of a continuum to address the overall issue of homelessness and housing, requiring the Department of Health to provide treatment and care for homeless individuals with serious and persistent mental health challenges as a part of its comprehensive mental health system, and appropriating \$500,000 for programs and services.

TRANSPORTATION

State Highway Fund

HB2086 HD2 SD2: Reluctantly appropriates and deposits \$37 million into the state highway fund as a subsidy to continue certain highway maintenance and capital improvement projects and ensure funding for emergency repairs. Addresses recent past practices and unsound budgetary practices by requiring the Governor to provide a plan to sustain the state highway fund.

Mopeds

HB1753 HD3 SD2 CD1: A measure championed by neighborhood boards across Oahu to counter such issues as excessive noise due to vehicle modifications, this bill requires registration, inspections, and number plates for mopeds.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Sex Assault Kits

HB1907 HD2 SD2 CD1: Requires all law enforcement agencies and departments charged with maintenance, storage, and preservation of sexual assault evidence collection kits to conduct an inventory of all stored kits and report to the Attorney General. Requires the Department of



Earlier this year, Senator Tokuda attended the blessing of Kailua High School's newly constructed Natural Science Lab Building.



Senator Tokuda attended a Community Solutions meeting with the Hawaii Bicycle League to discuss bicycle safety along Kamehameha Highway and throughout Kaneohe.

the Attorney General to report to the Legislature on the number of untested sexual assault evidence collection kits being stored, plans and procedures for the disposition of new and untested kits, and related information.

Gun Checks

SB2954 SD2 HD1: Authorizes county police departments to enroll firearms applicants and individuals who are registering their firearms into a criminal record monitoring service used to alert police when an owner of a firearm is arrested for a criminal offense anywhere in the country.

Stalking

HB625 HD1 SD1: Specifies that harassment by stalking and sexual assault are among the offenses that disqualify a person from owning, possessing, or controlling any firearm or ammunition.

Release Offenders

HB2391 HD2 SD2 CD1: Addresses the problem of overcrowding of jails by authorizing the Director of Public Safety to release pretrial or convicted misdemeanor offenders to relieve overcrowding. A person who has been arrested for a violent crime or whose bail is set at more than \$5,000 is not eligible for release.

Sex Trafficking

HB1902 HD2 SD1 CD1: Creates the offense of sex trafficking where a person advances prostitution by the use of force, threat, fraud, or intimidation or where a minor is prostituted. Sex Trafficking is classified as a violent crime and a Class A felony.

Guardianship Gun Control

SB2813 SD1: Requires the courts to provide information relating to adult guardianship appointment orders to the Hawaii Criminal Justice Data Center to disclose to the Federal Bureau of Investigation National Instant Criminal Background Check System database for gun control purposes.

ENVIRONMENT

Wildlife Protection

SB 2647 SD1 HD2: Addresses the trafficking of animals facing extinction by prohibiting the sale, purchase, trade, possession with intent to sell, or barter any part of product from various animal and marine species.

Water Rights

HB2501 HD2 SD2 CD1: Requires that where an application has been made for a lease to continue a previously authorized disposition of water rights, a holdover may be authorized annually until the pending application for the disposition of water rights is finally resolved or for a total of three consecutive one-year holdovers, whichever occurs sooner.

Cesspools

SB3084 SD1 HD2 CD1: Amends the cesspool upgrade, conversion, or connection income tax credit by making it available for cesspools within a tax map key area in which more than one residence is connected to a large-capacity cesspool.

Water Pollution

HB2030 HD2 SD2 CD1: Prohibits the discharge of treated or raw sewage into state waters after 2026 except when used for a beneficial purpose as provided by law.

Red Hill

HB2646 HD2 SD2 CD1: Protects the public's health by creating a permanent fuel tank advisory committee to study, monitor, and address fuel tank leak issues.

Rapid Ohia Death

HB2675 HD1 SD2 CD1: Appropriates \$300,000 for research to combat rapid Ohia death.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Manufacturing

SB3109 SD1 HD1 CD1: Appropriates \$1 million for the High Technology Development Corporation manufacturing development program to assist companies with qualified manufacturing expenses.

Technology

SB3110 SD1 HD1 CD1: Appropriates funds to the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to provide \$2 million in grants to assist small businesses conducting innovative research with their efforts toward commercialization and promoting manufacturing.

VETERANS

Korean Conflict Veterans

SB2256 SD1: Authorizes issuance of driver's licenses with the notation of "veteran" for persons who are veterans of the Korean conflict and who served in the armed forces of the Republic of Korea, who fought under the command of the United Nations led by the United States during the Korean conflict and are currently U.S. citizens.

Senate District 24 Legislative Wrap Up Meeting

Hosted by Senator Jill Tokuda,
Representatives Ken Ito
and Jarrett Keohokalole

Wednesday, August 3, 2016
Windward Community College
Hale Akoakoa Dining Room
7:00pm – 8:30pm

Please join us for a talk story about
the 2016 Legislative Session!

Also joining us will be a
guest speaker from the
Blue Zones Project Koolaupoko.

We look forward to hearing your
thoughts and ideas about issues facing
our State and community.

For more information, please contact
our office at 587-7215.



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2015 Outstanding Military Contributor Commendation Award



Senator Tokuda was presented with the 2015 Outstanding Military Contributor Commendation Award by the Joint Venture Education Forum (JVEF), a cooperative partnership between the United States Pacific Command military community and the State Department of Education. The award recognizes outstanding military and civilian contributors whose efforts and leadership have made a significant difference in the lives of military families with children attending Hawaii Public Schools. Senator has been a long-time advocate of bringing Hawaii's military and education communities together by promoting JVEF initiatives through the legislative process.



Senator Tokuda with Kaneohe Head Start students who participated in Senator Tokuda's Art Review (STAR) Program.

Senator Tokuda's Art Review (STAR) Program celebrated its 10th year this 2016 legislative session by continuing to showcase the artistic talents of students from Windward Oahu. This year we had the privilege of having art displayed at the State Capitol from more than 452 artists at 13 schools in Senate District 24, including: Kaneohe Head Start, Kamehameha Schools Preschool at Hee'ia, Pali View Baptist Preschool, Rainbow Schools Kaneohe, Hakipuu Learning Center, Hee'ia Elementary, Windward Community College, LeJardin Academy, Olomana School, St. Ann's Model School, Kapunahala Elementary, St. Mark Lutheran School, and Windward Nazarene Academy.

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