



# SENATOR SUZANNE N. J. CHUN OAKLAND

## Dear Family and Friends,

I hope this newsletter finds you in good health and spirit.

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Puunui**



The 2014 Legislative Session concluded on May 1, 2014, and over 100 bills have been enrolled to the Governor for action. This session, I focused my time and energy on affordable housing; support for our children, youth, and elders; economic development; food and energy self-sufficiency; and environmental stewardship.

This end of session newsletter highlights a few of the significant bills passed this year, capital improvements projects and grant-in-aids approved, community accomplishments and celebrations, and information on government services that may be useful to you.

I am grateful to my staff for their dedicated work on behalf of the people of Hawaii'i. A'lisha Leisek - Office Manager, Tyrell Ma'ae - Committee Manager, Jonathan Allen, Michael Fujimoto, Laurie Lush, and Russell Higa - Administrative and Legislative Assistants, Jeremy Tungpalan - Intern, and Susan Sato - Volunteer, were key in handling the tremendous workload.

I work throughout the year and can be reached at 586-6130, or fax 586-6131, via email at [senchunoakland@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:senchunoakland@capitol.hawaii.gov), or by mail 415 S. Beretania Street, Room 226, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813.

Have a great summer and my best wishes to you and your family for good health, happiness, and prosperity for the rest of 2014.

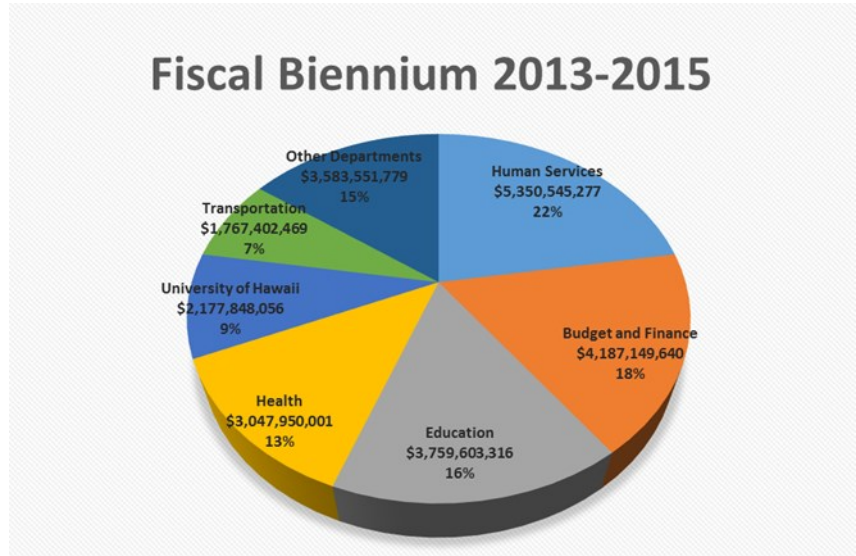
**Me Ke Aloha Pumehana,**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Susie".

Susie Chun Oakland

## State Budget Bill (HB1700)

By law, the Council on Revenues reports its latest tax revenue forecast to the Governor and Legislature four times each year. At the most recent meeting on March 11, 2014, the Council reduced its initial revenue projections, assessing that general fund revenues available for the state budget was \$189,500,000 less than projected for FY 2013-2014 and \$491,800,000 less than projected for FY 2014-2015. As a result, the Legislature has an obligation to allocate funds to address short and long term needs of the State of Hawaii, in a fair and prudent manner, while also ensuring that there are sufficient funds in reserve to cover future obligations and challenges.



Courtesy: Senate Communications

After weeks of negotiating, the Legislature passed a fiscally responsible \$21.1 billion supplemental budget for fiscal years 2014-2015. *The graphic above depicts all means of financing allocated to each state department.*

## Highlights of HB1700

### Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS)

- 1 position and \$92,400 in special funds for State Archives Preservation

### Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT)

- \$250,000 in general funds for the Beijing and Taipei State offices in Strategic Marketing Support
- \$100,000 in general funds for the creative lab accelerator program in Creative Industries
- \$475,000 in special funds for subject matter expertise for advancement of renewable energy projects in Environment and Energy Development
- \$500,000 in special funds for Energy Excelerator to advance and commercialize new energy technologies in Environment and Energy Development
- \$50,000,000 in special funds for the Hawaii Green Infrastructure Special Fund in Environment and Energy Development
- 1 temporary position and \$160,000 in general funds for operations and industry development in the Office of Aerospace
- \$13,168,350 in other federal funds for Small Business Credit Initiative grant awards in Hawaii Strategic Development Corporation



Top: Senate Conferees for HB1700 with Senate President Kim before negotiations begin on the State Budget Bill (April 15, 2014)

Bottom: Senate Ways and Means Chair David Ige and House Finance Chair Sylvia Luke announce agreement on the State Budget Bill has been reached (April 25, 2014)

**Mahalo to Sen. Ige and Rep. Luke for their strong leadership!**

## More Highlights of HB1700

### *DBEDT Continued...*

- \$244,481 in revolving funds for computer upgrades for Hawaii Housing, Finance and Development Corporation (HHFDC) Administration
- 1 position and \$78,810 in revolving funds for transit-oriented development and special planning projects in HHFDC

### *Department of Defense (DoD)*

- \$1,000,000 in general funds for the mitigation of hazardous situations

### *Department of Education (DOE)*

- \$15,000,000 in general funds for the Weighted Student Formula base funding in School-Based Budgeting
- \$2,000,000 in general funds for school athletics in School-Based Budgeting
- \$3,664,694 in general funds for special education services to qualified students up to twenty-two years of age in Special Education and Student Support Services
- 21 temporary positions and \$1,925,4672 in general funds for implementing the Strive-HI performance system in Instructional Support
- \$600,000 in general funds for the Educator Evaluation System to survey student perception and to certify administrators in the classroom observation framework in Instructional Support
- \$592,000 in general funds for the sabbatical leave program for teachers in Instructional Support
- \$256,000 in general funds for the state-wide teacher induction and mentoring program
- \$200,000 in general funds for alternate teacher route contracts
- 10 positions for the Office of Information Technology Services
- \$9,000,000 in general funds for the projected shortfall in the utilities budget in School Support

### *Hawaii State Public Library System (within DOE Budget)*

- \$600,000 in general funds for the maintenance of the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program upgrades and equipment in Public Libraries
- \$685,000 in general funds for increased electricity costs at West Oahu, East Oahu, Hawaii, Maui, Kauai, and Kapolei Libraries, the Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, and the Hawaii State Library

### *Charter Schools (within DOE Budget)*

- 3 positions, \$2,004,550 in federal funds and \$62,000 in general funds for federal program support staff and federal grants in Charter Schools
- \$134,802 in general funds for per pupil funding based on enrollment projections in Charter Schools
- \$800,000 in general funds for the Charter School Commission operating and administrative costs in Charter Schools

### *Office of the Governor*

- 2 temporary positions and \$227,200 in federal funds for Healthcare Transformation
- Change means of financing for (0.5) temporary positions and \$57,500 in general funds to \$81,650 in federal funds for a Healthcare Transformation Coordinator

### *Department of Health (DOH), including Hawaii Health Systems Corporation (HHSC)*

- \$185,000 in special funds for motor vehicles for various community health centers in Adult Mental Health-Outpatient
- \$1,183,384 in general funds for home and community based services waiver in Developmental Disabilities (DD) State Match for Title XIX Programs
- \$354,504 in general funds for state share of intermediate care facilities in DD State Match for Title XIX Programs
- \$290,000 in general funds for fiscal agent services to process home and community based waiver claims in DD State Match for Title XIX Programs
- \$1,232,495 in general funds for Early Intervention Services purchase of services contracts in Family Health Services
- 1.75 temporary positions and \$250,000 in other federal funds for Hawaii State Oral Disease Prevention Program in Family Health Services



*McKinley High School Choir provide a moment of Contemplation before the Hawaii State Senate (April 29, 2014)*

## More Highlights of HB1700

### Department of Human Services (DHS)

- 8 positions and \$461,028 in revolving funds for asset management projects at rental housing projects of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA) in Rental Housing Services
- \$422,781 in revolving funds for housing security services in HPHA Rental Housing Services
- \$39,894,901 in federal funds for federal low income public housing and section eight housing assistance payments in HPHA Rental Housing Services
- \$161,468 in federal funds for the section eight housing choice voucher program in HPHA Rental Housing Services
- \$1,500,000 in general funds for Housing First contracted services in Homeless Programs
- 2 positions, 5 temporary positions, and \$473,871 in revolving funds for administrative services in the HPHA
- 4 positions and \$435,120 in federal funds for HPHA Fiscal Management Office
- 2.85 positions and \$54,105 in general funds and 2.15 positions and \$73,133 in federal funds for quality maintenance workers at processing centers in Benefit, Employment and Support Services
- \$5,546,076 in general funds and \$2,956,860 in federal funds for increases to foster care board rates in Child Protective Services Payments
- \$1,776,793 in federal funds for seriously mentally ill client services in Health Care Payments
- \$1,000,000 in interdepartmental transfer funds from the DOH's Community Health Center special fund and \$18,000,000 in federal funds for a health home services program in Health Care Payments
- \$500,000 in general funds for the Researches for Enrichment, Athletics, Culture and Health (REACH) to support middle-school afterschool programs in In-community Youth Programs
- \$147,147 in general funds for adult protective services best practices model in Adult and Community Care Services
- \$300,000 in general funds for Comprehensive Services Center for the deaf, deaf-blind and hard of hearing in Vocational Rehabilitation
- \$450,000 in general funds and \$3,650,000 in federal funds for the KOLEA system in General Support for Health Care Payments
- \$1,000,000 in interdepartmental transfer funds from the DOH's Community Health Center special fund and \$1,000,000 in federal funds for health home services program administration costs in General Support for Health Care Payments
- \$300,000 in federal funds for outreach services to families and individuals who may qualify for benefits under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program in General Support for Self-Sufficiency Services
- \$500,000 in general funds for social security advocacy services for individuals who may be eligible for supplemental security income or social security disability insurance in General Support for Self-Sufficiency Services



*Kupuna Power Day: a day for and about seniors to empower them through education, entertainment, and exercise. The event brought together more than 30 organizations providing vital information for the health, safety and well-being for Hawaii's Kupuna (April 16, 2014)*

### Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR)

- 2 temporary positions and \$74,150 in special funds for shoreline and coastal specialists in Public Land Management (PLM)
- \$1,300,000 in special funds for information management system redesign and upgrade in PLM
- \$340,000 in special funds for beach restoration in PLM
- \$650,000 in special funds for watershed protection, reserve management and forest revenue development in Forestry Resource Management and Development
- 1 temporary position and \$71,020 in other federal funds for Japanese tsunami debris mitigation in Aquatic Resources
- 10 positions and \$231,156 in special funds for maintenance and clerical staff for harbors in Boating and Ocean Recreation
- Convert 11 positions from temporary to permanent in Historic Preservation Division

**Office of the Lieutenant Governor**

- \$200,000 in general funds for the Hawaii Presidential Center Bid

**Department of Public Safety (DPS)**

- 10 positions and \$259,930 in general funds for hospital and suicide watch in Halawa Correctional Facility
- 6 positions and \$155,958 in general funds for hospital and suicide watch in Oahu Community Correctional Center
- 2 positions and \$58,567 in general funds for deputy sheriffs at the 1st Circuit Court (Oahu)
- 2 positions and \$64,303 in general funds for deputy sheriffs at the 3rd Circuit Court (Big Island)
- \$200,000 in special funds for the Statewide Automated Victims Information and Notification system program in General Administration
- \$2,000,000 in general funds for program costs, which may be used at the discretion of the department for such programs as the justice reinvestment initiative, in General Administration

**Department of Taxation (DoTax)**

- 1 temporary position and \$87,624 in general funds for the Tax System Modernization Project in Revenue Collection

**Department of Transportation (DOT)**

- \$7,359,000 in special funds for Wiki Wiki Buses and drivers in Honolulu International Airport
- \$835,000 in special funds for four Explosive Detection Canine Teams in Honolulu International Airport
- \$6,000,000 in special funds for routine maintenance of baggage handling and explosive detection system at Honolulu International Airport and Kahului Airport in Airports Administration
- \$4,000,000 in special funds for pavement marking rehabilitation in Airports Administration
- \$1,000,000 in special funds for statewide consultant services for compliance with the Clean Water Act in Airports Administration
- 1 position, \$345,199 in special funds, and \$1,049,250 in federal funds for the Safety Management program in Airports Administration
- \$500,000 in special funds for fireboat drydock services in Honolulu Harbor
- \$1,000,000 in special funds for storm drain cleaning services in Honolulu Harbor
- \$500,000 in special funds for van pool program in Highways Administration

**University of Hawaii (UOH)**

- 17 positions in special funds for the Office of Facilities and Grounds for managing and executing repair and maintenance projects in University of Hawaii, Manoa (UHM)
- \$60,000 in general funds for the Medical Legal Partnership for Children in Hawaii in UHM
- Transfer-in 41.63 positions in general funds from UHM to John A. Burns School of Medicine (JABSOM)
- \$9,350,000 in special funds for various programs in JABSOM
- \$650,000 in revolving funds for various programs in JABSOM
- 89 positions and \$4,000,000 in general funds for campus enrollment support in University of Hawaii, West Oahu campus
- \$1,000,000 in general funds for outcome based funding for University of Hawaii, Community Colleges
- 50 general funded positions for University of Hawaii, Community Colleges
- 2 positions and \$140,000 in general funds for the Office of Internal Audit in University of Hawaii,

**The Judiciary**

- \$12,000 in general funds for Family Court Mediator pilot program in the First Circuit
- \$94,900 in general funds for state-wide replacement of Children’s Justice Center interview recording equipment in Administration



**Equal Pay Day: The women of the Hawaii State Senate stand in support of equal pay for women (April 8, 2014)**

**L-R: Senators Suzanne Chun Oakland, Malama Solomon, Rosalyn Baker, Laura Thielen, Donna Mercado Kim, Jill Tokuda, Maile Shimabukuro, and Michelle Kidani**

## Capital Improvement Projects

*The following capital improvement, repair and maintenance, grant-in-aid, and other project funding appropriated by the Legislature for Fiscal Years 2013-2014 and 2014-2015, may be of interest to or benefit residents of Senate District 13 and the rest of the State.*

### Business and Economic Development

<b>Creative Media/Film Studio Facility</b>	\$1 million
<i>Plans for New Multi-Stage &amp; Post Production Facility</i>	
<b>Kupu Hawaii</b>	\$1.25 million
<i>New Green Job Training Center</i>	

### Education

<b>Central Middle</b>	\$310,000
<i>Improvements to Various Parking Lots</i>	
<b>Farrington High</b>	\$12 million
<i>Phase 2 of Campus Master Plan Modernization of Athletic Facilities</i>	
<b>Kauluwela Elementary</b>	\$100,000
<i>Noise Abatement and Air Conditioning for Cafeteria</i>	
<b>Kawananakoa Middle</b>	\$10 million
<i>Improvements To The Auditorium</i>	
<b>Likelike Elementary</b>	\$68,000
<i>Improvements to Playground and Basketball Court</i>	
<b>McKinley High</b>	\$10 million
<i>Restoration of Building W</i>	
<b>Nuuanu Elementary</b>	\$70,000
<i>Renovation Of Walkway Roof</i>	
<b>Honolulu Community College</b>	\$38.2 million
<i>Advanced Technology and Training Center</i>	
<b>University of Hawaii - Manoa</b>	\$18.5 million
<i>Marine Center Relocation and Daniel K. Inouye Library</i>	
<b>Ho'opono Services for the Blind</b>	\$1.8 million
<i>Repairs and Improvements at Facility</i>	

### Transportation

<b>Vineyard Crosswalk</b>	\$750,000
<i>Signalized Crosswalk on Vineyard Blvd. at River Street</i>	
<b>Vineyard Blvd at Lusitana Street</b>	\$11.6 million
<i>Right Turn Lane for Freeway Access from the Queen's</i>	

### Environmental Stewardship

<b>Ala Wai Watershed Flood</b>	\$1.5 million
<i>Study to Investigate Conditions and Alleviate Flooding</i>	
<b>Rockfall and Flood Mitigation</b>	\$9 million
<i>Various Locations Statewide</i>	
<b>Wastewater Treatment Revolving Fund</b>	\$26.3 million
<i>Pollution Control, Statewide</i>	
<b>Watershed Initiative</b>	\$8 million
<i>Watershed Protection, Statewide</i>	

### Housing and Homeless

<b>Hawaiian Homelands Trust Fund</b>	\$59.4 million
<i>Additional Homestead Development, Statewide</i>	
<b>Low Income Housing</b>	\$7.8 million
<i>Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Loans, Statewide</i>	
<b>Public Housing Development</b>	\$71 million
<i>Upgrade and Renovate Facilities, Statewide</i>	
<b>Rental Housing Trust Fund</b>	\$5 million**
<i>Additional Affordable Rental Housing, Statewide **Additionally, about \$33,100,00 will be brought in through Bureau of Conveyance Tax allocations</i>	
<b>Liliha Civic Center</b>	\$15 million
<i>Plans and Design of a New Facility</i>	
<b>Ho'opono Services for the Blind Building</b>	\$1.8 million
<i>Design and Construction of Repairs and Improvements</i>	

### Veterans

<b>Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery</b>	\$6.4 million
<i>Upgrades and Improvements</i>	
<b>Oahu Veterans Council</b>	\$2.3 million
<i>Phase 3 Oahu Veterans Center at Foster Village</i>	
<b>VA Long-Term Care</b>	\$5.5 million
<i>New VA Long-Term Care Facility</i>	
<b>Veterans of Foreign Wars</b>	\$500,000
<i>New Veterans of Foreign Wars Center</i>	

**Grant-In-Aid, Capital Projects**

Bishop Museum	\$3 million
<i>Energy &amp; Facility Improvements, Kalihi</i>	
Filipino Community Center	\$550,000
<i>Retrofit Central Air-Conditioning System</i>	
Friends of Iolani Palace	\$1 million
<i>Repairs and Restoration of Palace Complex, Capital District</i>	
Girl Scouts of Hawaii	\$1.25 million
<i>Improvements to Various Facilities, Statewide</i>	
Hawaiian Mission	\$552,000
<i>Various Restoration and Repair Projects</i>	
Housing Solutions	\$500,000
<i>Renovation of Thomas Building, Downtown</i>	
Japanese Cultural Center	\$600,000
<i>New Hawaii Sumo Museum</i>	
Kokua Kalihi Valley	\$535,000
<i>Improvements to Gulick Elder Center and Hooulu Aina</i>	
Ola Ka'ilima Arts Center	\$1.85 million
<i>New Artspace Lofts Project, Kaka'ako</i>	
PBS Hawaii	\$2.5 million
<i>New Facility for PBS Hawaii, Sand Island</i>	
Shobukan Judo Club	\$250,000
<i>New Judo Dojo/Gym, Liliha</i>	
St. Francis Healthcare	\$1.4 million
<i>New Intergenerational Center, Liliha</i>	
YWCA of Oahu	\$500,000
<i>Improvements to Downtown Headquarters</i>	



Site Visit to Kokua Kalihi Valley. KKV provides a broad array of comprehensive and holistic health care to the people of Kalihi Valley (May 3, 2013)

*Mahalo to The Shidler Group, Team Hawaii Going Green, Totally Against Graffiti (T.A.G.), Kaka'ako Improvement Association and Building Owners and Managers Association Hawaii (BOMA) Hawaii for sponsoring the 3rd Annual Kaka'ako Community Cleanup on April 19, 2014*



**Grant-In-Aid, Operating**

\*For the complete listing of grants approved, please visit [www.Capitol.Hawaii.Gov](http://www.Capitol.Hawaii.Gov)

Adult Friends for Youth	\$150,000
After-School All-Stars Hawaii	\$75,000
Best Buddies Hawaii, LLC	\$125,000
Catholic Charities Hawaii (Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center)	\$100,000
Child and Family Service	\$175,000
Domestic Violence Action Center	\$200,000
Hale Mahaolu	\$210,000
Hale Opio Kauai, Inc.	\$105,406
Hawaii Institute of Integrative Health	\$200,000
Kapahulu Center	\$100,000
Legal Aid Society	\$150,000
Life Foundation	\$150,000
Moiiliili Community Center	\$500,000
Parents and Children Together	\$250,000
Read to Me International Foundation	\$237,400
Susannah Wesley Community Center	\$100,000
Volunteer Legal Services Hawaii	\$250,000
Waikiki Community Center, Inc.	\$60,000
Young Men's Christian Association of Honolulu	\$100,000

## 2014 Legislative Highlights

An overview of a few significant pieces of legislation enacted this session.

Key: Senate Bills (SB) and House Bills (HB)

### Housing and Homelessness

There is an immediate and critical need to increase the availability of affordable housing in the State. According to the 2011 Hawaii Housing Planning Study, as many as 50,000 new housing units need to be built between 2012 and 2016 to meet new demand generated by changing demographic and economic conditions. Combined with the extremely high cost of living, housing continues to be one of the most challenging issues that the State faces.

**SB2542** will restore the allocation of conveyance tax collections to the rental housing trust fund back to 50% beginning July 1, 2014. The RHTF is used to provide loans or grants for the development, pre-development, construction, acquisition, preservation, and substantial rehabilitation of rental housing units. Through this restoration, an estimated \$33,100,000 will be generated for fiscal year 2014-2015.

**HB2251** increases the Hula Mae Multifamily Revenue Bond authorization limit from \$750 million to \$1 billion. Hula Mae helps qualifying first-time homebuyers with 30-year mortgages at competitive rates and offers some down payment assistance.

**HB2448** authorizes HHFDC to issue bonds for infrastructure for land owned by an eligible developer for the construction of affordable housing.

**HB1700 (State Budget Bill)** also contains the following funding allocations:

- Rental Housing Trust Fund Infusion (\$5,000,000)
- Dwelling Unit Revolving Fund (\$7,000,000)  
*\*DURF is used for the acquisition of real property and infrastructure improvements for the development and construction of affordable housing*
- Low Income Housing Tax Credit Loans (\$7,832,000)
- Hawaiian Homelands Trust Fund (\$29,383,000)  
*\*The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands currently has 26,926 waitlisted applicants and 43,080 pending applications. Applications can be agricultural, pastoral, or residential and each applicant can submit two applications.*

- Hawaiian Homelands Investment Capital (\$11,510,000 in general obligation funds and \$20,000,000 in federal funds for a total of \$31,510,000)
- Public Housing Development, Improvements and Renovations (\$26,000,000 for FY2014-2015 and \$45,000,000 previously in FY2013-2014 for a total of \$71,000,000)  
*\*Currently there are 10,000 families on the Hawaii Public Housing Authority's wait list for housing with an average of three people per family, meaning approximately 30,000 people are currently seeking affordable public housing options.*
- Hawaii Community Development Authority Investment Capital (\$9,555,000)
- Homeless Programs (\$17,788,922 in general funds, \$626,906 in federal funds and \$2,366,839 in other funds for a total of \$20,782,667)  
*\*Approximately \$11,500,000 for emergency and transitional shelters, \$2,200,000 for homeless outreach, \$700,000 for repair and maintenance of state-owned homeless shelters, \$500,000 for state homeless emergency grants program, \$1,500,000 for housing first, other contracts for Homeless Management Information System and Homeless Programs Office operating needs.*

**SB651** prohibits smoking in and around public housing projects and state low-income housing projects under the jurisdiction of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority, effective upon approval.

**HB1539** requires the return of a housing choice voucher to the Hawaii Public Housing Authority upon the death or removal from assistance of the last original household member or upon the youngest minor of the family reaching the age of twenty-one or twenty-three if the minor is a full-time student.

**HB1866** enhances the oversight of the Hawaii Community Development Authority by: amending requirements for notice, hearing, approval and vesting of rights for development permits; permits sale of reserved housing units; prohibits HCDA acquisition of public land by set aside and establishes a height limit of 418 feet in Kaka'ako.



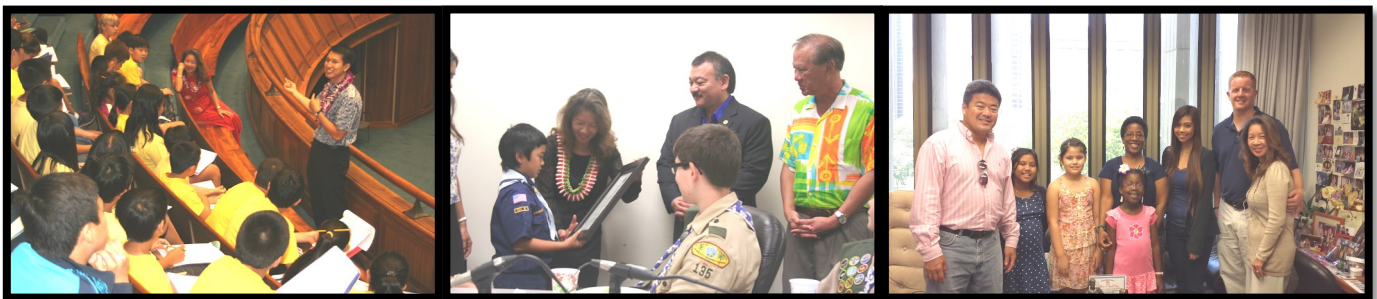
## Education

**SB2768** makes kindergarten mandatory for children who will be at least five years of age on July 31 of the school year, unless a child is enrolled at a private school or the child's attendance is otherwise exempt under the law.

**HB2598** supports school-level improvements and repair and maintenance in Hawaii's public schools by transferring monies collected via tax donations to the newly established Hawaii 3R's School Improvement Fund.

**HB1796** promotes the safety and well-being of public school students by prohibiting the use of seclusion in public schools and establishing conditions for the use of restraint in public schools.

**HB1745** makes numerous improvements to Hawaii's charter school law and authorizes the State Public Charter School Commission to assess the fees on non-state entities and individuals to help cover its operating costs.



*Left: Sen. Chun Oakland and Rep. Ohno visit with students from Ma'ema'e Elementary School to teach them about government and the Legislature. January 31, 2014). Middle: The Boy Scouts of America-Aloha Council visit with Legislators to present their State Plan (February 7, 2014). Right: Students from Mr. Minobe's Third Grade Class shadow Sen. Chun Oakland for the day (March 17, 2014).*

## Children and Youth Issues



*The Legislature's Keiki Caucus held a Press Conference to discuss the 2014 Legislative Package on January 16, 2014. Joining Co-Conveners Sen. Chun Oakland and Vice-Speaker Mizuno were Lt. Governor Shan Tsutsui, Attorney General David Louie, Director David Hipp, Office of Youth Services, Director GG Weisenfeld, Executive Office on Early Learning, and representatives from Planned Parenthood of Hawaii and the Coalition for a Tobacco Free Hawaii*

**HB2490** improves and enhances the existing juvenile justice system through targeted reforms and strengthens services available for juvenile offenders.

**SB702** establishes an internet crimes against children fee of up to \$100 for each felony or misdemeanor conviction and establishes a special fund to assist law enforcement with investigating and prosecuting internet crimes against children and to support victims of internet crimes.

**SB2308** appropriates funds to the Department of Public Safety for programs and services for children of incarcerated parents and to assist with family reunification.

**HB2037** appropriates \$216,000 for the continued funding of Project Kealahou to continue providing community-based, individualized services to adolescent girls who have experienced significant trauma in their lives.

**SB2054** makes an appropriation for the performance of an actuarial analysis of the projected costs of providing insurance coverage for screening, diagnosis and treatment of autism spectrum disorders and mandates a report to the Legislature prior to the 2015 Session.

## Environmental Stewardship

**HB2434** establishes a method to use transient accommodations tax revenues to pay for the debt service on revenue bonds in which the proceeds will be used to acquire a conservation easement of over 665 acres-including 5 miles of shoreline, wetlands and sand dunes-on the North Shore of Oahu. The conservation easement secures perpetual public access to the coastline and prohibits resort and residential development.

**HB1714** addresses climate change adaptation by establishing the interagency climate adaptation committee to develop a sea level rise vulnerability and adaptation report that addresses sea level rise impacts statewide to 2050.

## Labor and Employment

**SB2609** incrementally increases the hourly minimum wage to \$10.10 per hour by 2018, beginning with \$7.75 in 2015, \$8.50 in 2016 and \$9.25 in 2017 as well as increasing the tip credit to 50 cents per hour beginning 2015 and 75 cents in 2016 provided that the combined amount the employee receives in wages and tips is at least \$7 more than the applicable minimum wage. The hourly minimum wage in Hawaii has not been increased since 2007 and since that time, the cost of living has risen steadily.

## Veterans

**HB1772** exempts from the general excise tax amounts received by a contractor of the Patient Centered Community Care Program for costs or advances to third party health care providers for high-quality, low-cost health care services for veterans.

**HB2071** designates the last Sunday in September as "Gold Star Family Day" to honor family member of the men and women who gave their lives to their country while serving with the United States Armed Forces.

## Consumer Protection

**SB2229** enacts the Uniform Power of Attorney Act to promote uniformity and address issues not contemplated in the original Uniform Durable Power of Attorney Act. **HB570** increases the fine against unlicensed contractors who commit licensing violations against elderly person from \$10,000 to \$20,000.

**SB2822** authorizes DCCA to conduct criminal history record checks on applicants for real estate appraiser licensure or certification.

## Public Safety

**HB849** makes various updates to the State's existing civil defense and emergency management laws, which had been written in the 1940's, to confirm with nationwide emergency management practices.

**SB2300** authorizes the State Fire Council to establish statewide qualifications and procedures for testing or portable fire extinguishers, fire protection systems and fire alarm systems.

## Health

**SB2057** continues the Nursing Facility Sustainability Program by extending the sunset date of the Act. Nursing facilities are a critical part of the long-term safety net for the State's aging population and this program is necessary to increase the stability of nursing facilities in Hawaii.

**HB2293** seeks to provide increased access to medical care for Hawaii residents and create more sustainable hospitals by extending the sunset date of the Hospital Sustainability Program.

**HB1752** appropriates \$1,500,000 to restore basic adult dental benefits to Medicaid enrollees.

## Kupuna Issues & Long-Term Care

**HB2053** establishes a fall prevention and early detection coordinator to coordinate fall prevention and early detection services for the elderly.

**SB2345** appropriates \$50,000 to DCCA for educational outreach targeted at protecting kupuna from financial fraud and abuse.

**SB2346** appropriates \$4,200,000 (in addition to the \$4,800,000 already in the base budget) for the Kupuna Care Program to provide key services and support to kupuna, \$1,900,000 for the Aging and Disability Resource Centers, \$476,772 for the Health Aging Partnership Program and \$500,000 for a public education and awareness campaign on LTC.

## Community Resources

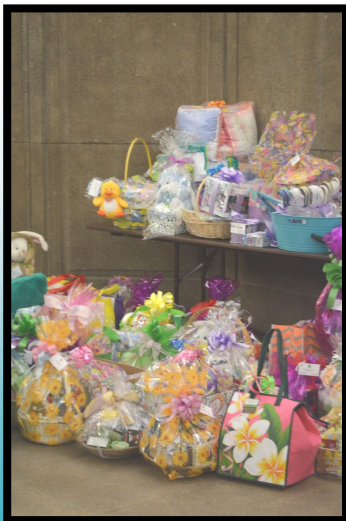
### Frequently Called Numbers

Executive Office on Aging:	586-0100
Medicare:	1-800-633-4227
Illegal Dumping:	768-3203
Refuse, Recycling, Bulky Item:	832-7840
City Pothole Hotline:	768-7777
State Pothole Hotline:	536-7852
Abandoned Vehicles:	532-7700
Damaged Sidewalks:	527-6308
Park Maintenance:	522-7070
The Bus/Handivan:	768-8300
Tree Trimming:	971-7151
Road Test Appointment:	832-4112
Vehicle Registration:	532-4324
City Voting Information:	768-3800
State Voting Information:	453-8683
Oahu Senior Helpline:	768-7700
Road Paving Update:	

[www1.honolulu.gov/ddc/roadrepavingupdate.htm](http://www1.honolulu.gov/ddc/roadrepavingupdate.htm)

Hawaiian Nation Building (Ho'oulu Lahui):

[www.oha.org/nationbuilding](http://www.oha.org/nationbuilding)



*Left: The Women's Legislative Caucus, Co-Chaired by Sen. Roz Baker, Rep. Della Au Belatti, Rep. Cynthia Thielen, and Sen. Chun Oakland collected over 100 Easter Baskets filled with household items and hygiene products for clients of the Institute for Human Services (April 17, 2014)*

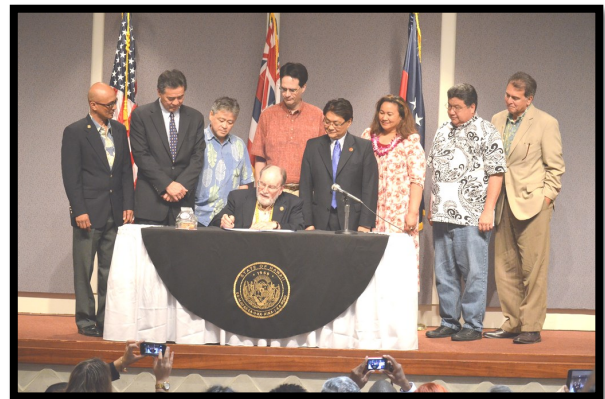
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Business Hours:

Session (January-May): Monday-Friday, 8am-7pm

Interim (May-December): Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm



*Top: Governor Abercrombie signs SB2609, Relating to Minimum Wage into law as Act 82 (May 23, 2014)*

*Bottom: Participants from the Senate, House and Executive Branch displayed their talent in individual and team competitions in the Second Annual Capitol Idol, to raise money for the Hawaii Food Bank (April 14, 2015)*



# Community Meetings

**Keiki Caucus:** meetings are scheduled from 12:00noon-2:00pm on June 16, July 21, September 15, October 20, November 17 and on December 15 in State Capitol Conference Room 229. The first meeting of 2015 will be on January 9 from 12:00noon-1:00pm, Conference Room To Be Determined (TBD).

**Kupuna Caucus:** meetings are scheduled from 1:30pm-3:30pm on June 6, July 11, August 1, September 5, October 3, November 7 and on December 5 in State Capitol Conference Room 309. The first meeting of 2015 will be on January 9 from 1:30pm-2:30pm, Conference Room TBD.

**Housing and Homeless Task Force:** meetings are scheduled from 11:30am-12:30pm on June 25 and from 2:00pm-4:00pm on October 22 and December 3. The first meeting of 2015 will be on January 7 from 4:00pm-5:00pm. Conference Rooms for all meetings TBD.

**Homeless Assistance Working Group:** meetings are scheduled from 6:00pm-7:30pm on June 2, July 7, August 4, September 8, October 13, November 10 and on December 1 in State Capitol Conference Room 229.

**Community Planning from Kalihi-Kaka'ako:** next quarterly meeting is scheduled from 12:00noon-2:00pm on September 12, Conference Room TBD.

**Deaf & Blind Task Force:** meetings are scheduled from 4:00pm-5:00pm on June 10 and November 13, Conference Room TBD

**Transit-Oriented Development Task Force:** dates, times, and conference room TBD.

To join the email list for any of the community meetings or more information, please email [t.maae@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:t.maae@capitol.hawaii.gov) or call 586-6130.

## SAVE THE DATE: Community Events

**McKinley High School Going Green: Saturday, September 27, 9:00am-1:00pm**

*McKinley High School-Pensacola Parking Lot*

Please save your recyclable waste for this date and help turn trash into cash for community programs. Please also bring canned goods to support the Hawaii Food Bank. For a complete list of acceptable items and more information, please contact Rene Mansho at 291-6151 or [renemansho@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:renemansho@hawaii.rr.com).

**21st Annual Children and Youth Day: Sunday, October 5, 10:00am-3:00pm**

*State Capitol and surrounding areas*

CYD is a FREE! event that provides thrilling adventures, surprises and excitement for the whole family; games and rides, nonstop entertainment, demonstrations, guided tours, food and drink vendors and more.

For more information please visit [www.HawaiiCYD.org](http://www.HawaiiCYD.org). You can connect with CYD on Facebook at [www.Facebook.com/HawaiiCYD](http://www.Facebook.com/HawaiiCYD).

**21st Annual Children and Youth Summit: Friday, October 10, 8:30am-3:00pm**

*State Capitol Auditorium*

The CYS (also FREE!) brings together students, advocates, professionals, parents, policymakers and others to assist the Legislature in identifying key children and youth issues that need to be addressed in the following Legislative session and is an opportunity to mobilize the community to take action. Registration will open in August and is limited to the first 300 participants (21+ years old registrants limited to 100). You can connect with CYS on Facebook at [www.Facebook.com/HawaiiCYS](http://www.Facebook.com/HawaiiCYS).

**Senate District 13 Beautification Projects: July, August, September, October, November, and December 2014**

We welcome groups who want to improve various parts of Senate District 13 to call 808-586-6130 and our office will help coordinate different community improvements. If you want to volunteer for these projects, please contact us with your name, phone number, email address or mailing address.