

# State Senator **BRANDON ELEFANTE**



*Representing Senate District 16 - 'Aiea, Hālawā, and Pearl City*

Aloha!

The Thirty-Second Legislative session is in full swing! There were over 3,100 bills introduced this session alone! It's been exciting and sometimes challenging adjusting to this fast-paced environment, but I am learning and growing so much.

I continue to be humbled by public service, and grateful in your trust in allowing me to participate.

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TOP: Student council leaders from Senator Elefante's alma mater 'Aiea High School  
BOTTOM: Student council leaders from Pearl City High School



Gung Hee Fat Choy! Pearl City community welcomes the 2023 Year of the Water Rabbit. Thank you to Director Ernie Loo of the Lung Kong Physical Club for putting on the annual Chinese Lion dance. Wishing everyone prosperity and good luck in 2023!

## Upcoming Projects in District 16

As a former Councilmember at the City and County of Honolulu, Senator Elefante advocated for \$317,000 in funding for repavement for **Neal S. Blaisdell park**. The park will be **CLOSED** for repaving during March. Please follow Honolulu City Parks for more information.



Pictured: newly paved Hālawā District Park parking lot.

## Other News

My colleagues and I have been conducting hearings on bills going through the legislature with various committees. The public is welcome to attend these sessions and hearings in person at the capitol or watch them live via YouTube. You can find information on how to attend/watch these hearings at: <https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/>. Community input is needed and encouraged. For more information on how to actively participate, contact the Public Access Room at (808) 587-0478.

## Capital Improvement Projects

After conferring with principals in District 16, our office submitted the following CIP Priorities to the legislature for approval:

### 'Aiea High School – \$22.5 M

New football/athletic field. Replace cafeteria dining room windows and improvements for cooling or heat abatement measures; ground and site improvements; and equipment and appurtenances. New state of the art culinary program, new multipurpose room, and renovation of building C to convert culinary rooms to classrooms; ground and site improvements; and equipment and appurtenances.

### 'Aiea Elementary – \$9.3 M

Installation of an elevator and construction of second floor connecting walkways for buildings A, B, and C. New covered playground and a large assembly area.

### 'Aiea Intermediate – \$3 M

New outdoor gathering area, including a stage and seating and infrastructure; ground and site improvements; and equipment and appurtenances.

### Alvah Scott – \$2.2 M

New office area to include a health room.

### Palisades Elementary – \$5.5 M

New outdoor covered playground

### Pearlridge Elementary – \$1 M

Improvements to school buildings and facilities; ground and site improvements; equipment and appurtenances

### Pearl City Elementary – \$15.4 M

Resurfacing of driveway. Slope stabilization. Replacement of water supply lines. Replacement of playground.

### Pearl City High School – \$6 M

Installation of dimmer system and lighting replacement in the Michael D. Nakasone Auditorium. Resurfacing tennis courts. Retrofitting and renovation of A/B and C/D and KLM elevators.

### Waiau Elementary – \$1.1 M

Covered walkways from portables to S.B. NO. 951 cafeteria.

### Waimalu Elementary – \$5.5 M

Drainage for building F and library. Covered playground.

### Webling Elementary – \$9 M

Expansion of the administration and library buildings and covered walkways to classroom buildings; ground and site improvements; equipment and appurtenances. Construction of a dedicated custodian room and work area. Resurfacing and line painting of basketball court; replacement of basketball rims.