



State Senator

BRANDON ELEFANTE



FALL 2023

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

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Aloha Friends and Neighbors,

My staff and I would like to extend our heartfelt thoughts and prayers to the people of Maui who have suffered so much from the recent wildfires. Our office has been monitoring the situation on Maui and I have been working with my colleagues in the State Legislature to offer any support that we can.

As we enter the fall months, I want to share with you our survey results from those who participated in our community survey, results on page two. Mahalo to those for taking the time. We appreciate it.

Stay safe and take care,

Senator Brandon Elefante
Hawaii State Senate
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GOVERNOR GREEN SIGNS SHORELINE PROTECTIONS AND HIGHWAY SAFETY BILLS INTO LAW

Governor Josh Green, M.D., signed three bills into law at a signing ceremony at the Makapu'u lookout in Waimānalo that support the protection of Hawai'i's beaches, shorelines, and public lands. It was my honor as vice chair of the Committee on Water and Land to express my gratitude to Governor Green for signing these bills to preserve and protect shoreline areas and for the enhanced enforcement tools for state agencies.

"This is a culmination of hard work, collaboration, and dedication from my Senate and House colleagues, especially from the Chair of Water and Land Committee, Senator Lorraine Inouye and committee members, as well as the key introducers of these bills, to promote and fortify the missions of our various agencies. With these new laws, we continue to position our state to be more efficient with enforcement and continue to protect our precious resources."

Additionally, I am grateful that Governor Green also signed into law SB497 prohibiting certain oversized commercial vehicles from driving in the far left lane on roadways with three or more lanes for traffic moving in the same direction in the hope of increasing safety on Hawai'i's roadways.

Governor Green commented, "Enacting laws alone will not solve our issues. We need everyone to commit to making our roads safer by following the laws that are in place as well as the new laws being enacted. We can make Hawai'i's communities safer if people just follow the law."

LEGISLATURE AND STAFF RALLY TO DONATE TO MAUI FIRE VICTIMS

Every single spot of available space in the Hawai'i State Capitol from the House and Senate Chambers including the chamber level halls, and conference rooms were packed full with donations from legislators and their staffs. Special thanks to all offices for responding so quickly to this call to action and to all who participated at all levels with the donations, packing, and logistics involved. It was truly a Herclean effort that will make a difference in the lives of so many.



Sen. Elefante participated in the State Capitol's drive for Maui wildfire victims.



'Aiea resident and Punahou Senior Camden Fujimoto interned with our office experiencing the day-to-day operations first hand.



Senator Elefante & Representative Lamosao joined The Debrief with Emily Cristobal to share "the Freshmen experience" on community issues and solutions.



Gov. Green signed key transportation/safety legislation, including Senator Elefante's SB497 that prohibits oversized vehicles from driving slow in the left lane/high occupancy vehicle lanes.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT FUNDS RELEASED FOR DISTRICT 16

Governor Green has released funding for the following Capital Improvement Projects (CIP's) funds that will help generate jobs and economic benefits for Senate District 16.

- Kamauleule Building (DOH Laboratory) for the design and construction for the installation of an emergency generator and related improvements.

Amount Released: \$5,600,000

- Sewage Pre-Treatment Facility-Animal Quarantine Station for additional construction funds for improvements.

Amount Released: \$75,750.00

- Strom-Harden Waimano Base Yard for installation of storm hardening measures at the Division of Forestry and Wildlife's Waimano Baseyard.

Amount Released: \$50,000

JUDICIARY NOMINEES SWORN IN

I want to give my heartfelt congratulations to the newest Judiciary members to be sworn in as Judges. Hawai'i will be well served by these extraordinary individuals.

David M. Hayakawa is a graduate of the University of Hawai'i William S. Richardson School of Law, and was admitted to the Hawai'i State Bar in 1987.



Jordon J. Kimura is a graduate of the University of Hawai'i William S. Richardson School of Law, and was admitted to the Hawai'i State Bar in 2009.



Erika E. Ireland has served as a Per Diem Judge in the District Court of the First Circuit and a graduate of the University of Hawai'i William S. Richardson School of Law and was admitted to the Hawai'i State Bar in 1997.



Robert J. Brown serves as a Per Diem Judge in the District Family Court of the First Circuit. He is a graduate of the University of Hawai'i William S. Richardson School of Law, and was admitted to the Hawai'i State Bar in 2014.

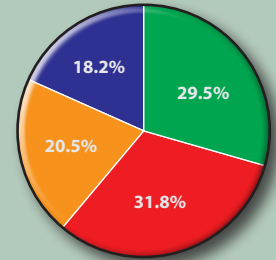


SENATE DISTRICT 16 SURVEY RESULTS

TOP 7 DISTRICT CONCERNS

HOMELESSNESS	59.1%
CRIME	56.8%
ECONOMY	43.2%
HOUSING	34.1%
EDUCATION	31.8%
TRANSPORTATION	18.2%
CLIMATE CHANGE	15.9%

BUDGET SURPLUS PREFERENCES



- One-time individual tax refund
- Invest in infrastructure projects for our public schools
- Prioritize funds to qualify for federal matching funds
- Put into a "rainy day" fund for unforeseen future needs

WEST OAHU AYSO SOCCER TEAM WINS NATIONAL SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

In June, the WEST OAHU AYSO 10U BOYS SOCCER TEAM traveled to Orange County, California, in July to participate in the 2023 National Games. This event is held every four years and this year included a field of 328 teams from all over the United States. At the conclusion of the tournament, WEST OAHU was presented the National Sportsmanship Award by the President of the National AYSO Organization.

The team and the team's name will be engraved on the National Sportsmanship trophy that will be perpetually displayed in the National AYSO Headquarters in Torrance,

California. Each member of the team also received an individual trophy to commemorate this achievement.

Members of the team consist of: Head Coach Melissa Au of Mililani, Assistant Coach Reuben Caudle of 'Ewa Beach, Team Mom Rowena Romulado of Wahiawā, and our players, Sylas Andres ('Ewa Beach), Keji Caudle ('Ewa Beach), Hunter Damas (Waipahū), Nathan Fields ('Ewa Beach), Keanu Mano ('Aiea), Noah Martin (Wahiawā), Luke McLoughin ('Ewa Beach), Jonah Molina (Kapolei/'Aiea), Christina Ugalde (Wahiawā), and Darien Washington ('Ewa Beach).



'AIEA - PEARL CITY COMMUNITY TOWN HALL

Wednesday, September 27, 2023
6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Pearl Ridge Elementary School
98-940 Moanalua Rd. 'Aiea, HI

GUEST SPEAKERS:

ACHIEVE ZERO

A non-profit organization in partnership with the Statewide Office on Homelessness and Housing Solutions

JAMES KOSHIBA

Governor Josh Green's Coordinator on Homelessness



REPRESENTATIVE MICAH P.K. AIU



REPRESENTATIVE CORY M. CHUN



REPRESENTATIVE SAM SATORU KONG



REPRESENTATIVE GREGG TAKAYAMA



SENATOR HENRY J.C. AQUINO



SENATOR BRANDON J.C. ELEFANTE



SENATOR GLENN WAKAI



COUNCILMEMBER RADIANT CORDERO



COUNCILMEMBER VAL OKIMOTO



Senator Elefante speaks with members of the the 'Aiea Neighborhood Security Watch.



Senator Elefante attended the opening of the Skyline at the Hālawā Station along with Legislative colleagues and staff.



ATTENDEES WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO ENGAGE WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND DISCUSS ISSUES IMPACTING THE STATE AND THEIR COMMUNITY.