



Senator Kurt Fevella

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'Ewa by Gentry, Iroquois
Point, and portion of
'Ewa Villages

Aloha Family and Friends,

I hope this newsletter finds you in good health. Although we are half way through March, this month has been filled with multiple deadlines for our measures needing to be scheduled, heard, and passed. We came across many legislation relating to the Maui wildfires and is one of the top priorities in this legislative session. Please visit the Hawai'i State Legislature's website for more information: <https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/>.

I believe we all have the same goal in mind- building a better Hawai'i now for a better future. Thank you for your continued support to our office, community, and Hawai'i. Please continue to reach out to me with your concerns, comments, and questions relating to our legislative work and community. Mahalo and God bless, always.

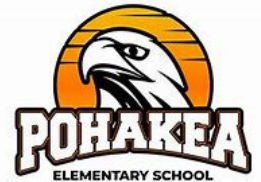
Sincerely,

Capital Improvement Project - Pohakea Elementary School

March 4, 2024

My office received a letter from Governor Josh Green of his releasing the capital improvement project funds of \$200,000 for one of our district schools, Pohakea Elementary for the design and construction of parking and traffic improvements.

As we continue to track our requests submitted to Governor Green, we are hopeful that more of our 'Ewa Beach schools will receive the funding needed to improve current facilities and future development. Mahalo to Governor Green, my colleagues, and other stakeholders for supporting our district schools and congratulations to Principal Corey Barton, faculty, staff, and students.



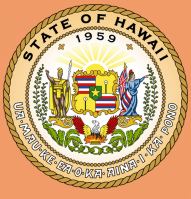
Joint Task Force Red Hill

March 12, 2024

Back in January 2014, twenty-seven thousand gallons of jet fuel leaked into our aquifer, threatening O'ahu's drinking water. With another incident that occurred in November 2021, leaking fourteen thousand gallons of fuel and polluting the Navy's water system- affecting ninety-three thousand individuals.

In March of 2022, United States Department of Defense agreed to shut down the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility (RHBFSF). In September of that same year, Vice Admiral John Wade, commander of the Joint Task Force Red Hill, was assigned to plan and execute the defueling process. Defueling one hundred and four million gallons of fuel and sixty-one thousand of residual fuel was completed six months ahead of schedule.

There is ongoing efforts in cleaning up the facility. The Navy Closure Task Force was newly established to continue the process of permanently closing the RHBFSF. Mahalo to Vice Admiral John Wade, General Mark Hashimoto, Brigadier General Michelle Link, Brigadier General Lance Okamura, and the rest of their team for successfully defueling the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility.



In the Community

Ewa Elementary School - 80th Annual Lincoln Day Program February 9, 2024



Statue of the 16th United States President, Abraham Lincoln, located at the Ewa Elementary School.

Ewa Elementary School held its 80th Annual Lincoln Day Program on Friday, February 9, at the front lawn. Many families and friends attended the fun-filled event. Prior to the commencement of the program, the Royal Hawaiian Band performed one of the most notable songs in the nation, "God Bless America," led by Bandmaster Clarke Bright.

Ewa Elementary is the oldest school in the Campbell complex- dating back to 1882. Ms. Katherine McIntosh Burke, a former Ewa Elementary teacher and principal from the early 1900's, gifted the statue of Abraham Lincoln to the Ewa school and community. She was a great admirer of our past president because of his virtues. As a result, she hoped to have a statue in place for future students, as a reminder of his strength and character. As Principal Stanley Tamashiro, Jr. had stated in his speech, Kaizen (continuous improvement), Kina'ole (doing the right thing) , and Komunidad (community) is integrated in the life of our keiki, I believe it also resonates with the values of the United States of America's sixteenth president, Abraham Lincoln.



The first grade students performed, "Just Like Abe," to the melody of "Dance the Night" by Dua Lipa with lyrics adapted by Miss Ciara Greene.

Mahalo to Principal Tamashiro, the Lincoln Day Program Committee, faculty, and staff for organizing this year's program and mahalo nui to all the keiki for their speeches and performances.

Pu'uloa Range Training Facility February 15, 2024

I, along with members from our community, had the opportunity to meet with Marine Corp Base Hawai'i (MCBH), the Department of Health's Hazard Evaluation and Emergency Response, and experts from the University of Hawai'i and Brigham Young University to discuss the soil samples taken near Pu'uloa Range Training Facility.

The MCBH just received the results on March 13. These results will be reviewed by the Dept. of Health, Navy Marine Corps Force Health Protection Command, and interagency partners. My office will provide more updates as we stay tuned.



Colonel Jeremy Beaven and Sen. Fevella at the Pu'uloa Range Training Facility.

Keepers of the Flag Ceremony February 11, 2024



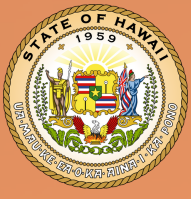
The American Veterans (AMVETS) Hawai'i co-hosted the launch of the Hawai'i Veterans Standing Together Across America Project at the 'Ewa facility. AMVETS Hawai'i, in partnership with Resurrecting Lives Foundation, joined in the nationwide campaign in raising awareness of brain health issues that is associated to the increase of suicides among veterans. Hawai'i received a flag that was created by a renowned San Diego artist that incorporated Hawai'i's individual hallmarks. I had the honor of authoring and presenting Senate certificates to our AMVETS Hawai'i and those involved in this project. Mahalo for advocating and supporting our nation's veterans.

'Ōlelo - Makana O Ke Akua February 29, 2024

In my third episode of community update with 'Ōlelo, I interviewed Mr. John Dudoit, founder and director of Makana O Ke Akua, Inc. (MOKA). MOKA is a non-profit organization that provides a faith-based approach to a clean and sober structured living for our men in recovery. You may find more media coverage at this website: <https://olelo.org/>.



John Dudoit with Sen. Fevella discussing about the ongoing issues occurring in the west side of O'ahu.



Capitol Update



Hawai'i State Senators in the Senate Chamber with staff during a floor session. <https://lrh.hawaii.gov/par/>.

First Crossover

Currently, there are about 800 Senate and House bills that moved during the First Crossover deadline (March 7). These bills are a combination from 2023 and 2024, as this is the second year of the legislative biennium. While the Senate is scheduling House bills and resolutions, the House is also scheduling Senate bills and resolutions and some are companion bills. For more information about the legislative process, click on this website:

Gubernatorial Nominees, Bills, and Resolutions

During floor sessions, the Senate follows the Order of the Day (OD). In the OD, we receive communication from the Senate committees regarding measures that have been reported out of committee, gubernatorial nominees (an individual the governor nominated), and measures up for second and third readings, among other items. We also receive communication from the House regarding measures crossing over or agreeing/disagreeing to measures that were previously heard in the Senate.

One of my bills, S.B. 279, S.D. 1, H.D. 1 - relating to health, just passed the House committee on Human Services and has yet to be scheduled by the second referred committee, Consumer Protection and Commerce.



Deputy Director James "Jimmy" Tokioka of the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism was confirmed by the State Senate on February 29, 2024.

Annual Hawai'i Advocacy Day

March 7, 2024



One of the participants speaking before the state senators.

The Hawai'i State Council on Developmental Disabilities (DD Council) partnered with the Alzheimer's Association for its 24th Annual Day at the Capitol. The theme this year, "A World of Possibilities," promoted awareness about the needs and rights of individuals with Alzheimer's-related disabilities and developmental disabilities and empowering their voices.

A few of my colleagues and I, joined our advocacy members in a mock hearing. I had the privilege of participating in the activity and will continue to support all our residents of Hawai'i. Mahalo to all members of society for getting involved with your State Legislature.



Participants, including the DD Council, and state senators, took a photo after the hearing.

Tourism Day at the State Capitol

March 8, 2024



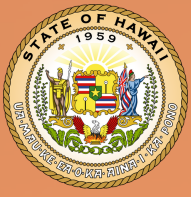
Maui Gold Pineapple joined in the festivities - pictured above with Mr. Hanneman and Sen. Fevella.

Hawai'i Tourism Authority hosted its 7th annual Tourism Day at the Capitol. Many businesses and vendors participated in this year's program. Local businesses showcasing their products and services were plenty, but among the few presentations, were Hawaiian performances and cultural demonstrations, such as the kava ceremony.



Among the businesses, we had local farmers join in this year's program.

The tourism industry makes up a fourth of our workforce in Hawai'i thus, playing a crucial role in our economy. Legislation was introduced to help our local businesses, including our coffee farms.



Important Dates & Contacts

'Ewa Neighborhood Board

March 14 at 7 pm
Ewa Beach Public and School Library
and online (Webex)

Visit: <https://www.honolulu.gov/nco/boards.html>



Prince Kuhio Day- Holiday

Tuesday, March 26

St. Patrick's Day- Holiday

Tuesday, March 14


Good Friday- Holiday

Friday, March 29
Have a blessed Easter Sunday!



Women's History Month

March 2024

32nd Legislative Session

January 17 - May 3, 2024

Connecting our Community

Emergency Services

Ambulance/Fire/Police: 911

State Emergency Management Division: 808-733-4300

State Highway Safety Hotline: 808-831-6714

Utilities

Hawaiian Electric Co. (trouble only): 808-548-7311

Hawaiian Telcom (customer care): 611

Board of Water Supply (report leaks): 808-748-5000 ext. 1

The Gas Company (trouble only): 808-526-0066

Community Concerns

City Refuse & Bulky Item Collection: 808-768-3200

(Missed) Pickup in 'Ewa Beach: 808-768-9732

Graffiti Hotline (HPD): 808-723-3475

Damaged Sidewalks: 808-768-8159

Public Trees: 808-971-7151

Clean Stream Hotline: 808-768-7890

Medicare Call Center: 800-633-4227

Social Security: 800-772-1213

Potholes (City): 808-768-7777

Potholes (State): 808-536-7852

City & State Departments

Education ('Ewa)
808-692-8000

Handi-Van Operations
808-456-5555

Hawaiian Home Lands
808-620-9531

Health
808-586-4400

Mental Health Hotline
DOH Hawaii CARES
808-832-3100 or
1-800-753-6879

Labor & Industrial Relations
808-586-8844

Land and Natural Resources
808-587-0401

Neighborhood Board Commission
808-768-3710

Parks & Recreation
808-768-3003

Public Safety
808-587-1288

Transportation Services
808-768-3053

Transportation
808-587-2150