



Senator Kurt Fevella

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Newsletter



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'Ewa Beach, Ocean
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'Ewa Villages

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Aloha Family and Friends,

March and April so far have been incredibly busy months, both inside the Capitol and in our communities. As we approach the final stretch of the legislative session, I wanted to take a moment to thank you for your continued support and engagement. Your voices have been instrumental in helping push important bills through the legislative process, and I am proud to say that many of our efforts have made it further than ever before.

As we head into the final weeks of the session, there is still much work to be done. Conference will begin soon, meaning both the House and the Senate are going to have to come to an agreement on the final version of a bill. During this time, it is all hands on deck for legislators and staffers alike.

Of course, thank you for standing alongside me in advocating for SCR209, SCR222, SCR229, SCR231, SCR239, and SCR8. These resolutions of ours have crossed over to the house, in no small part to your support. Together, we are making real change happen.

Mahalo and God bless,

Kurt Fevella

Prince Kuhio Day Eve Rally March 25, 2024



Fevella giving his speech in front of the mural

On the 25th, families and individuals, many of whom have been on the list for decades, gathered to express one unified sentiment: we need to do better. Shoulder to shoulder, community members stood with members of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA), Department of Hawaiian Homelands (DHHL), and the Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement (CNHA) together in chant – showing that this issue is above us all but not beyond our reach. If individual testimonies are not enough to get the message through, maybe this will. Put Hawaiian lands back in Hawaiian hands so that our culture may prosper and our people thrive. An issue that has unfortunately caused Native Hawaiians to fight amongst each other over what should be a shared vision. My mission was to educate people on the true meaning of Kuhio day. Kuhio wrote directly to



Sen. Fevella and Rep Kila sign waving with constituents

congress to express the dire need for Hawaiians to have land they can call their own. Today, the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act remains unfulfilled. The grand mural at the event represents legacy; Kuhio's legacy which has now passed onto us. It is our responsibility to uphold his will until every person on the list gets what they are owed, and no one gets forgotten.



In the Community

Keone'ula Elementary School Career and Literacy Day March 12, 2025



Sen. Fevella receiving a lei

Literacy is our keiki's gateway into a fulfilling education and ultimately a successful career. The literacy day event at Keone'ula Elementary allowed me to share my story with the students to inspire them to use their academic abilities to make the changes they want to see. Guests from every corner of the workforce showed up to read their favorite books to students to show them that a love for learning lasts a lifetime. To all the parents encouraging their kids to read, mahalo nui loa!



A questionnaire session with Senator

Ewa Beach Elementary Song Fest - March 14, 2025



Students lining up for a performance

Ohana means family. Ohana also means our friends, neighbors, and everyone else we look after in our community. The important thing about family however, is how it serves as a vessel for traditions and culture to live on through our keiki. That is exactly why the Ewa Beach Elementary Song Fest is so significant. It is a cultural demonstration, family gathering, community solidarity, and educational event all wrapped up in one. Best of all, the weather was perfect that day. Willingness to embrace cultural diversity is the foundation upon which our state was built.



Sen. Fevella with Principal Jay and faculty

JCHS Boys Basketball Banquet - March 16, 2025

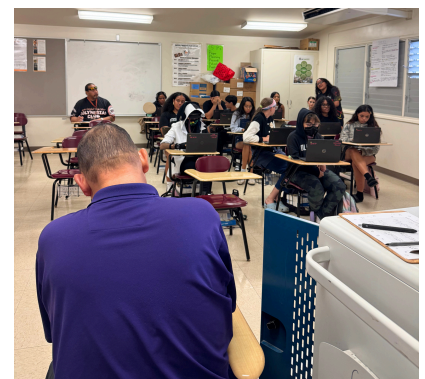


JV Boys Basketball Team coaches smiling with their certificates

From time to time, a team will come up that shocks the competition. This season, it was Campbell's JV Boys Basketball team, going 12-0 in their OIA run. Having spoken with each of the athletes and coaches at their celebratory banquet, there is no doubt in my mind this team will go on to impress even more people. These guys are still young and have room to grow so keep an eye out. Mahalo to Isaiah for his speech not only reflecting on the accomplishment but also for stepping up to motivate the team to move forward. Congratulations!

JCHS Ebike Debate - April 3, 2025

E-Bike regulation is currently one of the most contentious topics and part of the reason has to do with the fact that a large majority of riders are actually from a younger demographic. In response to the recent incident on Keoneula boulevard, we were invited to judge a civic debate on how best to address the issue as part of their English study. One side pushed for more legislation - suggesting a potential requirement to bear a rider's permit would help to reduce dangerous activity. On the other end, some students did not agree with more laws, and instead advocated for more enforcement. Both sides brought up thoughtful points, highlighting how this issue is not simply black and white. Despite that, this is a conversation our students should be involved in.

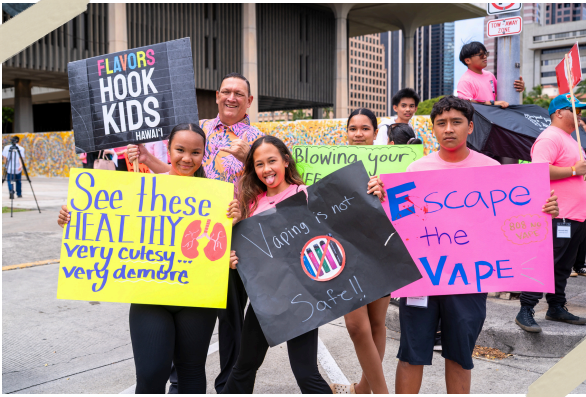


Sen. Fevella taking notes during the debate



Capitol Update

Tobacco Day - March 19, 2025



Advocates at the rally waving signs with Sen. Fevella

1,400 lives are lost every year due to tobacco use and roughly 21,000 keiki die prematurely as a consequence of smoking as well. The Take Down Tobacco Rally at the State Capitol, brought together passionate young leaders to voice their opposition to the growing use of vape products. The rally highlighted the serious health risks these substances pose, particularly to young people, and emphasized the disproportionate harm they inflict on lower-income communities. HB756 aims to ban the sale of flavored nicotine products because these flavors are made with the intention of drawing in usage by a young, impressionable audience. Even though Tobacco use might be going down, the alternative is just as addicting and destructive nonetheless.

Education Week, Student Showcase - March 20, 2025

Education week at the capitol gives schools across the state the opportunity to showcase new and innovative ways they are fostering talent in students and how they are giving them the chance to shine in real competitions. For Campbell High School, career readiness and professional development have always been the priority. Natalie and Emily, two amazing Campbell students were there to show legislators how the school's academies have been able to achieve designation as Model Academies by the National Career Academy Coalition. From the very beginning of a student's academic journey, they are set up for success by the Freshman Success Academy. The info presented to me left me fascinated at how far education has come, especially in the fields of STEM and creative media - two fields crucial to our diversification.



Members of Campbell being recognized on the floor.

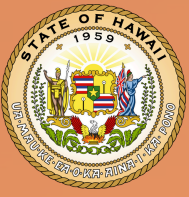
Sen. Fevella viewing the Campbell booth.

Film Industry Press Conference - April 3, 2025



Sen. Fevella speaking at the press conference.

The film industry has long been an economic driver in Hawaii next to tourism, attracting major productions like Jurassic Park and Hawaii Five-O, yet without legislative action to maximize our state's potential as a hub for film production, myself and others including representatives of the labor unions are concerned about Hawaii's ability to compete with international markets. On April 3rd, we held a press conference at the capitol to set the record straight regarding what the industry needs out of legislation to be sustainable. While legislation like SB732 which provides tax savings to producers is a step in the right direction, the scope of the bill simply does not encourage enough people to start making film. As my peers expressed, the investment in film creates new jobs. These new jobs open up opportunities for students in creative media who are in desperate need of experience. The effect will trickle down for us, but the chain reaction starts with action here.



Important Dates & Contacts

Ewa Beach

Neighborhood Board

Thursday, April 10

Ewa Beach Lions Club

Easter Bash

April 19



SPREAD ALOHA

Everyday

Good Friday

April 18, 2025

Second Crossover

April 21, 2025

Session Adjourns

May 2, 2025

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

City Dept. of Facility Maintenance

808-768-3343

Handi-Van Operations

808-456-5555

Dept. of Hawaiian Home Lands

808-620-9531

Dept. of Health

808-586-4400

Mental Health Hotline

DOH Hawaii CARES

808-832-3100 or

1-800-753-6879

Dept. of Labor & Industrial Relations

808-586-8844

Unemployment Insurance Claims

808-762-5751

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