



Newsletter September 2015

Post session wrap-up...

The 2015 Legislative Session may be over but the work continues. At the close of the session there was a change in Senate Leadership and as committees were reorganized, I was named Chair of the Senate Transportation and Energy Committee. In 2015, there were 16 committees, but in the 2016 session, there will only be 14. This means that some committees will be a combination of two subject areas—transportation and energy is one of these, and both issues are of particular concern to District 4, Hawaii Island and the State.

I have spent much of this interim in meetings with Transportation and Energy business leaders, lobbyists and experts balanced with attending conferences on the subjects to be better informed and up-to-date. I was a previous Chair for Transportation, but Energy is fast-paced with cutting edge technologies being introduced. Both the production of energy as well as energy storage are critical to our future.

I am proud and humbled to take on this work and hope that constituents will lend support by voicing their opinions on bills referred to this committee, as well as issues of concern specific to our district.

Our new office is in Room 210; we enjoy welcoming visitors, especially constituents. Please make it a point to stop by.





Clockwise from L: Senator visiting Green Energy Biomass Plant, Kauai; Senator speaking at the Waimea Community Association Meeting; at Pohakuloa Training Area; and a recent site visit to Kailapa Community, Kawaihae.







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2015 Fourth Senate District Appropriations

Project	FY16	FY17
Daniel K. Inouye extension	550,000	
Friends of the Future	150,000	
Hawaii Ocean Science and Tech Park	330,000	
Hawaii Wildlife Center	100,000	
Kailapa Community Assn	315,000	
Kamuela Vacuum Cooling Plant	1,000,000	
Kohala Ditch Irrigation System	1,500,000	
Kohala Mountain Road Drainage	3,600,000	
Kona International Airport, ARFF		20,000,000
Kona International Airport, ARFF	5,000,000	36,000,000
Kona International Airport, Fed. Inspection Station	2,500,000	
Ninole Bridge Rehab/Replacement		6,400,000
Ninole Bridge Rehab/Replacement		1,600,000
No. Kawaihae Small Boat Harbor	400,000	
North Kohala Community Resource Center	75,000	
Puuwaawaa Improvements/Dam		1,000,000
Waikoloa Elem and Middle School	1,580,000	



Mana Road in the early morning

CIP Funds Released December 31, 2014 - June 30, 2019	5
Hawaii Belt Road	15,000
HCEOC for Honokaa Office	152,000
Kawaihae Road for Waiaka Bridge	150,000
Kona International Airport- ARFF	1,000,000
Kona International Airport- Terminal	2,700,000
Lower Hamakua Ditch Watershed	200,000
Mamalahoa Hwy, at Hakalau Bridge	180,000
Mamalahoa Hwy, at Mud Lane	20,000
NELHA frontage road	76,019
Umauma Stream Bridge Rehab	500,000
Various school including Kohala High School STEM	
Building	11,550,000
Waimea District/Regional Park	4,000,000
West Hawaii Veteran's Cemetery	210,000

Legislature Update

For your convenience and information, I have included this list of the Senate Leadership and Committees. Please feel free to call our office at 808-586-7335, or toll free at 974-4000 and enter 67335 if you need additional assistance or further information. I look forward to working for you, and with you, in this next legislative session.

Twenty-Eighth Legislature Leadership and Committee Assignments

President: Ronald D. Kouchi Vice President: Will Espero

Majority Leader: J. Kalani English

Majority Caucus Leader: Brickwood Galuteria

Majority Floor Leader/Whip: Josh Green

Majority Whip: Donovan M. Dela Cruz

Minority Leader/Floor Leader: Sam Slom



Nishihara, Clarence K. Ruderman, Russell E.

Slom, Sam

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, ENVIRONMENT, AND TECHNOLOGY (EET)

Wakai, Glenn (Chair)
Slom, Sam (Vice Chair)
Baker, Rosalyn H.
Espero, Will

Galuteria, Brickwood Ihara, Jr. Les

Keith-Agaran, Gilbert S.C. Ruderman, Russell E. Thielen, Laura H. EDUCATION (EDU)

Kidani, Michelle N. (Chair)
Harimoto, Breene (Vice Chair)
Chun Oakland, Suzanne
Dela Cruz, Donovan M.
Kahele, Gilbert
Riviere, Gil

Slom, Sam
HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS (HWN)

Shimabukuro, Maile S.L. (Chair)

English, J. Kalani (Vice Chair)

Inouye, Lorraine R. Kim, Donna Mercado

Slom, Sam

HIGHER EDUCATION AND THE

ARTS (HEA)

Taniguchi, Brian T. (Chair) Kahele, Gilbert (Vice Chair)

Gabbard, Mike Kidani, Michelle N.

Slom, Sam
HOUSING (HOU)

Harimoto, Breene (Chair) Galuteria, Brickwood (Vice

Chair) Green, Josh Ihara, Jr., Les

Taniguchi, Brian T. Wakai, Glenn

Slom, Sam

HUMAN SERVICES (HMS)

Chun Oakland, Suzanne (Chair)

Riviere, Gil (Vice Chair)

Green, Josh
Harimoto, Breene
Ruderman, Russell E.
Thielen, Laura H.
Slom. Sam

GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS (GVO)

Kim, Donna Mercado (Chair) Ihara, Jr., Les (Vice Chair) Dela Cruz, Donovan Keith-Agaran, Gilbert S.C. Shimabukuro, Maile S.L.

Tokuda, Jill Slom, Sam

JUDICIARY AND LABOR (JDL)

Keith-Agaran, Gilbert S.C. (Chair)

Shimabukuro, Maile S. (Vice

Chair)

Gabbard, Mike Kahele, Gilbert

Kim, Donna Mercado

Thielen, Laura H. Slom, Sam

PUBLIC SAFETY,

INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND

MILITARY AFFAIRS PSM)

Nishihara, Clarence K. (Chair) Espero, Will (Vice Chair)

Baker, Rosalyn H.
Inouye, Lorraine R.

Slom, Sam

TOURISM AND INTERNATIONAL

AFFAIRS (TSI)

Kahele, Gilbert (Chair) English, J. Kalani (Vice Chair)

Galuteria, Brickwood

Green, Josh

Kim, Donna Mercado

Tokuda, Jill Slom, Sam

TRANSPORTATION AND ENERGY

(TRE)

Inouye, Lorraine R. (Chair)
Gabbard, Mike (Vice Chair)

Chun Oakland, Suzanne

English, J. Kalani Kidani, Michelle N.

Nishihara, Clarence K.

Slom, Sam

WATER, LAND AND AGRICULTURE

(WLA)

Gabbard, Mike (Chair)

Nishihara, Clarence K. (Vice Chair)

Dela Cruz, Donovan M.

Riviere, Gil

Ruderman, Russell E.

Shimabukuro, Maile S.L.

Thielen, Laura H. Wakai, Glenn

Slom, Sam

WAYS AND MEANS (WAM)

Tokuda, Jill (Chair)

Dela Cruz, Donovan M. (Vice

Chair)

Chun Oakland, Suzanne

English, J. Kalani

Galuteria, Brickwood

Harimoto, Breene Inouye, Lorraine R.

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Senator and Governor Ige at the Kawaihae Harbor Dedication, March 2015.

The funding listed below has been appropriated for the schools in District 4 for fiscal years 2015-2017.

School	chool Project Name		Estimated To	
Honokaa Elem	J Renovate Restroom	\$	100,0	
Honokaa High and Inter	08 RENOVATE TENNIS COURT	\$	350,0	
Honokaa High and Inter	Armory Replace Floor Repair	\$	200,0	
Kalanianaole Elem and Inter	A Reroof	\$	320,0	
Kalanianaole Elem and Inter	A RPR CEILINGS	\$	108,0	
Kalanianaole Elem and Inter	Replace Chiller & Freezer	\$	84,0	
Kohala Elem	P3273 (P7) REROOF	\$	40,0	
Kohala Elem	X north west Drainage Improvements	\$	55,0	
Kohala High	J Electrical Upgrade	\$	2,0	
Kohala High	V REROOF	\$	250,0	
Kohala High	Whole School Renovation	\$	780,0	
Kohala Middle	A Reroof & Replace Gutters/ Downspouts	\$	200,0	
Kohala Middle	P1 Replace Ramp	\$	50,0	
Laupahoehoe High and Elem	A Repair/Replace Windows	\$	350,0	
Laupahoehoe High and Elem	A RPR/REROOF WKWY TO LIBRARY	\$	80,0	
Paauilo Elem and Inter	B RENOVATE TOILETS	\$	120,0	
Paauilo Elem and Inter	C RENOVATE TOILETS	\$	120,0	
Waikoloa Elem and Middle	C RPL STAGE CURTAINS	\$	40,0	
Waikoloa Elem and Middle	CAMPUS UPGRADE IRRIGATION SYSTEM	\$	80,0	
Waimea Elem	Misc R&M FY2013	\$	17,0	
Waimea Elem	R & S DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS	\$	50,0	
Waimea Middle	U Refinish Floor & Repaint Lines	\$	115.0	