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Senator Gilbert Kahele Honored with Legislator of the Year Award

Honolulu-- The Hawaii Psychological Association (HPA) honored Senator Gilbert Kahele with the Legislator of the Year Award over the weekend. Senator Kahele was given the award for his outstanding contributions to psychology and mental health services in the State and for advocating for the care of the medically underserved.

“I am truly humbled with the award that the Hawaii Psychological Association has given me and for recognizing the work that I have done in support of its mission,” said Senator Kahele, who represents Senatorial District 2 on the Big Island (Kau, Puna and Hilo). I will continue promoting medical care for those in need.”

Along with his work in helping to advance medical care, Senator Kahele has made preserving agriculture land a top priority as vice chair of the Senate Committee on Agriculture.

The mission of the Hawaii Psychological Association is to enhance the quality of life for the people of Hawai'i by encouraging, integrating, applying, and communicating the contributions of Psychology in all its branches.

(Photo Caption: Senator Kahele receives his award from Hawaii Psychological Association President-Elect Darryl Salvador, Psy.D. and Jill Oliveira-Gray, Ph.D.)

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