

# State Representative Elle Cochran



## **My Kuleana!**

My top priorities this session are to ensure our harbors and roadways are well-maintained, safe, and accessible, to protect our natural lands and environment, to improve our schools and guarantee quality education, to meet our obligations to DHHL beneficiaries, and to increase access to healthcare and affordable housing.

In addition to working with my House colleagues, I am also collaborating my efforts with my Senate counterpart, Senator Angus McKelvey, to navigate these priorities more effectively through the legislative process.



Left:  
Representative Cochran gives the invocation for the opening of floor session.

## **How can you get involved?**

At <https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov> you can create an account to:

1. Sign up for hearing notices, so you know when bills of interest to you are being heard.
2. Submit written testimony for a bill that is scheduled to be heard.
3. Track legislation.
4. Review the Hawaii Revised Statutes.
5. View members of the legislative body and which committees they are assigned to.
6. Find calendars, lists, maps, and more.

Follow the link below for information on how to participate in the legislative process:

<https://lrb.hawaii.gov/par/engagement-101>

House Hearings can also be view live on YouTube at this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/@hawaiihouseofrepresentatives>

## **The following are the Capital Improvement Projects for our District I requested in HB1257:**

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| 1. King Kamehameha III Elementary air condition units.                              | 5. Princess Nahi'ena'ena Elementary air condition units.      | 10. Lahaina Harbor entrance channel dredging. |
| 2. King Kamehameha III Elementary renovations to ADA ramp and lanai for G building. | 6. Princess Nahi'ena'ena Elementary basketball court repairs. | 11. Lahaina Harbor mooring piles.             |
| 3. King Kamehameha III Elementary playground replacement.                           | 7. Princess Nahi'ena'ena Elementary playground repair.        | 12. Lahaina Harbor pier repairs.              |
| 4. Lahainaluna High School staff housing.   | 8. Waihe'e Elementary electrical upgrades.                    | 13. Mala Boat Ramp access road repairs.       |
|   | 9. Waihe'e Elementary repave campus parking lot.              | 14. Mala Boat Ramp maintenance dredging.      |
|   |   | 15. Lahaina Bypass.                           |

# **2023 Legislative Session Bills**

## **Relating to Highways**

**HB653** - Requires the department of transportation to perform routine inspections of highways in the state highway system that are at risk of rockslides every five years and after major rainfall events.

## **Relating to Buildings**

**HB654** - Requires state and county agencies to process the aggregated energy and water data of certain properties through the federal ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager and submit the benchmarking data to the office of planning and sustainable development. Appropriates funds.

## **Relating to Environmental Protection**

**HB656** - Establishes a list of substances allowed for use as pesticides and fertilizers on state and county property. Provides that the use of substances not specifically allowed as pesticides and fertilizers on state property and county property is prohibited, unless certain exceptions, a waiver, or exemption apply. Requires a state department or agency seeking a waiver to apply to the department of agriculture.

## **Relating to Agriculture**

**HB657** - Appropriates funds for the Department of Agriculture to identify a central area on Maui, then plan, design, and construct a hemp decorticator facility for the use of interested parties in the area.



Left:  
Representative Elle Cochran with the rest of the Maui House Delegation.



Right:  
Representative Elle Cochran being introduced to the House during opening day of the 2023 legislative session.

## **Relating to Small Boat Harbors**

**HB892** - Appropriates moneys and three full time equivalent positions under the Department of Law Enforcement to provide security at small boat harbors on Maui. Appropriates moneys.

## **Relating to Motor Vehicles**

**HB893** - Requires condominium associations and planned community associations that have a service agreement with a towing company to maintain and provide to the towing company a "do not tow" list of authorized resident vehicles. Prohibits authorized vehicles that are on the "do not tow" list from being towed, unless authorized by certain individuals.

## **Relating to Whales**

**HB894** - Places certain requirements and speed restrictions on the operation of water vessels in proximity to humpback whales.

## **Relating to Organic Waste Division**

**HB895** - Updates the State's integrated solid waste management goals and priorities to include organic waste diversion. Requires and appropriates moneys for the counties to incorporate organic waste diversion into the counties' integrated solid waste management plans.

# **2023 Legislative Session Bills Continued**

## **Relating to the Department of Education**

HB896 - Appropriates funds to the Department of Education to design and construct photovoltaic panel coverings over playgrounds at all Department of Education schools.

## **Relating to Honolulu Bay**

HB1253 - Establishes the Honolulu Bay Special Fund for conservation purposes and the upkeep and maintenance of Lipoa Point. Establishes a Honolulu Bay Advisory Board to administer the Honolulu Bay Special Fund and oversee the conservation of Honolulu Bay. Requires the Department of Land and Natural Resources to include and incorporate Honolulu Bay into the Division of State Parks online reservation system. Makes an appropriation.

## **Relating to the Department of Land and Natural Resources**

HB1254 - Appropriates moneys to establish a homelessness coordinator position for the island of Maui within the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

## **Relating to Special Purpose Revenue Bonds**

HB1255 - Authorizes the issuance of special purpose revenue bonds to assist West Maui Hospital Foundation, Inc. in the construction of West Maui Hospital and Medical Center in the County of Maui, including any necessary infrastructure. Requires the County of Maui to serve as guarantor of any debt service on the special purpose revenue bonds.

## **Relating to School Campuses**

HB1256 - Establishes and appropriates moneys for a Maui campus housing pilot program, to be administered by the School Facilities Authority which shall make on-campus housing available to employees at Lahainaluna and Kulanihako'i high schools on the island of Maui. Requires the School Facilities Authority and Department of Education to submit joint reports to the Legislature.

## **RELATING TO FIREARMS.**

HB1316 - Requires licensees who carry firearms concealed or unconcealed outside their residence to have their carry license in their immediate possession and display the license upon the demand of law enforcement officers when being lawfully detained.

## **RELATING TO THE TRAFFIC CODE.**

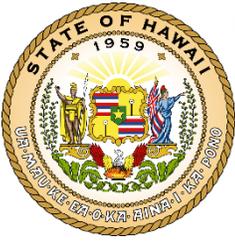
HB1319 - Allows operators of bicycles, motorcycles, and mopeds to proceed through an intersection on a steady red signal during certain hours if the traffic signal is controlled by a vehicle detection device that is inoperative due to the size or composition of the bicycle, motorcycle, or moped.



To the left:  
Representative Cochran at the  
State of the State Address.



To the right:  
Representative Cochran at the  
Women's Legislative Caucus  
Press Conference.



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Aloha House District 14 Ohana!

Please enjoy this newsletter from your House of Representatives. The goal will be to inform and include you in my legislative journey. I aim to guide you on how to be part of the solution to the issues facing our community.

My heartfelt mahalo for your trust and confidence in me to best represent your voice here at our Hawaii State Capitol. Please be my eyes and ears for House District 14, so that I may do my best to represent you.

Aloha, *Elle*

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