

CAPITOL UPDATE



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Aloha Neighbors,

Serving you and your family in the House of Representatives has been my great privilege. Now that the legislative session is over, I am excited to share initiatives that have passed the legislature and are on their way to be reviewed by the Governor for approval.

We are continually working to address important issues in our community especially our working families and making Hawaii a place to sustain and improve their way of life.

We encourage you to share your thoughts and continue to engage in the legislative process through our online QR code. If you have any questions or concerns, you may also call my office at (808)-586-6520 or email me at replamosao@capitol.hawaii.gov.

With warmest aloha,

Rachele Lamosao



Act 257, SLH 2022 Release Funds for Pre-Kindergarten



Governor announced the release of funding appropriated as part of his concerted efforts to expand statewide pre-kindergarten access. As part of this initiative, **August Ahrens Elementary School was awarded \$2 million.** This investment in our keiki addresses barriers to childcare prevalent in the islands.

Waipahu District Park Pool Reopened on May 1st!



Mahalo to Mayor Rick Blangiardi, Former Councilmember Elefante, Councilmember Tulba, the Department of Parks and Recreation, and the Department of Design and Construction for their contributions to the pool development after years of repairs.

Capital Improvement Projects for District Schools



Waipahu Elementary
\$ 4,500,000

Design and Construction for cafeteria expansion, renovation and improvements; ground and site improvements, equipment and appurtenances.

\$ 5,000,000

Plans and design to improve facilities and infrastructure, including new parking lot areas.



Waipahu High
\$ 2,500,000

Design and construction for campus-wide, exterior repainting; and all related work including new work and refurbishment/repair; equipment and appurtenances.



Waipahu Intermediate
\$ 3,000,000

Design and construction for new digital media, robotics, engineering/electronics, animation, music and science (DREAMS) building; grounds and site improvements; equipment and appurtenances



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At the Legislature & In the Community

WLC Easter Basket Drive



Each spring, the Hawai'i Women's Legislative Caucus (WLC) hosts our annual Easter Basket Drive in an effort to collect donations for organizations that help women and children in need. This year, we were excited to support the charitable work of incredible organizations: Domestic Violence Action Center, Institute for Human Services, Parents and Children Together, and Salvation Army Hawaii, and The Woman's Prison Project.

Waipahu High School Academic Health Center



Work is underway on an academic health center at Waipahu High School through a partnership with the Hawai'i State Department of Education, Hawai'i Pacific Health Medical Group and Hawai'i 3Rs. Once opened, Hawai'i Pacific Health will run the clinic and offer medical services for the Waipahu Community. Students in Waipahu High's Health & Sciences Academy will also have the opportunity to get hands-on-training in the center.

81st Commemoration of Araw Ng Kagitingan



In accordance with Executive Order No.203, s. 1987, April 9 of each year is designated as Araw Ng Kagitingan (Day of Valor), honoring the fall of the Bataan peninsula during World War II. This significant occasion honors Filipino veterans who provided valiant military service in protecting the nation at both times of peace and conflict. Pictured on the far right, Honorable Emilio T. Fernandez (Consul General of the Republic of the Philippines) at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific.

24th Annual State Employee Food Drive



Lt. Governor Sylvia Luke coordinates the statewide Annual State Employee Food Drive which supports the Hawaii Foodbank.

Waipahu PHBP Cleanup



In celebrating Earth Day on April 22, 2023, our office joined volunteers for the PHBP cleanup that took place along the whole side of Waipahu Depot Street. In protecting the environment, trash, plastics, metals, and weeds were picked up.

Visayan Language Program



Congratulations to the graduates of VLAING- Cebuano Visayan Language Program with the United Visayan Community of Hawaii in sharing the importance of perpetuating and keeping the language alive today and for future generations!

UH West Oahu Spring Concert



Congratulations to Maestro Nakasone for his contributions to music and the arts nationwide!

Maunakea Scholars at Waipahu School



Congratulations to Waipahu High School students for their independent research proposals in the field of space science!

Supporting Waipahu Intermediate School Future Farmers of America



Installing grow beds for WIS' community garden

2023 Legislative Summary



Affordable Housing



- \$ 100 million in FY24 and \$180.0 million in FY25 to be deposited to Rental Housing Revolving Fund (HB951/HB300)
- \$ 50 million to be deposited into the Dwelling Unit Revolving Fund (HB1246/HB300)
- \$ 170 million to plan and build teacher housings (SB941/HB300)
- \$ 15 million in FY24 and \$33 million in FY25 for Kauhale Projects across the State

Lifelong Learning



- \$310,000 to expand the University of Hawaii Pamantasan Council which is an organization that seeks to enhance the representation and status of Filipino American students, staff and faculty throughout the UH system (HB968)
- \$38.8 million in FY25 in the base budget for the Preschool Open Doors Program to expand to 3-year-olds, and the expansion of public and private preschool and early learning opportunities (HB961/HB300)
- \$7 million for the Hawaii Keiki: Healthy and Ready to Learn Initiative
- \$3.6 million for workforce development to assist special education students (including Waipahu High)
- \$3.7 million in FY24 to continue the Promise Program for Community Colleges

Supporting Children and Kupuna



- Passage of a committee to create a plan for Safe Routes to School and \$10 million to implement the Safe Routes to School Plan (HB600)
- Passage of child custody evaluators to complete a training course on the dynamics of domestic violence every three years (HB581)
- \$3.3 million in FY24 and \$4.5 million in FY25 for the Child Wellness Incentive Pilot Program (Act 127 2022)
- 2 permanent positions, \$1 million in FY24 and FY25 to administer Youth Suicide Awareness and Prevention protocol
- \$4.2 million in FY24 and \$2.4 million in FY25 for an increase and enhance Child Protective Service contracts
- \$186,288 in FY24 and \$192,408 in FY25 for the senior Medicare patrol program to prevent scams and fraudulent activities targeting kupuna (SB1592)

Tax Relief for Families



- Increases for household and dependent care services tax credit for five years. Increases for refundable earned income tax credit for five years. Increases the income thresholds and credit amounts of the refundable food/excise tax credit for five years (HB954)

Mental Health and Services for Homeless



- \$ 5 million to offer mental health services for public school students
- \$ 3.5 million for Child and Adolescent Crisis Mobile Outreach Team pilot program (HB948)
- \$ 10.6 million towards homelessness programs that include-Housing First Program, Rapid Re-Housing Program, Homeless Outreach Services, and Family Assessment Centers
- \$ 15 million in FY24 for the Ohana Zones Pilot Program (SB1442/HB300)

Illegal Fireworks



- \$1.25 million for Illegal Fireworks Task Force within the Department of Law Enforcement to stop the importation of illegal fireworks into the State.

Grant-In-Aid for Community Organizations

\$200 K



\$109 K



\$635 K



\$250 K



\$300 K



\$200 K



\$300 K



Adult Friends for Youth

\$100 K





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Signing of Ethics Reform Bills with Governor Josh Green



Last Day of Session



Congratulations!