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Aloha!

As the 2016 regular session came to a close, Senators, along with their House counterparts, highlighted the challenging issues that we addressed over the past several months. Each year we are faced with new challenges, the call for assistance, or to decide on policy that can shape an industry, the state for generations to come. The Legislature made significant progress in the areas of health, agriculture, and education.

SINE DIE ADJOURNMENT

AGRICULTURE

- \$1.35M for the master plan of the Whitmore Ag-Tech Park
- \$13M to upgrade and improve the Galbraith Irrigation System
- \$31.5M to purchase over 900 acres of agriculture land

COMMUNITY

• \$55,000 for the Whitmore Economic Development Group to develop an ag-tech innovation hub

EDUCATION

- \$100M for heat abatement at public schools statewide
- \$11.5M for a 15-classroom building at Mililani Middle School
- \$2M to construct a parking lot access and an ADA ramp at Mililani High School
- \$1.1M to plan a High Technology Workforce Development Center

HEALTH

- \$2.5M for the Wahiawa General Hospital
- \$700,000 for the Wahiawa Center for Community Health

TRANSPORTATION

- \$17M for construction and rehabilitation to the Kipapa Stream Bridge
- \$2.5M for the replacement of the Upper Stream Poamoho bridge

I want to thank you all for your support this legislative session and I look forward to our continued work through the interim.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

MILILANI COMPLEX REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE PRIORITY LIST FOR FY 2017

SCHOOL	PROJECT	(\$)
Mililani Ike Elementary	Replace A/C Chiller Lines	\$104,000
Mililani Mauka Elementary	Replace A/C Chiller in Building A	\$50,000
Mililani Middle	Replace Folding Doors on Building G	\$130,000
Mililani High	Repair Campus Fire Alarms	\$34,000
	Repair Campus Walkways	\$195,000
	Reroof Building L	\$240,000
TOTAL		\$753,000



The Senate adjourns sine die for the 28th Legislative Session. During the final days before sine die, the Legislature passed **272 bills** which are now headed to the Governor for enactment. The Governor has until **July 12, 2016** to sign or veto legislation. Bills that are not acted upon will become law without the Governor's signature.



Senate Ways and Means Chair Jill Tokuda, House Finance Chair Sylvia Luke, and I, as the Vice-Chair of Ways and Means join colleagues and staff to sign the committee report for HB1700, a bill relating to the state budget.

Senate District 22 Major Budget Highlights:

- \$2.5M for Wahiawa General Hospital
- \$11.5M to transition Mililani Middle School to single track
- *\$13M* for the Galbraith Irrigation System
- \$17M to rehabilitate or replace the Kipapa Stream Bridge
- *\$31M* to acquire 900 acres of land between Central Oahu and North Shore