

NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD REPORT

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Aloha Friends and Neighbors,

As we end the 2013 Regular Session, the first biennium of the Twenty-Seventh Legislature, I would like to thank you for your continued support. I am humbled to be given this opportunity and it is my honor to serve our community. To all the GRADUATES of 2013 Congratulations and Best Wishes in all future endeavors!

Safe streets for our Keiki



Keeping our neighborhood safe is a top priority. We continue to work with City's Department of Transportation Services (DTS), the Honolulu Police Department (HPD) and the State Department of Transportation (DOT). We are helping to reduce speeding with the three E's Education, Engineering, and Enforcement. Our community has safety striping and we have an increased presence of Honolulu Police Department (HPD) on our streets. There are also mobile speedometer radars to deter speeding and make drivers aware of driving fast.

Kaleiopu'u Elementary Military Transition Center Blessing

On May 17, 2013 I had the pleasure of attending the blessing of Kaleiopu'u's new military transition center. The Center is a media hub that may be used as a means of communication for military students and their families while on deployment. I presented a certificate on behalf of the House and Senate to Principal Young and Mr. Marty Sepkowski for all their hard work to make the center possible.



May Celebrations

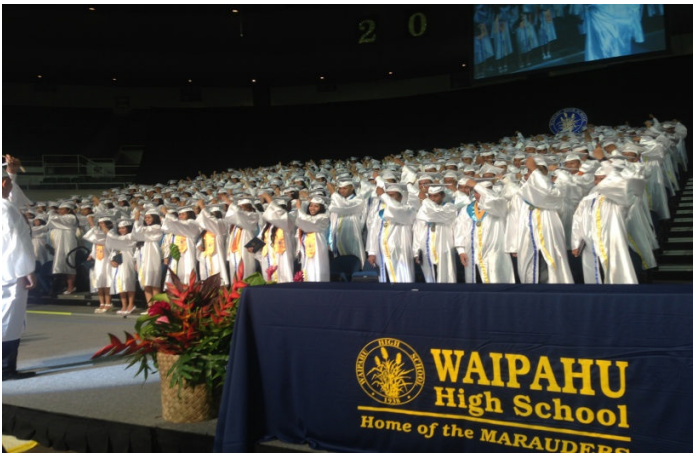
Spring brings May Day celebrations and Graduation Ceremonies to Hawaii. I enjoyed several of these events around our community in the month of May.



Kapolei High School Graduation May 17, 2013



James Campbell High School Graduation May 19, 2013



Waipahu High School Graduation May 20, 2013



UH Manoa Graduation May 11 & UH West Oahu May 4



Mauka Lani May Day Celebration May 15, 2013



Kaleiopu'u May Day May 3, 2013



Mayor's Town Hall Meeting

On May 16, 2013 I attended Mayor Kirk Caldwell's town hall meeting at Kapolei Hale. Representatives from the Mayor's staff and several City departments were in attendance to discuss a variety of topics effecting Oahu;

- Bus services between Makaha-Kapolei-Ala Moana have been restored to every 30 minutes on weekdays and weekends.
- \$153 million dollars has been designated for road rehabilitation work including repaving and repairs.
- \$1,500,000.00 for planning, design and construction improvements at existing staffed park facilities in Leeward Oahu.
- Ewa to town bike path restoration project.
- \$3 million dollars appropriated for road construction linking Makakilo Drive to Kualakai Parkway.



Waipahu High School Annual Aloha Concert

On May 4, 2013 Waipahu High School hosted their annual aloha concert. The concert is a chance for the senior class to give a final performance to families, faculty and friends.



Community Clean up in Village park and recycle day at Waipahu intermediate school

In our ongoing efforts to keep our community clean my office held a community clean up in April. I also participated in going green eWaste recycling event at Waipahu Intermediate School in May.

Announcements:

Pothole Problems:

To file a vehicle damage claim with the state visit:

<http://hawaii.gov/forms/departement-of-accounting-and-general-services/rmtc/view>

To file a vehicle damage claim with the city and county of Honolulu:

Call the Department of the Corporation Counsel at **(808) 768-5193.**

State Pothole Hotline: **(808)536-7852**

City and County of Honolulu Pothole Hotline: **(808) 768-7777**

Freeway Service Patrol:

Freeway Service Patrol offers a variety of services to assist you when your vehicle has stopped on the freeway. The goal of FSP is to help you get your vehicle started so that you can get back on the road. If your vehicle does not start, a Freeway Service Patrol driver may tow you and your vehicle to an off-freeway location or to the side of the freeway, out of the lanes of traffic. The Freeway Service Patrol is available from 5 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday, excluding some holidays. The services provided include:



FSP coverage area

- Changing flat tires
- Jump starting your car as result of a dead battery
 - Radiator refills
- Making temporary repairs
- Providing gallon of gasoline
- Towing service

**To reach the Freeway Service Patrol call
841-HELP (4537)**



Legislative Accomplishments

I am happy to have these bills that I authored/co-authored or supported to be signed or awaiting signature into law by the Governor.

HB 373 - Beginning January 1, 2014, requires health care facilities performing mammography exams to provide to patients with dense breast tissue, a mammography report and notification about associated cancer risks and supplemental screening benefits.

HB 266 - Establishes and provides appropriations for a Statewide Language Access Resource Center and Multilingual Website Pilot Project to be administered by the Office of Language Access. Effective July 1, 2013.

HB 536 - Clarifies preference in state low-income housing for disabled veterans. Authorizes the Hawaii Public Housing Authority to disqualify any applicant or tenant from state low-income housing if the applicant, tenant, or a household member owns or acquires a home within the State.

HB 560 - Authorizes the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation and Hawaii Community Development Authority to develop programs that provide incentives for the development of housing projects that incorporate urban gardening programs

HB 587 - Amends the penal code to include persons in a dating relationship as family or household members for purposes of prohibiting physical abuse of family or household members. Increases the period of separation from twenty-four to forty-eight hours that a police officer is required to order a person to stay away from a family or household member if the police officer has reasonable grounds to believe that a family or household member is in probable danger of further physical abuse or harm being inflicted by the person.

HB 1396 - Appropriates funds for the planning and design of the Nisei Veterans Legacy Center, subject to matching funds. Requires a report to the legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session of 2014. Effective July 1, 2013.

HB 200 Capitol Improvement Project (CIP) highlights

August Ahrens Elementary School – ceiling fans, ground and site improvements \$180,000
new walkway at front of campus for pedestrian safety \$300,000

Campbell High School – electrical upgrades to existing facilities \$1,000,000

East Kapolei High School – design, construction and equipment for a new high school \$5,000,000

East Kapolei Middle School - design, construction and equipment for a new middle school \$3,000,000

Ewa Makai Middle School – construction for a new wing \$18,400,000

Honowai Elementary School – plans and design for a new eight classroom building \$880,000

Mauka Lani Elementary School – design and construction for campus wide electrical upgrades \$700,000

Waikele Elementary School – plans and design for library expansion and improvements \$300,000
design and construction for expansion of existing cafeteria to include a performing arts stage \$500,000

Waipahu Elementary School – design and construction for new parking lot and refurbishment of existing parking lot into formal play court \$550,000

Waipahu High School – design and construction and equipment for synthetic field turf, an all weather 8 lane track and other related improvements \$5,500,000
Plans, design and construction for a retaining wall behind the school \$800,000

Green Infrastructure Loan Program.

Makes green infrastructure installations accessible and affordable for Hawaii's consumers, helps achieve measureable costs savings, and helps achieve Hawaii's clean energy goals by establishing a regulatory financing structure that authorizes PUC and DBEDT to acquire and provide alternative low-cost financing, to be deployed through a financing program. Specifically this measure, among other things:

- Establishes the Hawaii Green Infrastructure Loan Program;
- Establishes the Hawaii Green Infrastructure Authority;
- Authorizes the creation of green infrastructure property consisting of all property, rights, and interests of the Hawaii Green Infrastructure Loan Program, which will vest in DBEDT for the purpose of securing bond amounts payable under the Loan Program and other financing costs;
- Establishes the Hawaii Green Infrastructure Bond Fund to receive proceeds of the Green Infrastructure Fee and Green Infrastructure property;
- Establishes the Hawaii Green Infrastructure Special Fund to receive proceeds of the Loan Program and other moneys to be expended on the operations of the Loan Program, including through credits to electric utility customers for reimbursement of excess green infrastructure charges collected;
- Authorizes DBEDT to issue up to \$200,000,000 in revenue bonds to establish and administer the Hawaii Green Infrastructure Loan Program; and
- Appropriates funds. (SB1087 CD1, 2013)

RESERVE FUNDS

Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund; Hurricane Reserve Trust Fund.

Supports economic stability and sound fiscal policy by:

- Appropriating \$50,000,000 in general funds for FY 2013-2014 to accelerate the recapitalization of the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund (SB1094 CD1, 2013); and
- Appropriating \$50,000,000 in general funds for FY 2013-2014 to accelerate the recapitalization of the Hurricane Reserve Trust Fund. (SB1092 CD1, 2013)

