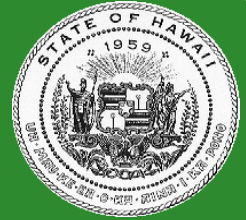




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LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

Senate District 24 (Kaneohe and Kailua)

Chair of Senate Education Committee
Member of the Agriculture;
Water, Land and Housing;
and Ways and Means Committees
Majority Whip

ON THE MOVE...

On January 9th, Senator Tokuda attended the Kailua Disaster and Storm Readiness Ceremony and presented a certificate congratulating Kailua as being Disaster and Storm Ready.

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Senator Tokuda celebrated the 40th anniversary of Seagull Schools Hawaii on January 14th.

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On January 20th, Senator Tokuda hosted Castle High School student Zata Awanis as a part of the FLEX/Youth Legislative Shadow Day at the Capitol.

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Senator Tokuda attended and helped recycle with Castle High School's Aloha Aina Earth Day on January 21st.

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Senator Tokuda visited the Kaneohe Seniors at the Kaneohe Community and Senior Center on January 26th and then helped build a playground for Kamakau Public Charter School.

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On January 28th, Senator Tokuda attended Puohala Elementary School's workday with Hawaii 3Rs.

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Senator Tokuda attend the Malama 96744 Graffiti Paint Out and Clean Up on February 4.

SB2545 - Relating to Early Education

Establishes the executive office on early learning and the early learning advisory board to replace the early learning council. Repeals junior kindergarten programs at the end of the 2013-2014 school year, but lays the framework for a statewide preschool program. Beginning with the 2014-2015 school year, requires students to be at least five years of age on July 31 of the school year in order to attend kindergarten. *(Passed out of EDU on January 27)*

SB2115/SB2116 - Charter School Omnibus and Transition Plan

Establishes a new chapter governing charter schools based on the recommendations of the charter school governance, accountability, and authority task force established by Act 130, Session Laws of Hawaii 2011. Repeals chapter 302B, HRS. Makes housekeeping amendments. *(Passed out of EDU on February 6)*

SB2540 Hawaii Revised Statutes; Clean up

Amends or repeals various provisions of chapter 302A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, for housekeeping and other purposes. *(Passed out of EDU on January 30)*

SB 2524 Relating to Haiku Valley (HB2246)

Establishes the Haiku Valley cultural preserve commission to provide policy and management oversight of the Haiku Valley cultural preserve. Initiates process of conveying Haiku Valley in fee simple to the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

SB 2536 Relating to Clean and Sober Homes and Halfway Houses (HB2413)

Establishes a temporary clean and sober home and halfway house task force. Requires the task force to submit a report to the legislature containing findings and recommendations and any proposed legislation that may be necessary to effectuate those requirements.

SB 2681 Relating to Defendants Committed to the Custody of the Director of Health

Allows for the transfer of persons committed to the custody of the director of health to be transferred to correctional facilities under certain conditions.

SB 2147 Relating to the Regulation of Clean and Sober Homes and Halfway Houses (HB1993)

Requires the licensing of all clean and sober homes and halfway houses. Requires the Department of Human Services to adopt rules that regulate these dwellings. (This bill is scheduled to be heard on Tuesday, February 7, 2012.)

SB 2682 Relating to Clean and Sober and Halfway Home Regulation (HB2414)

Establishes a licensing requirement for all clean and sober homes and halfway houses and requires that department of health to establish rules and oversee them.

SB 3060 Relating to Sex Offenders

Makes it a class C felony for persons convicted of certain sexual offenses committed against a child twelve years of age or younger to reside within seven hundred fifty feet of any school building or any real property comprising a school.

Senate District 24 Capital Improvement Projects in SB2901

Aikahi: \$500,000 for Electrical Upgrades

Benjamin Parker: \$1,430,000 for ADA Accessibility for Buildings C, D & H

Enchanted Lake: \$406,000 for Electrical Upgrades & Carpet Replacements

Heeia: \$6,075,000 for Covered Playcourt & Drainage, Campus Walkways & Air Conditioning

Castle HS: \$300,000 for Carpet Replacements in Bright Auditorium & Library, Covered Walkways

Kaelepulu: \$775,000 for ADA Transition Accessibility and Electrical Upgrades

Kailua HS: \$175,000 for Tennis and Basketball Courts Improvements

Kalaheo HS: \$1,150,000 for Design & Construction of Athletic Field, Refurbishment of Weight Room and STEM Classrooms

Kaneohe: \$1,350,000 for ADA transition improvements and AV & Acoustical Treatments in Cafeteria

Kapunahala: \$740,000 for Covered Walkways, Elevators for ADA Compliance & Covered Playground

Keolu: \$8000 for Installment of Overhead Projector in Cafeteria

King Intermediate: \$1,700,000 for Excavation of Stream for Additional Parking & Cafeteria Expansion

Maunawili: \$205,000 for Elevator for ADA Compliance & \$250,000 for Parking Lot Behind Olomana Fire Station

Mokapu: \$465,000 for Electrical Upgrades

Olomana: \$88,000 for Physical Education Portable

Puohala: \$160,000 for Electrical Upgrades, Reroofing of Cafeteria & Buildings, Mounting of Projector in Cafeteria

Kaneohe Public Library: \$85,000 for Repaving of Parking Lot

Maunawili Trail: \$1,575,000 to Establish Public Parking Lot

Kawainui Marsh: \$1,480,000 for Equipment and Engineering Study & Environmental Assessment to Restore Water Flow from Kawainui Marsh and Stream

Heeia State Park: \$100,000 for Improvements to Parking Lot and Access to Fishpond

Windward Area Dog Park: \$220,000 to Create a Dog Park

Hawaii State Hospital: \$3,000,000 for Study and Demolition of Goddard and Conduct Feasibility Study to Construct New Buildings to House Forensic Patients

Lilipuna, Waikalua & William Henry Road: \$1,125,000 for Sidewalk Improvements

Kamehameha Hwy: \$50,000 for Lighted Crosswalk Between Lilipuna & Haiku

Olomana & Pohakapu Subdivision: \$25,000 to Conduct a Traffic Safety Study

Installation of Ten Storm Drain Filters: \$100,000

**** All CIP projects
were requested by schools and
community members.**

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Senator Tokuda's Art Review (STAR) Program

Castle High School and Le Jardin Academy has student artwork on display at the Hawaii State Capitol as a part of the STAR Program for the month of February.

The public is welcome to view the artwork at the State Capitol, Chamber Level, Monday through Friday from 6:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. (excluding holidays) and Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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