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Aloha,

February was a very busy month, keeping my office very active!

In the past month, the House Health Committee was referred over 175 Bills for legislative review. As the Chairman of the Health committee, I diligently met semi-weekly with my staff and healthcare experts to discuss, research, review, and vet many of these bills.

The Health Committee met twice a week throughout the month and held extensive Legislative hearings to hear the testimony of the people and examine the issues related to Hawaii's health care.

Meanwhile, the House Consumer Protection and Commerce Committee was referred over 110 Bills in the past month for legislative review. As the committee's Vice Chair, our committee held many Legislative hearings to likewise hear the testimony of the people and examine the issues related to consumer protection.

Currently the House is finalizing the bills that passed their first and second committees; and are being reviewed in their final committee.

Many of the bills I introduced are also in their final committee and will be reviewed by the House committee on Finance. Thank you to the community members who have supported these bills and their passage.

Mahalo to our community members who have contacted me over various bills this past month. I support and welcome everyone's questions and concerns in the legislative process.

I am dedicated to working hard to serve you. Please feel free to contact me anytime by phone, fax, or email and Mahalo for your continued support.

With My Warmest Aloha,

Rep. Yamane's Bills Become the First, Second, and Fourth Laws for 2012

The Legislature has only been in session for one month now, but my office has been working hard for the people of our state and have already gotten three major bills passed!

Organ Transplants. When Hawai'i Medical Center closed its doors earlier this month, it took the state's only kidney and liver transplant center with it. This put in jeopardy the transplant needs of over 400 Hawai'i residents. These patients would now need to face long waiting lists for transplants on the mainland.

Luckily, our state will soon once again have an organ transplant facility. On January 23, I chaired the committee that passed **H.B. 608**, a bill I introduced last session.

This measure will provide Queen's Medical Center with funding to quickly launch a new transplant center to replace the facility at HMC. Thanks to this new law, Hawai'i residents will again be able to receive transplants right here at home, allowing them to be close to their family and friends as they recover.

Funding for UH Medical School.

On January 20, I chaired the committee that passed **S.B. 239**, which reauthorizes the John A. Burns School of Medicine to use a portion of the Hawai'i tobacco settlement fund to support the medical school train and graduate new doctors in Hawai'i.

Without these funds, the school would be forced to cut its programs and raise tuition dramatically.

Currently, half of Hawaii's practicing physicians are graduates of the Medicine School, securing this additional funding will support our future doctors in our state.



On February 4th, the Governor signed **HB 608** as **Act 1** in the Queen's Medical Center's new organ transplant center facility.



2012 Legislation

This year I introduced over 50 bills pertaining to our community and the two committees which I manage. Here is a brief summary of some of the bills I've introduced for this year.

HB 1722 Gives a police officer the authority to enter onto private property to enforce the laws of the State, as long as the property is generally open to the public.

HB 1741 Creates a uniform prescription drug prior authorization form to reduce the costs of prescription drug medication.

HB 1832 Creates the food safety and security program within the Department of Agriculture.

HB 1952 Sets aside matching funds to establish a bone marrow transplant center.

HB 1953 Expands emergency medical services and ambulance services on the leeward side of Oahu. Makes a grant to Wahiawa General Hospital to provide additional emergency room services.

HB 1955 Appropriates funds to cover staffing and other initial costs associated with the licensing of home care agencies.

HB 1956 Sets aside funds to match the federal disproportionate share hospital allowance allocated to the State.

HB 1960 Prohibits retailers from displaying or storing tobacco products through self-service display or engaging in tobacco product retailing through self service display.

HB 1961 Requires cigarettes and tobacco products to be stored for sale behind a counter and requires advertisements for tobacco products to be placed 25 feet away from children's products, toys.

HB 2035 Prohibits an insurer from requiring a doctor's referral for annual covered mammograms.

HB 2113 Bans the ignition, possession, selling, and use of aerial luminaries.

HB 2273 Creates a concussion awareness program for public schools, private schools, and the Hawaii High School Athletic Association.

HB 2375 Establishes criminal penalties and a mandatory fine for individuals who intentionally commit certain types of mortgage fraud. Sets funds for related public educational activities.

HB 2665 Establishes a statewide stroke system of care by designating primary stroke centers and acute stroke capable centers. Improves stroke care protocol and sets up a task force to recommend future improvements.

Visit our Legislative Website

Our "electronic office" is among the many improvements for this year. The capitol website is very user friendly! Please visit www.capitol.hawaii.gov and click around to find specific bills, committee information, hearing notices, or information about your Representative.

Please visit my website: (<http://capitol.hawaii.gov/memberpage.aspx?member=yamane>) to follow legislative and district news, connect through photos and video, or access my community reports.

Community Capital Improvement Requests

For the 2012 Legislative session I have turned in the following requests for consideration of Mililani, Waipio Gentry and Central Oahu capital improvements:

- Kanoelani Elementary School walkway awnings:	\$750,000.00
- Kanoelani Elementary School new sidewalk construction:	\$100,000.00
- Mililani Middle new restrooms:	\$500,000.00
- Mililani Middle covered play courts:	\$750,000.00
- Mililani Middle gutter replacement :	\$176,000.00
- Mililani High parking lot resurfacing:	\$250,000.00
- Mililani High tennis court resurfacing & new restrooms:	\$1,200,000.00
- Mililani Public Library reroofing:	\$341,000.00
- Mililani Public Library bookdrop upgrade:	\$55,000.00
- Pearl City High School auditorium and cafeteria reroofing:	\$2,000,000.00
- Pearl City High School Cisco upgrade:	\$1,000,000.00
- Pearl City High School auditorium renovation:	\$500,000.00
- Pearl City High School athletic complex renovation	\$500,000.00
- Sidewalk Construction on both sides of Kamehameha Hwy from Meheula Parkway to Lanikuhana Avenue:	\$2,500,000.00
- TOTAL REQUESTED:	\$10,622,000.00

GET INVOLVED! I encourage your support.

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