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## Community Report · January 2012

*Aloha,*

I hope you and your family had a wonderful holiday season and are facing this new year with a sense of optimism.

The 2012 session of the Hawai'i State Legislature opened on January 18. Instead of any festivities for the Opening Day my office returned to this Legislative Session with a "back to work" approach.

This year I will return to serve our community and the people of Hawai'i as the Chair of the House Health Committee and as the Vice Chair of the House Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce.

I approach this new year with cautious optimism. Although Hawai'i's economy is recovering from the recession, the Council on Revenues on January 5 projected a three percent decline in our projected revenue growth. This shows that this might be another fiscally tight year.

We must remain cognizant of continued economic uncertainties nationally, in Europe, and elsewhere. In light of these realities, I will approach this year's issues with an eye on fiscal responsibility.

I will continue to make job creation, education, and economic growth my top priorities. As the Chair of the Health Committee, I also will be actively involved in protecting the health safety net for Hawai'i residents.

I am dedicated to working hard to serve you and will continue to seek more effective ways to serve the people of Mililani and Waipio Gentry. Please feel free to contact me anytime by phone, fax, or email.

Mahalo for your continued support.

*With My Warmest Aloha,*

# HAPPY NEW YEAR!

## Rep. Yamane's Committee Passes Major Legislation during the first week of Session

The Legislature has only been in session for one week now, but my office has been working hard for the people of our state and have already gotten two 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 four hundred 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 Monday, January 23, I chaired a conference committee that passed **H.B. 608**, a bill which I introduced last session. This measure will provide Queen's Medical Center with badly needed seed money to quickly launch a new transplant center to replace the facility at HMC. Thanks to this bill, Hawai'i residents will be able to get transplants right here at home, allowing them to be close to family and friends as they recover.

**Funding for UH Medical School.** On Friday, January 20, I chaired a conference 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 special fund to support the school's operations and train and graduate new physicians in Hawai'i. Without these funds, the School would be forced to cut its programs and raise tuition dramatically.



Ryan chairing the conference committee that passed H.B. 608. Photo courtesy of the Honolulu Star-Advertiser.

Given that about half of practicing physicians in Hawai'i are graduates of the Burns School of Medicine, it is great for the future of our physicians that we have been able to secure this additional funding to support our future doctors.

## 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](http://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.

**Hawaii State Legislature**  
 Today is January 25, 2012  
 Session convene times for Wednesday, January 25, 2012: Senate - 11:30am | House - 12:00pm  
 Find Your Legislator: Enter Street Name

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**Neighborhood Boards**  
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 Waipahu No. 22  
**Community**  
 Mililani Town Association  
 Waipio Gentry Community Association  
 Mililani Public Library  
 Mililani Farmers' Market  
 Patsy Mink Central Oahu Regional Park  
**Schools**  
 Mililani High School  
 Mililani Middle School  
 Mililani Lika School  
 Kanoelani Elementary School  
 Hali'ima'i Intermediate School  
 Pearl City High School

Rep. Ryan Yamane's 2011 Legislative Newsletter-- "People First"  
 Mar. 2011 Neighborhood Board Report  
 Feb. 2011 Neighborhood Board Report  
 Jan. 2011 Neighborhood Board Report  
 Rep. Ryan Yamane's 2011 Legislative Newsletter-- "People First"

**EDUCATION**  
 • University of California-Los Angeles, Health Care Executive Program, 2010  
 • University of Virginia, Emerging Political Leaders Program, 2010  
 • University of Hawaii/Maui, Masters of Business

Representative Ryan Yamane currently serves as the Chair of the Health Committee and as the Vice Chair of the Consumer Protection and Commerce Committee. He previously chaired the House Committee on Tourism and Culture. Representative Yamane has dedicated himself to public service as a social worker, instructor, and disaster volunteer for the State of Hawaii. Representative Yamane represents the 37th State House District and has served in the Hawaii House of Representatives since 2005. Representative Yamane and his wife, Jennifer Higo Yamane, have two young sons, Daniel and Gavan.

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January 9, 2012  
**Rep. Yamane Reacts to Closure of West Oahu Hospital**  
 KITV 4 News interviewed Rep. Ryan Yamane on December 28, 2011 on ways to support and stabilize health care in the West and Central Oahu as the Hawaii Medical Center-West facility shuts down. [View full article](#)

January 9, 2012  
**Rep. Yamane's Legislation can Restore Hawaii's only Organ Transplant Program**  
 On Christmas Day 2011, the Honolulu Star-Advertiser covered Rep. Ryan Yamane's 2011 legislation which could have funded the continuation of an organ transplant center while Hawaii's only organ transplant center closed through the Hawaii Medical Center's bankruptcy. House Bill 608 will alleviate concerns of the organ transplant center's closure by providing funding to restore Hawaii's organ transplantation. [View full article](#)

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

**GET INVOLVED!** I encourage your support.

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