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Aloha,

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

In the past month, the House Health Committee was referred over 76 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 47 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 Senate committee on Ways and Means. 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,

Hawaii's New Transplant Center Celebrates its First Successful Transplantation

Earlier this month, the Queen's Medical Center successfully transplanted two livers for its patients, Virgil Macy and Jonathan Saragosa, both Big Island residents who were deeply affected by the December closure of the Hawaii Medical Center—previously, Hawaii's only transplant center.

Upon the Hawaii Medical Center's closure, the State of Hawaii lost its organ transplantation program and certification. A bill I introduced, **HB 608**, was fast-tracked in January and became the first law this year, which re-established the organ transplant program within the State of Hawaii through the Queen's Medical Center.

Both Virgil and Jonathan were concerned with relocating their lives and families to the mainland to receive their organ transplant and are grateful for the chance to stay in Hawaii to receive the care they need.



Congratulating new liver recipients, Virgil Macy and Jonathan Saragosa, of the Big Island who were the first organ transplant recipients of Queen's Medical Center and in the State of Hawaii since the closure of Hawaii Medical Center.

Celebrating Kidney Awareness Month



On March 8th, the state Legislature recognized and celebrated World Kidney Day and Kidney Awareness Month.

After re-establishing Hawaii's only Kidney and Liver Transplant program; I was invited to join the National Kidney Foundation of Hawaii on Ala Moana's center stage to highlight the importance of kidney health awareness.

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 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.*
Passed the Senate Committee on Health

HB 2113 *Bans the ignition, possession, selling, and use of aerial luminaries— (sky lanterns).*
Passed the Senate committees on Public Safety and Judiciary

HB 2273 *Creates a concussion awareness program for public schools, private schools, and the Hawaii High School Athletic Association.*
Passed the Senate committees on Education and Health

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.*
Passed the Senate committees on Consumer Protection and Judiciary

HB 609 *Authorizes the assimilation of Hawaii Medical Center-East into the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation. Appropriates funds for the hiring or contracting of staff.*
Passed the Senate Committee on Health

HB 1964 *Seeks to limit out-of-pocket costs for chemotherapy cancer treatment under health insurance plans.*
Passed the Senate Committee on Health

HB 1968 *Appropriates funds to the Hawaii State Fire Council to enforce and protect lands throughout the state from brush-fire.*
Passed the Senate Committee on

HB 2272 *Clarifies language in the Hawaii Revised Statutes to support the profession and vocation of land surveying.*
Passed the Senate Committee on Consumer Protection.

Celebrating our Mililani students

I was privileged to spend time with our Mililani students earlier this month.

On March 7th, Mililani Uka Elementary invited me to talk to the 5th grade classes on the importance of civic engagement and the foundations of democracy.

Later in the week, on March 12th Representative Marilyn Lee and I honored the Mililani High School Boys Varsity Soccer team in the House Chamber for their excellence and achievement of the State Champion Title in soccer.



Hawaii's First Mobile Medical Van Hits the Streets

Last year, the legislature established Hawaii's first mobile medical van to assist rural and medically underserved communities in the state of Hawaii.

The State of Hawaii partnered with HMSA to create the mobile medical van, which holds a spacious exam room, indoor and outdoor reception areas, a medical lab, and refrigerated storage space. The van will provide vaccinations, immunizations, school physicals, health screenings, and health education to south Kona students.



Earlier this month the south Kona community held the grand opening of the Kona Mobile Medical van; naming the van, "Ka'a Ho'ola" meaning a vehicle of well-being.

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.

You may view my CIP request at: <http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov>