



CAPITOL NEWS

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Aloha Friends and Neighbors,

Thank you very much for the privilege to serve you as your State Representative. I am honored and grateful for the opportunity to represent you at the State Capitol and look forward to continue working with you to better our community and state.

As we are all living through these exciting times and continue to do our best with what we have, I believe that some of the measures adopted in this Legislative session and shared within this newsletter, will help improve our economy and create a solid foundation for fiscal growth. We have also made strategic investments in key areas that will help grow the economy and sustain a more prosperous future for Hawaii.

I am extremely thankful for the opportunity to serve you and our community. Please keep in touch with me about your concerns. If you ever need my assistance or have any questions, please feel free to contact me anytime at (808) 586-8490 or repcullen@capitol.hawaii.gov.

With Warmest Aloha,

Representative Ty J. K. Cullen

Approved Capital Improvement Projects for our District Getting the Work Done:

Through my dedicated work over the past year with neighboring Representatives, Governor's office and State Departments, we were able to release funding for these School projects totaling **\$58,580,000** in our community:

Honowai Elementary — Design for classroom building — **\$880,000**

Honowai Elementary — Design and Construction to replace H building stairway — **\$190,000**

Kunia Agricultural Park — Design of 150 acre Kunia Agricultural Park in Royal Kunia — **\$700,000**

Campbell High School — Improvements to the track, design for a new synthetic track, new press booth — **\$1,000,000**

Ewa Elementary — Construction and equipment for an eight-classroom building — **\$9,600,000**

Kapolei II Elementary — Construction for a new school to accommodate population growth — **\$40,000,000**

Kapolei High School — Design and Construction of locker and showers, and equipment — **\$4,665,000**

Kalei'opu'u Elementary — Design and Construction for second evacuation ramp — **\$620,000**

Kalei'opu'u Elementary — Construction for Electrical Upgrades — **\$550,000**

Makakilo Elementary — Design, construction and equipment for portable classroom — **\$375,000**



Representative Ty Cullen touring the construction projects and Ground breaking of Kapolei II Elementary School.

Improving Our Community Traffic Safety



Speedometer radar on Kupuna Loop. Please do not speed in our community.

In our continued efforts to work with the City and County of Honolulu on making our streets safer. The Department of Transportation Services (DTS) has completed a sub-area traffic study of safety and operations of existing roadway conditions in Village Park, Kunia, and Royal Kunia. It shall address existing condition problems including pedestrian crossing and walking safety, street parking, sight distance, traffic signals, speeding and crash incidents. The work element will identify and develop location-specific traffic engineering plans for operations and safety improvements. Our office will work with DTS on getting the information to the community.



Representative Ty Cullen working with Department of Transportation to discuss traffic concerns in our community.

Legislative Accomplishments

I was happy to have these bills that I authored/co-authored to have passed the Legislature. The bills focused on job creation, educational benefits, health care needs, shoring up the safety net and improving information technology (IT) and transportation infrastructure:

HB1993 — The purpose of this measure is to amend the offense of abuse of family or household members to make the commission of an act of physical abuse in the presence of a family or household member who is under the age of fourteen a class C felony.

HB2053 — This measure addresses falls and fall-related injuries by elderly persons in the State.

HB2400— Provides temporary disability benefits to employees who suffer disabilities as a result of donating organs.

HB1664— Requires that permanent and temporary firework storage comply with currently adopted county building fire codes.

HR59 — Urging the State and State entities to support the Hokule'a and her crew as they journey around the world.

HR22— Urging the President of the United States and Congress to grant veteran benefits to Filipino veterans who fought in World War II but were subsequently denied the benefits to which they were entitled.



Representative Ty Cullen meeting HPD to address community concerns and legislation that will help them to better protect our community.



The 27th legislative session House of Representatives honored Nainoa Thompson and the Hokule'a.



Representative Ty Cullen, Henry Aquino and Ryan Yamane speaking with students from Waipahu High School and Waipahu Intermediate visiting the state capitol.



Representative Ty Cullen speaking to students from our district on their visit to the Capitol.



Representative Ty Cullen reading at the Mauka Lani Elementary Read Aloud.

Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) Important to Our District

Given our difficult budgetary situation, House District 39 was very fortunate to benefit from a total of \$487,351,000 in appropriations from the Legislature in the biennium budget for our schools, roads and other infrastructure projects. I will work diligently to get the monies released and projects completed.

Here is a list of those projects:

University of Hawaii and Schools in our District: \$101,952,000

- August Ahrens Elementary— Design and construction for new walk way and equipment for ceiling fans — \$987,000
- Barbers Point Elementary— Facility improvements — \$206,000
- Campbell High School — Electrical and Air Conditioning Upgrades, facility improvements — \$3,660,000
- New East Kapolei High School— Design, Construction, and Equipment — \$10,000,000
- New East Kapolei Middle School — Design, Construction and Equipment — \$3,000,000
- Ewa Elementary — Resurface Driveway and Parking — \$250,000
- Ewa Beach Elementary School—Design, Construction, and Equipment for renovation of building—\$430,000
- Ewa Makai Middle School — Construction for New Wing and site improvements — \$18,410,000
- Honowai Elementary— Plan and Design eight-classroom building and Facility improvements —\$1,285,000
- Ilima Intermediate School — Facility improvements, Air Conditioning Upgrades — \$1,300,000
- Kapolei Elementary— Facility improvements —\$258,000
- Kapolei Middle School — Facility improvements —\$22,000
- Kapolei High School— Facility improvements —\$15,000
- Kalei'opu'u Elementary School — Facility improvements, Renovation, Plans, Design and construction for a new classroom building — \$2,240,000
- Mauka Lani Elementary — Campus wide electrical upgrade and facility improvements—\$810,000
- Makakilo Elementary — Facility improvements — \$10,000
- Royal Kunia Elementary School — Plans, Design, and Construction for a new Elementary School — \$1,500,000
- Waikele Elementary— Cafeteria and Library expansion, performing arts stage, playground equipment—\$1,899,000
- Waipahu Elementary School — Design and Construction new parking lot, facility improvements — \$737,000
- Waipahu Intermediate School — Facility improvements — \$533,000
- Waipahu High School — New Field Turf and Track, retaining wall, Plans, Design, and Construction for New Classroom; And Electrical Upgrades — \$10,100,000
- University of Hawaii West Oahu—Design and Construction for new buildings and roads-\$34,300,000
- Leeward Community College — Plan and Design for Native Hawaiian center for Excellence and renovations to the Theatre — \$10,000,000

Road/Transportation Improvements \$103,054,000

- H-1 Freeway— Construction for freeway access from Makakilo to Palailai interchange — \$5,700,000
- H-1 Freeway Afternoon (PM) Contra flow Lane (Westbound) — Radford to Waikele — \$15,000,000
- H-1 Kunia Interchange — Plans for Improvements to interchange and approaches — \$780,000

- H-1 Freeway Makakilo—Construction to improve Makakilo and Palailai interchanges and construct a new interchange—\$5,700,000
- Farrington Hwy and H1— Plans, Design and Construction for beautification, road improvements, concrete barriers and rail guards—\$10,000,000
- Kunia Road — Plan, Design, and Construction to extend third lane to H-1 freeway South from Farrington Highway to Laulaunui St.— \$3,000,000
- Fort Weaver Road — Plan, Design and Construction for Drainage and third lane — \$36,000,000
- Guardrail and Shoulder Improvements — \$2,930,000
- Kamehameha Highway, Kipapa Stream — Roosevelt bridge rehabilitation or replacement — \$1,000,000
- H-2 Freeway, Ka Uka Blvd to Meheula Parkway — Construction for Re-pavement on-ramps and off-ramps— \$1,500,000
- H-1 Freeway, Waikele — Construction for Re-pavement on-ramps and off-ramps — \$ 1,500,000
- Highway Lighting Replacement — \$ 2,112,000
- Leeward Bikeway — Construct 12-ft. wide bike path over 13.2 Miles — \$2,832,000
- Kualakai Parkway—Road Extension Kapolei parkway to Roosevelt avenue—\$15,000,000

Harbors and Airport Improvements \$585,057,000

- Honolulu International Airport — Runway Pavement improvements and Renovations— \$581,657,000
- Kalaeloa-Barbers Point Harbor — Improvement and Upgrades to site — \$3,400,000

Agriculture \$27,050,000

- Waiahole Water Systems Improvements — \$16,550,000
- Kunia Agricultural Park—\$2,500,000
- State Watershed Initiative — Watershed protection — \$8,000,000

Civil Defense and Hawaii National Guard \$64,719,000

- Disaster Warning and Communications Devices — Replace and Upgrade Equipment — \$7,500,000
- Kalaeloa-Barbers Point Harbor—Improvement and Upgrades to site—\$150,000
- Hurricane Protective Measures on Public Buildings for increased number of public emergency shelters — \$6,000,000
- Upgrade and Improvements to National Guard Facilities — \$16,000,000
- Central Oahu Ambulance Faculty — Plans, Design, and Construction — \$3,850,000
- Army Aviation Support Facility—\$31,219,000

Honoring Our Veterans \$11,854,000

- Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery—upgrades and improvements \$6,354,000
- VA Long Term Care Facility—Plans and Design for a new VA care facility \$5,500,000





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Counterclockwise from top left: Congratulations Principal Keith Hayashi of Waipahu High School for being named Hawaii State Principal of the Year, and receiving the Masayuki Tokioka Excellence in School leadership award!!; Representative Ty Cullen and the State Legislature honored Jake Shimabukuro for his entrepreneur and corporate leadership skills; Representative Ty Cullen at Honowai Elementary School's drug free parade; Representative Ty Cullen and State honored Jake Shimabukuro for his entrepreneur and corporate leadership skills; Representative Ty Cullen meeting with Veterans and support groups during Military Day at the Capitol.



Transportation Improvements Moving Forward

Thank you for continued patience while driving on our roadways as needed infrastructure improvements are completed for the Freeway rehab and lane widening work being done. For information on closures visit <http://hidot.hawaii.gov/>



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