

MID-SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

REPRESENTATIVE SAM SATORU KONG

HOUSE DISTRICT 33

Aiea, Enchanted Hills, Halawa, Newtown, Pearl Ridge, Royal Summit, Waimalu Gardens



Celebrating Education Week!

On March 19-23, Hawai'i students, educators, and administrators were recognized at the Hawaii State Legislature for their accomplishments in education. Pictured are a few of the honorees with Education Committee Chair Justin Woodson and Vice Chair Sam Satoru Kong.



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StriveHI Teachers of the Year



March 20- Five of the eight district "Teacher of the Year" winners for their respective districts were recognized at the House of Representatives.

From left: Representative Woodson, Vanessa Ching (Ewa Makai Middle School), Gregg Iha (Central District Resource Teacher), Naomi Salaveria (Liholiho Elementary), Cristin Priolo (SEEQS), Amanda Fretto (Kamakahahelei Middle), and Representative Kong.

Calendar of Events/Activities

- Sat., April 7, 8am:** Pearl Harbor Bike Path Clean Up
- Mon., April 9, 7pm-** Aiea Neighborhood Board, Aiea Library
- Thurs, April 12, 7pm:** - Meet Governor Ige- Aiea/Pearl City Town Hall Meeting at Pearl City High School
- Fri., April 27 4pm-9pm:** Aiea High School Family Fun Fair

Counselor of the Year



March 22- The House recognized the 2018 Counselor of the Year, Bianca Yanuario of Keolu Elementary School.

Representative Kong has introduced **DRAGG** (Drag Racing Against Gangs and Graffiti) to Aiea High School, an accredited After-School Autoshop program to teach at-risk youths Auto-Shop Career Skills, strengthened with Mentorship support by Local Law Enforcement Officers who share the common passion and interest of the Auto Racing Industry. Stay tuned for more info.



Gustav H. Webling School's 50th Anniversary



March 16- Gustav H. Webling Elementary School was recognized by the Legislature for the 50th Jubilee Anniversary of the school.

From left: Christine Haramura, Parent Community Network Coordinator, Principal Chad Matsuda, and Representative Kong.



Representative Sam Kong

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MAJOR BILLS THAT HAVE MADE IT THROUGH CROSSOVER

HB2014 HD2: Pu'uhonua Villages. Requires the Governor to identify available state land for the establishment of a homelessness village and establishes the Pu'uhonua Homeless Villages program. Provides limitation on liability for government entity and volunteers providing services. Makes an appropriation.

HB1908 HD2: Bump Stocks. Prohibits the manufacture, importation, sale, transfer, and possession of bump fire stocks, multi-burst trigger activators, and trigger cranks within Hawaii.

HB2598 HD 2/SB2990 SD2: Paid Family Leave. Requires the state Department of Labor and Industrial Relations to establish rules by 2020 to implement an insurance program for family leave coverage for all workers in the state.

HB1626 HD1: Sunset Memorial Park. Limits liability for volunteers and volunteer organizations that maintain or repair cemetery grounds. Requires the Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, in consultation with the Comptroller, to develop strategies for upkeep, repair, and maintenance of Sunset Memorial Park.

HB2753 HD1/ HB2281 HD1: Creates "Ohana Zone Program" to designate areas where homeless people would live. Would provide toilets, showers, and other hygiene facilities; areas for food preparation; on-site child care; and transportation services.

HB 2739 HD1: Medically Assisted Suicide. Allows an adult resident of the State with a medically confirmed terminal disease and less than 6 months to live, the choice to obtain a prescription for medication to end the patient's life. It also imposes criminal sanctions for tampering with a patient's request for a prescription or coercing a patient to request a prescription. With this bill, there are many controversies pertaining to religious beliefs, human rights violations, suicide prevention, and various medical concerns.

SB 3023 SD2: Minimum Wage: Requires the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to study the impacts of raising the minimum wage and recommend to the Legislature how the minimum wage should be adjusted in the future. (Persons with disabilities are also included under the minimum wage requirements).

SB 2988 SD2: Kupuna Care. Appropriates \$3.4 million to expand the kupuna caregiver program to support family caregivers.

SB 2329 SD2: Tuition cuts. Caps increases in tuition at UH campuses based on the change in the States' median household income for the past decade, as determined by the U.S. Census Bureau.

HB 1900 HD1: State Budget. Authorizes \$14.3 billion in spending on government operations in the year beginning in July 1, and \$4.48 billion in construction spending this year and next.