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Aloha neighbor,

The 2018 legislative session has drawn to a close and I would like to share some of the important legislation that were passed this session.

We tackled many different issues from affordable housing, paid sick leave, ohana zones, public school funding, unlicensed care homes, and more. There were many accomplishments this session, however, there is still work to do.

As we enter the interim, I will continue to work together with you to create positive change in our communities. As always, please contact me whenever I can be of assistance to you.

Mahalo Nui Loa,

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2018 Legislative Session *Sine Die*

The sophomore group of legislators pose for a photo on the last day of the 2018 legislative session. From left are: Representatives San Buenaventura, Tupola, Kong, Keohokalole, Decoite, and Lopresti.

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Our Care, Our Choice Act (HB 2739). Establish a regulated process under which an adult resident of the State with a medically confirmed terminal disease and less than six months to live may choose to obtain a prescription for medication to end the patient's life. Imposes criminal sanctions for tampering with a patient's request for a prescription or coercing a patient to request a prescription.

Police Departments (HB2133). Specifies that citizen administrative complaints against a police officer that involve allegations of domestic abuse by the police officer against a family or household member shall not be required to be filed as a notarized or sworn written statement.

Sunset Memorial Park (HB 1626). Limits liability for volunteers maintaining or repairing cemetery grounds. Requires the director of commerce and consumer affairs to develop strategies for the upkeep, repair, and maintenance of Sunset Memorial

Pesticides (SB 3095). Prohibits the application of restricted use pesticides within 100 feet of a school during school hours. Prohibits the use of pesticides containing chlorpyrifos as an active ingredient beginning January 1, 2019. Allows exemptions.

Paid Family Leave (SB 2990). Requires the Legislative Reference Bureau to conduct an analysis by September 1, 2019 of paid family leave including a comparative analysis of other states' paid leave models.

Sunscreen Ban (SB 2571). Bans the sale, offer of sale, or distribution, except according to a doctor's prescription, of any sunscreen that contains oxybenzone or octinoxate to preserve marine ecosystems.

Disaster Relief (SB 192). Provides \$100,000,000 to Kau'ai and \$25,000,000 to other areas statewide for flood relief. Provides immediate money to cover the upfront costs of needed road repairs, clearing rock slides and infrastructure improvements.

Opioid Education (SB 2247). Authorizes pharmacists to provide education on opioids to individuals at risk of overdose.

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WAR MEMORIAL

HB 2036- Appropriates funds for the planning and design of a memorial to honor service members of the recent conflicts in the Persian Gulf, Iraq, Afghanistan, and the various theaters of the Global War on Terrorism, to be located at the Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery in Kaneohe, on the island of Oahu, with replicas located statewide.

HOMELESS

HB 2038- Establishes a three year pilot program which authorizes non-profit organizations on Oahu, to provide shelter to homeless persons, by hosting temporary encampments on property owned by the organization. Prohibits the host county from enacting ordinances designed to deter the provision of shelter. Limits county liability.

HALE KOKUA

HB 2409- Establishes the Hale Kokua Program, a homeless assistance pilot project under the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation, to provide incentives and assistance to private homeowners who set aside existing dwelling units, or construct new or improve existing dwelling units, for rent to homeless families or individuals for a five- year period.

EDUCATION

HB2628- Removes mandatory student hour requirements for public schools, beginning with the 2018-2019 school year. Requires principals to determine the total number of student hours required for their school.

HOMELESS-NESS SPECIAL FUND

HB2408- Establishes the homelessness special fund. Establishes a community shelter commission in each county. Raises the conveyance tax and directs revenues toward experimental or demonstration housing projects administered by the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation and by the Hawaii Public Housing Authority and homeless facilities and programs administered by the Department of Human Services.

Aiea/Pearl City Townhall Meeting with Governor David Ige



From left: Representative Roy Takumi, Senator Clarence Nishihara, and Representative Sam Kong at the Aiea/Pearl City Townhall meeting that was held on April 12, 2018.

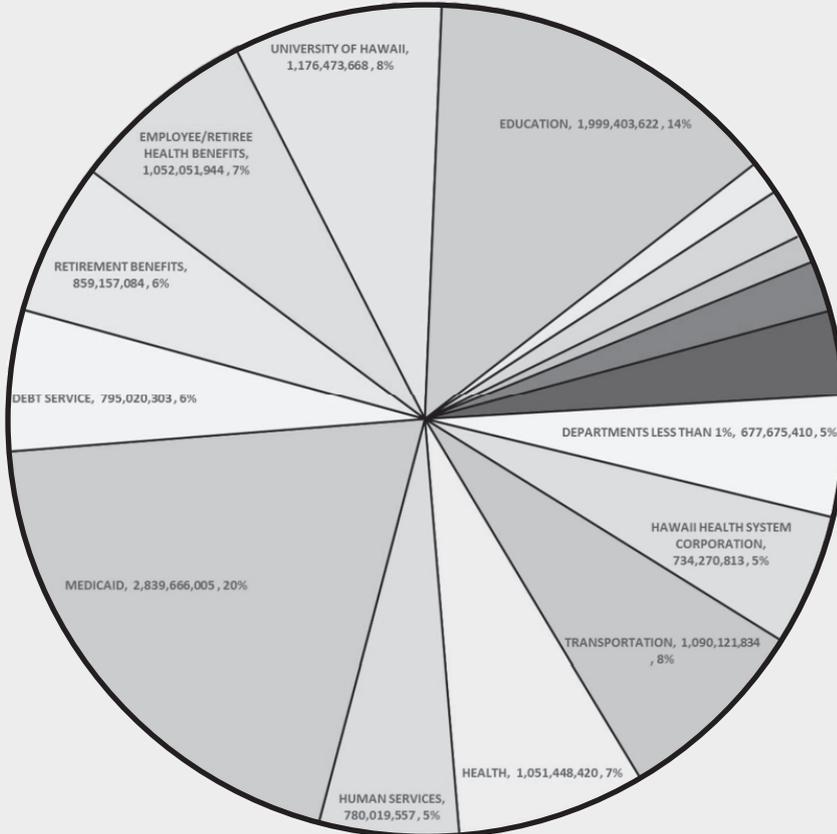
Rental Housing (HB 2748). Appropriates \$ 200 million into the Rental Housing Revolving Fund. Expands the general excise tax exemption for construction or substantial rehabilitation of approximately 24,000 affordable rental units for families at or below 140% AMI. Appropriates \$50,000 to prepare an assessment of housing needs for person with access and functional project.

Ohana Zones (SB 2401). Allocates \$30 million for 'Ohana zones on various sites throughout the State. Establishes the Emergency Department Homelessness Assessment Pilot Program, and the Medical Respite Pilot Program.



Representative Sam Kong presents his housing development proposal at the US Vets Luncheon on January 18, 2018.

State Budget Fiscal Biennium 2017-2019



DEPARTMENTS LESS THAN 1%	FY2019 TOTAL	%
AGRICULTURE	54,292,642	.38%
ATTORNEY GENERAL	101,128,756	.70%
BUDGET AND FINANCE	72,890,575	.50%
COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS	91,069,503	.63%
DEFENSE	105,360,395	.73%
CHARTER SCHOOLS	92,300,831	.64%
PUBLIC LIBRARIES	41,529,120	.29%
HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS	57,204,500	.40%
HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT	25,539,779	.18%
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR	3,462,635	.01%
OFFICE OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR	940,566	.01%
SUBSIDIES	942,000	.01%
TAXATION	31,014,109	.21%

Conversion Therapy (SB 270). Prohibits specific state-licensed persons who are licensed to provide professional counseling from engaging in, attempting to engage in, or advertising sexual orientation change efforts on minors. Establishes the sexual orientation counseling task force to address the concerns of minors seeking counseling on sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expressions, and related behaviors.

Title IX (HB 1489). Prohibits discrimination based on sex, gender identity, gender expression, or sexual orientation in any state education program. Requires the Legislative Reference Bureau to study and report on state and federal enforcement of prohibitions on sex discrimination, complaints, and remedies for violations, inconsistencies.

Constitutional Amendment to fund Education (SB 2922). Proposes amendments to the Constitution of the State of Hawaii to authorize the Legislature to establish, as provided by law, a surcharge on investment real property to support public education. Gives final decision to voters.

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

“Lions on the Move!”

Come join us! Members from various Lions Clubs get together every Saturday morning at sunrise and paint, landscape, volunteer at community events, and so much more. Then we grab a bite to eat! Call (808) 699-0222 to see where we will be this Saturday!



Left: The Lions' members gathered on March 10 at Pearlridge Elementary School and cleared up rubbish alongside the from entrance of the school.

Right: Lions' members at the Annual Hawaii Food Band Drive that was held at Pearl City Shopping Center on April 21.

Aloha Pregnancy Care and Counseling Center's Annual Banquet



This year's speaker was David Barton from Wall Builders.



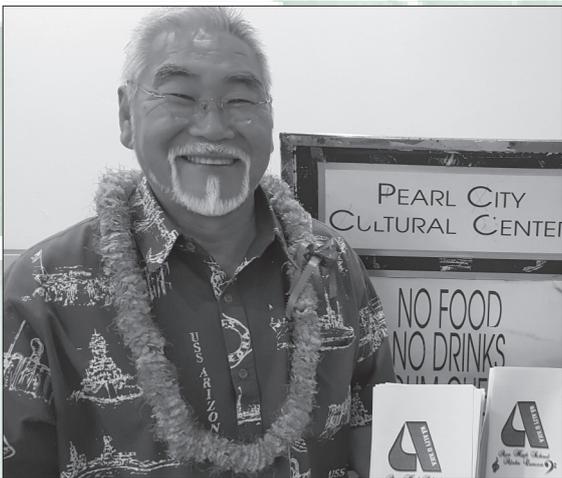
Representative Kong with Senator Mike Gabbard at this year's banquet.

Every year, Aloha Pregnancy Care and Counseling Center hosts an annual banquet celebrating twenty years of helping women with free services such as pregnancy testing, ultrasounds, counseling, referrals, classes and much more!

Aiea Intermediate and Aiea High School Holds Aloha Concerts for Music Programs



May 8th: Wayze Suzuki, Keli'i Vannata, Chelsea Agasa, Steven Agasa, Representative Kong, and Al Morinaka.



Above: May 9th- Representative Kong helps pass out flyers at the Aiea High School Music Concert.



May 9th- Representative Kong and Dr. Desiree Cremer, Aiea High School Ballet and Modern Dance Teacher.



May 9th- Representative Kong and current volunteers of the Aiea High School Music Boosters.

MISSION HIGHLIGHTS

Representative Kong Attends the Pacific and Asian Affairs Council Scholarship Reception



The Pacific and Asian Affairs Council (PAAC) is an international education nonprofit with a mission to promote a greater awareness and understanding of foreign affairs issues, especially Hawai'i's role in the Asia-Pacific region. Every year, PAAC offers international study tours to students. Students are exposed to different cultures and perspectives and gain first hand understanding of current issues affecting the country or regions to be visited.

Left: Three students from Aiea High School were awarded summer study tours to South Korea. From left: Representative Kong, Pi'ilani Shimabuku, Trinity Sakumoto, and Jonah Lorica.

DRAGG's Auto-Mechanics Mentorship Program in Aiea High School



Representative Sam Kong is working together with DRAGG (Drag Racing Against Gangs and Graffiti) and Aiea High School to implement an accredited after-school auto-shop program to teach auto and mechanical skills. The program is a collaborate effort between lawmakers, government entities and business leaders in the Auto and Motorsports Racing Industry. DRAGG is a National program sponsored by the Ford Corporation and supported by the Drag Racing community focused on promoting career skills in the automotive and mechanical industry.



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CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

The following projects have been approved for funding:

Aiea High School

Plans and design for a new building and renovation and expansion for a girls athletic locker room, weight training facility, and other athletic facilities; ground and site improvements; equipment and appurtenances.

FY 2017- \$3,900,000

FY 2019: \$1,600,000

Total Funding: \$5,500,000

Aiea Intermediate School

Construction and equipment to complete cafeteria renovation; ground and site improvements; equipment and appurtenances.

Funding FY 2018: \$550,000

Interstate Route H-3, Tunnel Improvements

(FY 2018– FY 2019)

Design and Construction for Improvements at the H-3 Tunnels.

Total Funding: \$5,900,000

UH Family Medicine Training Center

(State Budget)

An appropriation of \$1,000,000 for the family medicine office practice and team-based training outpatient center which will serve as office practice for the John A. Burns school of medicine family residency program. A donation of \$1,000,000 donation—each from Pali Momi Hospital and John A. Burns Foundation were given to the program.