

HAWAI'I STATE SENATOR  
**KAIALI'I KAHELE**  
SENATE DISTRICT 1 - HILO



**Newsletter**

**June 2018**

Aloha!

We have just completed the 2018 Legislative Session and I want to take a moment to express my gratitude for the opportunity to serve our amazing community in the Hawai'i State Senate.

The legislature passed a \$14.4 billion budget for Fiscal Year 2018-2019, which includes much needed funding for education, housing and health care services to name a few. This newsletter highlights some of the grants and capital improvement projects the East Hawai'i delegation were able to secure for Hilo this session.

As we head into interim, please feel free to contact my office. I welcome your ideas and look forward to working with you to build a better future for Hawai'i.

Me ka ha'aha'a,

**East Hawai'i  
Grant-in-Aids**

Hawai'i Island Portuguese  
Chamber of Commerce Cultural  
and Educational Center  
**\$200,000**

Big Island Resource  
Conservation and Development  
Council  
**\$147,000**

Royal Order of  
Kamehameha I, Māmalahoa  
**\$102,000**

Community First  
**\$25,000**

Hawai'i County Economic  
Opportunity Council  
**\$280,000**

Going Home Hawai'i  
**\$200,000**

**Legislative Timetable**

**June 25, 2018:** The 35th day after adjournment sine die, the deadline by which the Governor must inform the Legislature of his intent to veto.

**July 10, 2018:** The 45th day after adjournment sine die, the day on which the Legislature must act on any veto transmitted by the Governor.

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Senate confirms Micah Alameda as a  
Board of Director for the Hawai'i Tourism Authority

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# Fiscal Biennium 2018-2019 State Executive Budget

The Legislature passed a \$14.4 billion state budget that includes operating monies and \$2.4 billion in capital improvement funds to run the state government through fiscal year 2019.

**HB1900 HD1 SD1 CD1**, the state budget bill, includes funding for homelessness and housing, critical health and human service needs, support for keiki and kūpuna caregivers, and protection of our culturally important natural resources.

In addressing homelessness as a top priority for this Legislative Session, state lawmakers approved the allocation of \$15 million to fund homeless programs and services.

Investing in our children, an additional \$500,000 was allocated for the Early College Program; \$400,000 for Teacher Certification Stipend Program to help increase the number of qualified public school teachers, and \$1.1 million for the Alternative Teacher Route Program to help with recruitment and certification of potential public school teachers. To help students in higher education, \$300,000 was appropriated for the Student Success Initiative to help support the students at UH Mānoa and \$750,000 for the Student Success Initiative at Community Colleges statewide.

To support our seniors, \$3.8 million in additional funds were appropriated for Kupuna Care and \$1.2 million for the Kupuna Caregivers Fund.

## Senate Leadership

In light of Senator Will Espero's retirement from the Senate, effective June 1, 2018, Senator Kaiali'i Kahele who previously served as the Senate Majority Whip, will now serve as the new Senate Majority Floor Leader.

**President:** *Ronald D. Kouchi*

**Vice President:** *Michelle N. Kidani*

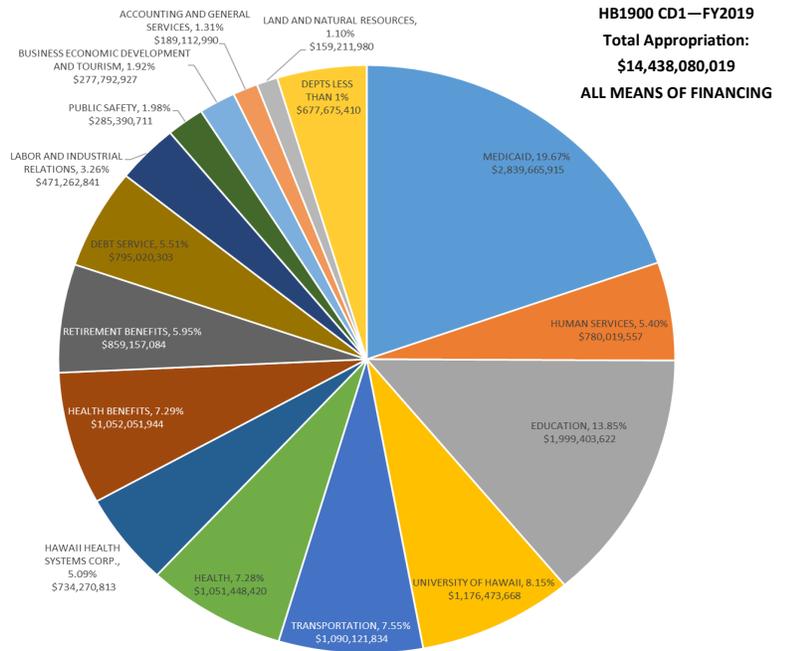
**Majority Leader:** *J. Kalani English*

**Majority Caucus Leader:** *Brickwood Galuteria*

**Majority Floor Leader:** *Kaiali'i Kahele*

**Majority Whip:** *Brian T. Taniguchi*

**Assistant Majority Whip:** *Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran*



**HB1900 CD1—FY2019**  
**Total Appropriation:**  
**\$14,438,080,019**  
**ALL MEANS OF FINANCING**

In recognizing the need to grow our economy, \$1.5 million was included for the Accelerator Program to aid development of local businesses and \$200,000 for the Creative Lab Hawaii expansion to the neighbor islands.

Lawmakers included funding for our natural resources by including \$800,000 in funding to combat the spread of Rapid 'Ōhi'a Death and \$500,000 to support fire response activities of the Department of Forestry and Wildlife statewide. \$734,000 was allocated for the State Historic Preservation District and \$270,000 for State Forest Reserves resource protection and visitor access.

Some of the areas addressed in the budget for Capital Improvement Projects include \$6.5 million for the construction of a First Responders Technology Campus and Cyber Security Data Center, \$3.5 million for health and safety improvements at libraries statewide, \$9.6 million for improvements and renovations to Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation facilities statewide, \$21.5 million for public housing development, improvements, and renovations statewide, \$6.5 million for the protection and restoration of watersheds statewide, \$16.5 million for Tax System Modernization, and \$40 million for the construction of new consolidated housing and other related improvements at the Women's Community Correctional Center.





# Legislative Session Highlights

## Senate Moves on Landmark Measures

Members of the Hawai'i State Senate passed several bills in the 2018 Legislative Session that position the Legislature to be a national leader in environment and health.

In passing [Senate Bill 2571 SD2 HD2 CD1](#), Hawai'i would be the first state in the nation to ban the sale of all sunscreens that contain oxybenzone and octinoxate, chemicals that scientific research has found to be toxic to coral. The bill delays the effective date of the ban to January 1, 2021 to allow for the reformulation of sunscreen to prevent further increase of skin cancer in Hawai'i.

[Senate Bill 3095 SD1 HD1 CD1](#) restricts pesticide use within 100 feet of a school during instructional hours and it bans the pesticide chlorpyrifos. Hawai'i would be the first state in the nation to prohibit the use of pesticides containing chlorpyrifos. The measure protects the State's children, elderly, and vulnerable individuals from the unintended impacts of large-scale agricultural pesticide use.

[House Bill 2182 HD2 SD2 CD1](#) would make Hawai'i the first state in the nation to commit to a zero-emissions clean economy and sets 2045 as the target date for achieving that

goal. Hawai'i aims to achieve "carbon neutrality" by sequestering more carbon and greenhouse gases than it produces, thus creating a net zero carbon footprint. Signed into law on June 4, 2018 as Act 015.

With the passage of [HB2739 HD1](#), that was signed into law (Act 002) on April 5, 2018, Hawai'i joins six other states to allow a mentally capable, terminally ill adult with six months or less to have the freedom to make their own end-of-life decisions.

These, along with the other important measures that passed final reading this Legislative Session, align with the Senate Legislative Program that was consigned to at the beginning of the 2018 Legislative Session. The program is made up of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals that provide a framework for improving the quality of life for all people of Hawai'i.



### The Senate passed a number of significant measures that address other priorities in the Senate Legislative Program:

In addressing homelessness and affordable housing, the State Budget, [HB1900 HD1 SD2 CD1](#), provides \$15 million to fund homeless programs and services, such as Housing First, Rapid Re-Housing, and Family Assessment Centers.



[SB2401 SD2 HD1 CD1](#) and [SB2027 SD2 HD1 CD1](#) provide a total of \$34.7 million to fund 'Ohana Zones and support medical services for the homeless statewide.

[SB3058 SD2 HD2 CD1](#) defines the Hilo community economic district. Authorizes BLNR to extend or modify the terms of certain public land leases within the

economic district upon approval by BLNR of a lessee's development agreement to make substantial improvements to or construct new improvements on the land as long as the length of any extension granted does not extend the original lease term by more than 40 years.



[SB2384 HD1 CD1](#) allows the Department of Education to develop a comprehensive plan to integrate design thinking and coding in middle, intermediate, and high school curricula.

[SB134 SD1 HD2 CD1](#) prohibits smoking and tobacco use, including the use of electronic smoking devices, by any person on the premises of the University of Hawai'i.

[HB2501 HD1 SD2 CD1](#) establishes the University of Hawai'i Community College Promise Program to provide scholarships for the unmet direct cost needs of

qualified students enrolled at any community college campus of the University of Hawai'i System. Signed into law on June 1, 2018 as Act 014.



[SB2046 SD1 HD1](#) prohibits the manufacture, importation, sale, transfer, and possession of bump fire stocks, multi-burst trigger activators, and trigger cranks.



A complete list of the bills that passed in final reading is available at [www.capitol.hawaii.gov/](http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/).

# Appropriations for Senate District 1

## EDUCATION

• <b>Ha'aheo Elementary School:</b> Design for a multi-purpose building.	\$ 2,400,000
• <b>Chiefess Kapi'olani Elementary School:</b> Construction for a covered play court.	\$ 3,700,000
• <b>Keaukaha Elementary School:</b> Design and construction for a covered walkway from the cafeteria to the parking lot.	\$ 1,000,000
• <b>University of Hawai'i at Hilo:</b> Plans, design, construction, equipment and related project costs for Hale 'Alahonua energy efficient air conditioning improvement.	\$ 3,000,000
• <b>University of Hawai'i at Hilo:</b> Plans and design for Phase II and Phase III of the Hale'olelo Complex for Ka Haka 'Ula o Ke'elikōlani College of Hawaiian Language.	\$ 500,000

## STATE FACILITIES

• <b>Hilo International Airport:</b> Design and construction for the reconstruction of aircraft aprons; design for runway and taxiway lighting replacement; and construction for the upgrade of the noise monitoring system.	\$ 6,501,000
• <b>Keaukaha Military Reservation:</b> Construction and equipment for a new combined support maintenance shop complex for the Hawai'i Army National Guard.	\$ 4,315,000
• <b>East Hawai'i Historic Preservation Center:</b> Plans for development of facility for proper storage of State Historic Preservation documents and artifacts.	\$ 125,000
• <b>Hilo Harbor:</b> Design and construction of the demolition of the Pier 2 shed and water tower and related improvements including, but not limited to, paving for newly created cargo operational area.	\$ 2,202,000
• <b>Kulani Correctional Facility:</b> Plans, design, construction and equipment for infrared cameras, additional fencing, roofing materials, water line installation and water spigots.	\$ 1,000,000

## HEALTH

• <b>University of Hawai'i at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy:</b> Recurring funding for the study of rat lungworm disease.	\$ 300,000
• <b>Hilo Medical Center:</b> Funding of the Hilo Medical Cardiac Care Unit for interventional cardiology for heart attack treatment.	\$ 1,500,000



Hilo Medical Center



Keaukaha Elementary School



Kapi'olani Elementary School



UH-Hilo Hale'olelo



Hilo International Airport



UH-Hilo Hale 'Alahonua