

Community Update

State Representative Linda Ichiyama • Summer 2016



Dear Neighbor,

It is an honor to serve you and your family in the House of Representatives. I am pleased to share with you some of the accomplishments of the 28th Legislature. The work of your legislature and community stakeholders resulted in public policy that responds to many needs, including measures to cool our public schools, assist homeless families and ensure that our kupuna are well-cared for. This newsletter discusses many of the important bills that will affect you and our community.

As a member of the Women's Legislative Caucus, I co-sponsored a bill to address the backlog of untested sexual assault evidence kits, known as "rape kits" across our State. We are working with law enforcement to test more of these kits in order to bring closure to victims, solve cold cases and ultimately, make our communities safer.

I hope this newsletter provides you with useful information as we conclude this legislative session. I remain committed to working with you to make our State a better place to live. Please keep in touch with me about your concerns and I look forward to hearing from you in the future.

Sincerely,

Linda Ichiyama
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State Legislature Approves CARE Act



Rep. Ichiyama and other elected officials collected food for Lanakila Meals on Wheels, a program that delivers nutritious meals to our kupuna in need.

On May 3, 2016, the Legislature unanimously approved [HB 2252](#). Also known as the [CARE Act](#), [HB 2252](#) was introduced to protect our growing kupuna population by supporting and ensuring that all patients and caregivers are participants in the hospital discharge planning process. Specifically, this bill requires hospitals to provide a patient's designated caretaker with education and instructions on caring for the patient once he or she returns home. Allowing patients and their caregivers to participate in the discharge planning process will make the transition smoother from the hospital to the home.

Representative Ichiyama received an overwhelming amount of testimony in support of this measure from constituents. AARP and other agencies also expressed strong support for [HB 2252](#). Previously, hospitals, not the patients, decided whether to involve a caregiver in the discharge process. Representative Ichiyama recognized that a growing population will likely rely on their families and friends as caregivers. This measure is a positive step forward in providing our kupuna the quality care they deserve.



Mahalo to Michelle Hashimoto, Yoanna Tamura, Beverly Wong, and Jane Takara from the Cancer Network for their advocacy of kupuna health.

The State Budget

HB1700 HD1 SD1 CD1 The state budget bill, which appropriates funds for operating and capital improvement costs of the Executive Branch for the supplemental year of the current biennium will now go to Governor David Ige for his signature. The bill appropriates approximately \$13.7 billion in general funds for FY2017, including more than \$1.1 billion for capital improvement projects (CIP) funded by general obligation bonds and approximately \$2.5 billion for CIPs funded by all other means of financing.

Affordable Housing and Homelessness

SB2561 SD2 HD1 CD1 Establishes a goal of developing or starting the development of at least 22,500 affordable rental housing units ready for occupancy between Jan. 1, 2017 and Dec. 31, 2026. Establishes a temporary special action team on rental housing to make recommendations to the Governor, Legislature, and other parties to achieve this goal.

SB2560 SD2 HD1 CD1 Appropriates \$500,000 for the Department of Health to provide treatment and care for homeless individuals with serious and persistent mental health challenges to enable them to reside in a permanent dwelling or homeless facility.

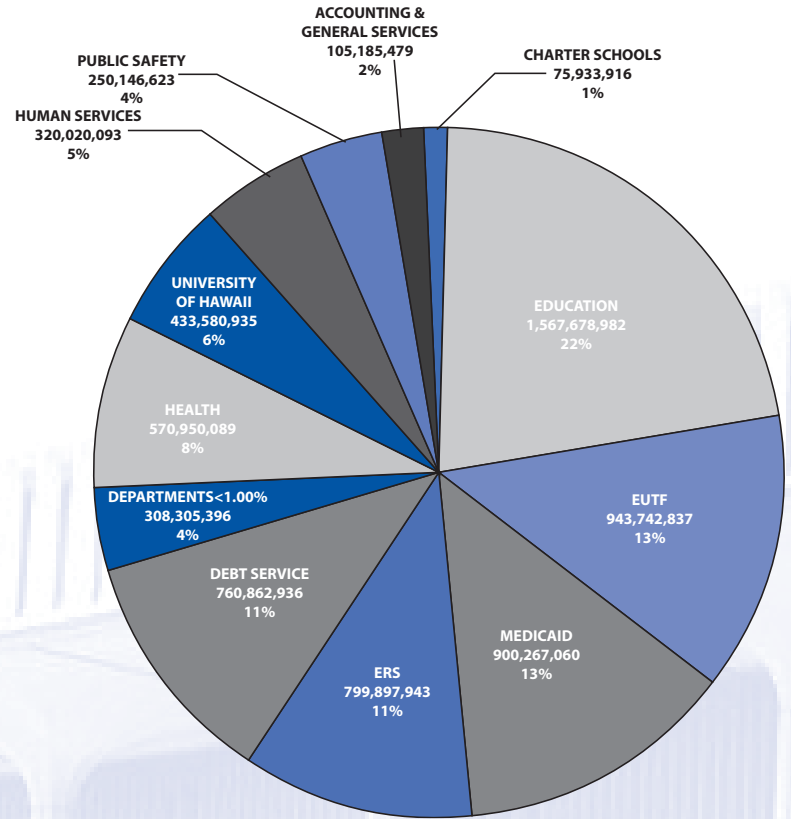
Education

SB3126 SD2 HD2 CD1 Provides \$100 million for air conditioning, heat abatement and related energy efficiency measures at public schools. Aliamanu Elementary School and Aliamanu Middle School are on the priority list for heat abatement projects.

Environment and Invasive Species

HB2646 HD2 SD2 CD1 Creates a permanent fuel tank advisory committee to study, monitor, and address fuel tank leak issues, including the Red Hill Fuel Tanks.

FY 17 General Fund Total 7,036,572,289



DEPARTMENTS <1.00%		
BUDGET & FINANCE	61,628,813	0.88%
LAND & NATURAL RESOURCES	34,566,698	0.49%
LIBRARIES	33,661,055	0.48%
ATTORNEY GENERAL	31,716,325	0.45%
TAXATION	27,687,019	0.39%
HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS	23,925,340	0.34%
DEFENSE	21,139,755	0.30%
LABOR & INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS	18,745,118	0.27%
HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT	17,476,205	0.25%
AGRICULTURE	15,316,858	0.22%
BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM	13,543,802	0.19%
GOVERNOR	3,816,705	0.05%
SUBSIDY	2,500,000	0.04%
TRANSPORTATION	1,500,000	0.02%
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR	1,081,703	0.02%



Rep. Ichiyama learned more about the Zika virus and other mosquito-borne illnesses from Dr. Emilie Bess.



Rep. Ichiyama and Rep. Takayama attended Governor Ige's bill signing of SB 3126, which appropriated funding for air conditioning and heat abatement projects for our public schools.

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Rep. Ichiyama met with local high school students regarding a bill to prohibit smoking in cars with a minor present.

HB1050 SD2 CD1 Mandates the Department of Agriculture to perform specified tasks to address the interisland spread of invasive species.

Public Safety

HB1907 HD2 SD2 CD1 Requires all law enforcement agencies and departments charged with storage and preservation of sexual assault evidence collection kits to conduct an inventory of all kits and report to the Attorney General. Requires the Attorney General to report to the Legislature on the number of untested sexual assault evidence collection kits being stored and plans and procedures for the disposition of new and untested kits. Appropriates funds for testing of at least 500 kits.

Labor

HB2605 HD1 SD2 CD1 Appropriates funds to support job training and supportive services for individuals who are unemployed due to the closure of Hawaiian Commercial & Sugar Company and the Makena Beach and Golf Resort on Maui.

Health

SB2557 SD2 HD1 CD1 Implements the concussion monitoring and education program for school athletics to administer concussion testing to high school student athletes, and implement a concussion awareness program for school athletics.

Kupuna

HB1878 HD1 SD2 CD1 Appropriates \$1.7 million for Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRCs) and \$32,000 for fall prevention and early detection services for the elderly. Requires the Executive Office on Aging to submit reports to the Legislature on its development of a system of evaluation to determine the effectiveness of the ADRCs in each county.



Rep. Johanson, Renee Gomes, Rep. Ichiyama, and Sen. Wakai celebrating Paige Yamate (Moanalua High School Student), first regional winner of the ExploraVision Competition.

Agriculture

HB1689 HD2 SD2 CD1 Establishes an organic foods production tax credit, making Hawaii one of the first states in the nation to do so, applicable to taxable years beginning after Dec. 31, 2016.

Energy

HB2569 HD2 SD1 CD1 Requires the Department of Education to establish a goal of becoming net-zero with respect to energy use by Jan. 1, 2035, and to expedite the cooling of all public school classrooms.

Military and Veterans Affairs

HB2489 SD1 CD1 Appropriates funds for the establishment of a veterans services counselor IV position within the Office of Veterans' Services to assist all veterans, with a primary focus on female veterans and for the Vietnam veterans 50th anniversary commemoration.



Rep. Ichiyama and Chair Choy turned in the signed committee report to Ross Miyasato at 11 p.m. for HB2772 HD1 SD2 CD1, which requires the University of Hawaii to implement training for all students on sexual assault and provides resources to make all campuses safer for students and staff.



The City Council presented the Moanalua Lions Club with a recognition certificate for their service to the community. Pictured with City Councilwoman Carol Fukunaga, Rep. Ichiyama, Rep. Johanson, and Sen. Kim are proud members of the Moanalua Lions Club.



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DISTRICT 32 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

The following projects have been approved by the Legislature and are in the State budget for fiscal year 2016 and 2017:

Aliamanu Elementary School
 Office renovation in building L
\$95,000

*New bathrooms; renovations of
 bathrooms in library and building C*
\$350,000

Moanalua Middle School
 Campus fire alarm upgrade;
 miscellaneous repairs and
 maintenance
\$585,000

Aliamanu Middle School
 Reroofing for building D; replace
 3 air handling units; repair and
 replace connect walkway
\$234,000

Moanalua High School
 Replace flooring in F102; replace
 elevator door system in building G;
 reroofing for building G; replace
 gym ventilators; re-crown football
 field; miscellaneous repairs and
 maintenance
\$1.5 million

Salt Lake Elementary School
 Campus electrical improvements
\$300,000
 Restroom facility
\$1 million

Moanalua Elementary School
 Repair/regrade playground
\$168,000

Performing arts center
\$19.8 million