



State Representative
Bob
McDermott

Ewa Beach - Legislative Wrap Up!



Campbell H.S. Gets New Athletic Complex from the Legislature!

Working with Senator Fevella (above right), speaking with one voice, we were able to secure \$6.29M for a new James Campbell High School Athletic Complex, starting with the track and football field. This in addition to the \$1M that was released last November for planning and design of the above facility. We thank the majority leadership of both chambers.

The JCHS Athletic Facility Master Plan and the anticipated build-out of the Campbell Athletic Complex will be essential to the success of our athletic programs and student morale. This new athletic complex will be touching the lives of tens of thousands of individuals, both young and old. The Ewa Beach community has been waiting for five decades for an adequate and equitable athletic complex and our time has finally arrived. The genesis of the request for the JCHS Athletic Facility Master Plan was to develop a "Campbell Athletic Complex" for the use of all Ewa Beach DOE schools including Campbell, the two middle schools, and the seven elementary schools, as well as the community. As such the intent of the Campbell Athletic Complex is to serve the athletic needs of the Ewa Beach community and not just JCHS.



Sen. Fevella and Rep. McDermott on the joint money committees, speaking with one powerful voice

Campbell High School Gender Equity Update



As the father of a daughter at Campbell High School, I am pleased to inform you that your legislative team of Rep. Cabanilla, Sen. Fevella, and I have been all working diligently and in unison on securing the funds needed for a new girls' locker room. As you may know, the ACLU filed a lawsuit last year on behalf of the youth at the high school demanding an end to this inequity. I agree with them, enough is enough.

As we go to print, the State DOE and the ACLU are in the midst of a court battle; they are beginning the "discovery phase" of the case. What this means is that the case will be settled long after the legislative session.

Currently, the Ige administration, the DOE, and the Legislature are all working together to craft a positive solution to the gender equity issues. We shall fix this.



The path forward will most likely include having the DOE agree to mediation along with the ACLU. Then a mutually agreeable comprehensive State plan, with funding, shall be put in place. When the Gov. approves the plan, it will then be sent to the Hawaii State Legislature in a bill form for approval and funding. This will address the entire state equity backlog to include Campbell High School. *You can call me if you have concerns at (808) 586-9730.*



Rep. McDermott with West Oahu Composite Squadron, Civil Air Patrol cadets at Barber's Point.

Honoring Our Community's Best



Left: Rep. Bob McDermott and Mayor Victorino of Maui congratulate Bishop Larry Silva on his anniversary of service. Center: Councilmember Kym Pine and Rep. Bob McDermott congratulate Eagle Scout Dylan Tupper. Right: Rep. McDermott honors Jazelle Bobadilla for her outstanding boxing skills.



Rep. McDermott at a Filipino community event with (standing left to right) former Rep. Romy Mindo, Auroa Ponce, Mrs. and Mr. Eddie Seson and Mr. Billy Villareal, all Ewa Beach residents. Seated are Rep. McDermott and Sen. Fevella.

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Community Issues



Left: Rep. McDermott discusses homelessness in Ewa Beach with Brooke Wilson (Lt. Gov's Chief of Staff) and Lt. Gov. Josh Green. Right: Rep. McDermott visits OCCC and Laumaka Work Furlough Center with Reps. Takashi Ohno, Gregg Takayama, and Sam Kong.