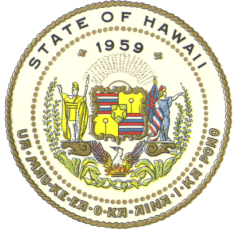




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Chairing Judiciary Committee Hearing



After the first crossover, when resolutions were being heard during the Judiciary hearings, I was given the opportunity to chair these hearings. The first resolution that I passed was [HCR53](#); requesting the United States Congress to convene a constitutional convention to propose a constitutional amendment to overturn the United States Supreme Court's decision in Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission. The last was [SCR98](#); requesting the judiciary to study which traffic offenses & crimes can be decriminalized.



Art at the Capitol
Being an avid photographer, I participated in Art at the Capitol on Friday, March 6, 2015. Photos that I've borrowed from the [State Foundation on Culture and the Arts Hawaii](#) as well as some of my personal photographs are hanging in my office and were available for public viewing.
One of the many visitors to my office that evening was artist Shigeru Miyamoto and his wife.

Introductions / Presentations



I was given the opportunity to either give or invite someone to do the invocation before the house session on [April 2, 2015 \(click to watch\)](#). It was with great pleasure to introduce renowned poet, [Tuia'ana Scanlan](#), who recited a poem that he wrote entitled "Rock Biter".

Capitol Improvement Projects (CIP)

“The [CIP budget](#) addresses the most basic necessities for our schools, infrastructure and state facilities,” said House Majority Leader Scott Saiki (McCully, Kaheka, Kakaako, Downtown). “The CIP funds are more than just about buildings and roads, but are critical to the services and support we provide to the people of Hawaii.”

I’ve been working diligently to secure money for Highway 130. My request for \$15 million in the [CIP budget](#) has passed the house and hopefully with [Senator Ruderman](#) and [Councilman Ilagan’s](#) help, this \$15 million will be approved.



Homeowners Insurance

I have been working with the Hawaii State Insurance Commissioner, [Gordon Ito](#), on the homeowners insurance issue affecting Puna residents. Mr. Ito assured me that for those who have paid their premiums, and whose insurance was not renewed under [SB589 SD2 HD2](#), there will be insurance policies offered to them without a waiting period by HPIA.



On April 6, 2015, I held a floor presentation to present a certificate to the [Domestic Violence Action Center](#). In the back from left to right is Rep Belatti, Rep Evans, Rep Nakashima, Rep San Buenaventura, Rep Rhoads. In the front from left to right are Rep Luke, Judi Morris, Nanci Kreidman, Rex Fujichaku, Cristina Arias, Michele Kurihara-Klein, Rep Thielen. Also attending in the gallery of the House Chambers were Cindy Spencer, Chris Kaakau, Chris Yanuaria, and Ramit Islam of the Domestic Violence Action Center.

I am happy to be able to provide you with a legislative update on the current status of bills and resolutions.

As of Monday April 20th 2015 we have begun conference committees. I am a member or Co-Chair on the bills I requested! This will allow me to have some final input on the bills before they're either passed on for the final vote or held for another session.

Here you can see the conference committees to which I have been assigned as of April 20th.

2015 Conference Measures

Conference Committee Assignments for Rep San Buenaventura



Position	Measure	Senate Referral	House Referral	House Conferees
Co-Chair	HB158 SD1 - MAKING APPROPRIATIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF THE PROSECUTING ATTORNEY OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI.	PSM/JDL, WAM	JUD, FIN	San Buenaventura (Co-Chair), Luke (Co-Chair), Yamashita, Tupola
Co-Chair	HB436 HD1 SD2 - RELATING TO EMERGENCY VEHICLES.	TRA/PSM, JDL	TRN/PBS, JUD	Aquino (Co-Chair), Takayama (Co-Chair), San Buenaventura (Co-Chair), Har, LoPresti, Tupola
Co-Chair	HB448 HD1 SD1 - RELATING TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.	HTH, JDL/WAM	HLT, JUD, FIN	Belatti (Co-Chair), San Buenaventura (Co-Chair), DeCoite (Co-Chair), Morikawa, Fukumoto Chang
Co-Chair	HB715 HD1 SD2 - RELATING TO LOW-SPEED ELECTRIC BICYCLES.	TRA, CPN	TRN, JUD	Aquino (Co-Chair), San Buenaventura (Co-Chair), Brower, Har, Tupola
Co-Chair	HB1005 HD1 SD1 - MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE VETERANS TREATMENT COURT.	PSM/JDL, WAM	VMI, JUD, FIN	Ito (Co-Chair), San Buenaventura (Co-Chair), Keohokalole (Co-Chair), Ohno, Pouha
Co-Chair	HB1219 HD1 SD1 - RELATING TO CONSUMER PROTECTION.	CPN/WAM	CPC, JUD, FIN	McKelvey (Co-Chair), San Buenaventura (Co-Chair), Nishimoto (Co-Chair), Brower, Har, McDermott
Co-Chair	HB1297 HD1 SD1 - RELATING TO THE PENAL CODE.	HWN, JDL	OMH, JUD	Ing (Co-Chair), San Buenaventura (Co-Chair), Say, Pouha
Co-Chair	SB118 SD1 HD2 - RELATING TO REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUSTS.	WAM	CPC/JUD, FIN	McKelvey (Co-Chair), San Buenaventura (Co-Chair), Johanson (Co-Chair), Hashem, McDermott
Co-Chair	SB387 SD2 HD3 - RELATING TO AFFIRMATIVE CONSENT.	HEA/JDL, WAM	HED, JUD, FIN	Ichiyama (Co-Chair), San Buenaventura (Co-Chair), Tokioka (Co-Chair), Morikawa, Matsu-moto
Co-Chair	SB524 SD2 HD1 - MAKING A GRANT TO THE HAWAII COUNTY OFFICE OF THE PROSECUTING ATTORNEY.	PSM/JDL, WAM	JUD, FIN	San Buenaventura (Co-Chair), DeCoite (Co-Chair), Creagan, McDermott
Co-Chair	SB996 SD2 HD2 - RELATING TO ETHICS.	JDL, WAM	JUD, FIN	San Buenaventura (Co-Chair), Luke (Co-Chair), Hashem, Thielen
Co-Chair	SB1066 SD1 HD1 - RELATING TO THE UNIFORM INTERSTATE FAMILY SUPPORT ACT.	JDL	HUS, JUD, FIN	Morikawa (Co-Chair), San Buenaventura (Co-Chair), Kobayashi (Co-Chair), Oshiro, Takayama, Fukumoto Chang

Legislative Session

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Position	Measure	Senate Referral	House Referral	House Conferees
Co-Chair	SB1115 SD1 HD1 - RELATING TO BUILDING DESIGN FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES.	GVO, JDL	HLT, CPC/JUD	Belatti (Co-Chair), McKelvey (Co-Chair), San Buenaventura (Co-Chair), Woodson, Fukumoto Chang
Co-Chair	SB1131 SD2 HD2 - RELATING TO THE UNIFORM CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT.	PSM, JDL	HLT, JUD	Belatti (Co-Chair), San Buenaventura (Co-Chair), Hashem, Fukumoto Chang
Co-Chair	SB1166 SD2 HD2 - RELATING TO THE PENAL CODE.	HWN, JDL	OMH, JUD	Ing (Co-Chair), San Buenaventura (Co-Chair), Say, Pouha
Co-Chair	SB1305 SD1 HD1 - MAKING APPROPRIATIONS TO THE COUNTY OF KAUAI OFFICE OF THE PROSECUTING ATTORNEY.	PSM/JDL, WAM	JUD, FIN	San Buenaventura (Co-Chair), DeCoite (Co-Chair), Tokioka, McDermott
Member	HB15 HD1 SD1 - RELATING TO ELECTIONS.	JDL	JUD	Rhoads (Chair), Brower, San Buenaventura, McDermott
Member	HB87 SD2 - RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY.	PSM, JDL	JUD	Rhoads (Chair), Brower, San Buenaventura, Tupola
Member	HB148 HD2 SD2 - RELATING TO WRONGFUL IMPRISONMENT.	JDL, WAM	JUD, FIN	Rhoads (Co-Chair), DeCoite (Co-Chair), San Buenaventura, McDermott
Member	HB179 HD1 SD1 - RELATING TO PERMANENT ABSENTEE BALLOTS.	JDL	JUD	Rhoads (Chair), Brower, San Buenaventura, McDermott
Member	HB290 HD2 SD1 - RELATING TO THE JUDICIARY.	JDL/WAM	JUD, FIN	Rhoads (Co-Chair), Luke (Co-Chair), San Buenaventura, McDermott
Member	HB321 HD1 SD2 - RELATING TO MEDICAL MARIJUANA.	HTH/PSM, JDL/WAM	HLT/JUD, FIN	Belatti (Co-Chair), Rhoads (Co-Chair), Luke (Co-Chair), San Buenaventura, Takayama, Fukumoto Chang
Member	HB538 HD2 SD2 - RELATING TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.	CPN, JDL	HUS, CPC, JUD	Morikawa (Co-Chair), McKelvey (Co-Chair), Rhoads (Co-Chair), San Buenaventura, McDermott
Member	HB858 HD2 SD2 - RELATING TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.	CPN, JDL	CPC, JUD	McKelvey (Co-Chair), Rhoads (Co-Chair), Har, San Buenaventura, McDermott
Member	HB1268 HD2 SD2 - RELATING TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION.	JDL, WAM	LAB, FIN	Nakashima (Co-Chair), Keohokalole (Co-Chair), San Buenaventura, McDermott
Member	HB1343 HD1 SD1 - RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY.	EDT/PSM, WAM	EDB, PBS, FIN	Kawakami (Co-Chair), Takayama (Co-Chair), Keohokalole (Co-Chair), Kong, San Buenaventura, Ward
Member	HB1344 SD2 - RELATING TO MITIGATION OF HAZARDOUS SITUATIONS.	PSM, WAM	PBS, FIN	Takayama (Co-Chair), Keohokalole (Co-Chair), Har, San Buenaventura, Tupola
Member	SB143 SD1 HD1 - PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE HAWAII CONSTITUTION TO CHANGE THE THRESHOLD VALUE IN CONTROVERSY REQUIREMENT FOR JURY TRIALS IN CIVIL CASES AT COMMON LAW FROM \$5,000 TO \$10,000.	JDL	JUD, FIN	Rhoads (Co-Chair), Cullen (Co-Chair), San Buenaventura, McDermott

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Member	SB144 SD1 HD1 - RELATING TO JURY TRIAL.	JDL, WAM	JUD, FIN	Rhoads (Co-Chair), Cullen (Co-Chair), San Buenaventura, McDermott
Member	SB226 SD2 HD1 - RELATING TO ABUSE OF FAMILY OR HOUSEHOLD MEMBER.	PSM, JDL	JUD	Rhoads (Chair), San Buenaventura, McDermott
Member	SB265 SD1 HD1 - RELATING TO SEX TRAFFICKING.	JDL	JUD	Rhoads (Chair), San Buenaventura, McDermott
Member	SB569 SD1 HD1 - RELATING TO THEFT.	JDL	JUD	Rhoads (Chair), San Buenaventura, Takayama
Member	SB871 SD1 HD3 - RELATING TO HIGHWAY SAFETY.	JDL	TRN, VMI, JUD	Aquino (Co-Chair), Tokioka (Co-Chair), Rhoads (Co-Chair), San Buenaventura, Tupola
Member	SB1072 HD1 - MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.	JDL, WAM	JUD, FIN	Rhoads (Co-Chair), Luke (Co-Chair), San Buenaventura, Thielen
Member	SB1324 SD2 HD1 - RELATING TO DIVORCE.	JDL, WAM	LAB, JUD, FIN	Nakashima (Co-Chair), Rhoads (Co-Chair), Keohokalole (Co-Chair), San Buenaventura, Pouha

*If you're interested in learning just how conference committees work then you can [CLICK HERE](#) and view the House Committees on Conference Procedures! This will give you an overview of the definitions, meeting spaces, public notices, and more. All of the bills listed are also clickable hyper-links. You can read the full bills and see their status update reports.

I hope you find this information useful and if you have any questions please feel free to contact my office.

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I would like to take the opportunity to introduce my staff!

When you are a Chair or Vice-Chair of a committee you usually have an Office Manager, Legislative Aide, as well as a Committee Clerk. We were lucky to also have a volunteer to assist us for the beginning part of the session!



For those who've called my office and wanted information on how to testify either for or against a bill, or who called for the status of a bill have been fortunate to talk to my committee clerk, Christopher Stump, or "Mr. Bow-tie Wednesday".

I was appointed co-chair of the judiciary committee, and Chris has been a real asset in processing testimony, attending the hearings, submitting hearing notices, and reviewing the bills for the judiciary committee throughout this session.

After the session is over, Chris will be moving to Michigan to attend Law School at Michigan State.

My Legislative Aide, James Logue, is normally the first person you speak to when you call my office.

As Legislative Aide, James handles the majority of communication with my constituents. James is responsible for addressing all constituent concerns and working with the proper departments to find answers.

James is also the one who helps draft the monthly newsletters and the e-newsletters along with my



Christopher "Kalika" Acosta was our volunteer for the beginning portion of this session. Christopher was my official photographer until he was hired to help in the office of the Majority Floor Leader.

Blyth Iwasaki is my Office Manager. She is in control of the daily operations and happenings within my office.

Blyth was my paralegal for over 7 years before taking on the task of Office Manager. She has moved here from Hilo and is adapting to the busy life of O'ahu.

Blyth knows me well and this is important because it helps keep the office operations running smoothly.

Thank you for subscribing to my E-Newsletter!

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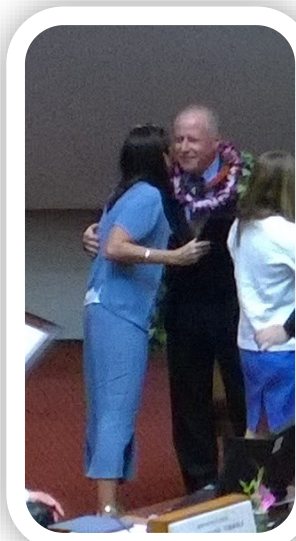
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Meeting with the United States Department of Agriculture, Deputy Secretary [Krysta Harden](#).



Chairing the Judiciary Hearing on resolutions; including a resolution on how banks will handle medical marijuana dispensaries.



On April 2, 2015, during the house session, the U.S. Small Business Administration's 2015 State of Hawaii Awardees were recognized. It was an honor for me to present small business owner and Senator Russell Rudderger the certificate from the House of Representatives.

Senator Rudderger is the President of [Island Natural Markets](#).

If you wish to stay up on all of the legislation, events, and news happening in the Hawaii State House of Representatives then check out the Hawaii House Blog! It has news and updates along with photos from the House!

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