

# Representative CHRIS TOSHIRO TODD

State House District 2: Keaukaha, Hilo, Pana'ewa, Waiākea

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*Aloha!*

It was an honor to serve you in my first legislative session as your representative. The session wrapped up in May and I want to take this opportunity to give you an update on a few key bills and projects that will impact our community.

On the next page you will find a list of five bills I want to highlight which have made it into law. In addition, you will see a list of projects and grants that we were able to get funded for next year's budget.

If you have any questions or would like to talk story, please call my office at 808-586-8480 or toll free from Hawai'i Island 974-4000 extension 68480. I also welcome your emails at [reptodd@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:reptodd@capitol.hawaii.gov)

*Mahalo!*



Chris Toshiro Todd

## Rep. Todd's Bill Becomes Law



Representative Todd with Governor David Ige and Hilo attorney, Newton Chu at the ceremonial bill signing of HBI465, Act 184. (Photo courtesy of Governor's Office)

I am very thankful for the passage of Act 184, House Bill (HB) 1465, my first piece of legislation. HB 1465 cleans up language in our liquor licensing laws that placed an unfair burden on small businesses and made government less efficient. By working together with several of the State's liquor commissioners, we were able to pass this meaningful reform.

My hope is that these common sense changes will play a small role to help our local businesses thrive while also protecting our citizens. I wish to extend a big mahalo to Governor David Ige, Newton Chu, and everyone else who made this possible.

## Five Key Bills Passed This Year

**HB209:** Establishes a state earned income tax credit, and extends the food tax credit for local families.

**HB575:** Helps existing local businesses to extend or renegotiate their state leases when nearing the end of their lease.

**HB607:** Establishes the Kupuna Caregivers Program to assist community members in obtaining care for elders while remaining in the workforce.

**HB845:** Assists inmates in acquiring identification documents (birth certificates, social security cards, etc.) prior to their release.

**HB1325:** This bill helps to preserve the legacy of the late Representative Clift Tsuji by making appropriations for a State biosecurity program, which would help prevent the spread of invasive species and help ensure the safety of our food crops and agricultural goods.

*For more information about the bills, please visit [www.capitol.hawaii.gov](http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov).*

## GRANT IN AID

### CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

**Friends of Palace Theater:** installation of new air conditioning system \$130,000

**Hawaii Island Community Development Corporation:** construction of a new Hilo adult day center facility \$200,000

**Island of Hawaii YMCA:** renovation and repairs \$698,000

### OPERATING FUNDS

**Going Home Hawaii:** In-reach and reintegration program is a pilot project, meant to reduce the numbers of persons with mental illness in the Hawaii Community Correctional Center (HCCC). It is also meant to reduce over-crowding in HCCC \$150,000

**Hawaiian Reforestation Program Foundation:** Reforestation and maintenance of the Mauna Kea Forest Reserve and Ka'ohē Game Management Area \$130,000

**High Tech Youth Network:** Build the capacity and presence of high tech youth network in the State of Hawaii with the objective of targeting underserved, at-risk and Native Hawaiian young people 8-18 and investing in after-school STEM learning and the development of a cyber-learning community that will lift educational and college to career outcomes for young people \$150,000

**Hospice of Hilo:** Capacity building for Hospice of Hilo's community based palliative care program, Kupu Care \$250,000



Representative Todd tours the Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy at UH Hilo with Linda Connelly, Gerald DeMello, and Supakit Wongwiwatthananutit. (Photo by Tracey Niimi, DKICP)



Representative Todd welcomes Hilo residents (front) Kauila Haumea, (back) Jesse Floyd, Mia Manzo, and Darwin Yasuo Nagamine, of the Hawaii State Council on Developmental Disabilities to his office.



# CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

## EDUCATION

**Hilo High:** Upgrade the track and field \$1,250,000; Renovate building B and auditorium \$2,400,000; Whole school renovation \$395,000; Repair and maintenance \$1,458,000  
**Hilo Intermediate:** Boys' and girls' locker room \$950,000; Repair and maintenance \$387,000  
**Hilo Union Elementary:** Electrical/Infrastructure: \$233,000; Repair and maintenance \$100,000  
**Waiākea Elementary:** Repair and maintenance \$19,000  
**Waiākea High:** Repair and maintenance \$1,033,000  
**Waiākea Intermediate:** Repair and maintenance \$80,000  
**Waiākeawaena Elementary:** New cafeteria and administration building \$2,500,000; Repair and maintenance \$2,000

## DEFENSE

**Keaukaha Military Reservation:** New combined support maintenance shop complex \$2,600,000

## HEALTH

**Hilo Counseling Center and Keawe Health Center Improvements:** \$4,500,000  
**Hilo Medical Center:** Acute hospital renovation; ultrasound equipment and renovation \$4,500,000  
**HHSC East Hawai'i Region:** Radiology renovation and replacement \$3,000,000

## PUBLIC SAFETY

**Hawai'i Community Correctional Center:** New medium security housing \$13,210,000; Security electronics and hardware \$4,500,000; New intake unit \$150,000; Replace Security Doors \$200,000; Electrical system repair and improvements \$250,000; Mechanical system repair and improvements \$130,000

## TRANSPORTATION

**Hilo International Airport:** Aircraft apron reconstruction, arcade improvements, noise attenuation, terminal improvements new roof, and facility painting \$21,800,000

## UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I at Hilo

Hale 'Alahonua air conditioning improvements \$3,000,000  
Women's soccer field site improvements \$550,000

## HAWAI'I COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Upgrade Electrical Additives \$1,650,000  
STEM center, interior renovations \$920,000



Representative Todd read to the Head Start class at Queen Ka'ahumanu Elementary School. Head Start is a federally funded preschool program that prepares keiki for success in the classroom and beyond.



Representative Todd and Hilo's own Grammy award winning singer Kalani Pe'a. Kalani was honored by the House of Representatives for his Grammy win.



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# HURRICANE SUPPLY CHECK LIST

Hurricane season runs until November 30

## Basic Disaster Supplies Kit

To assemble your kit, store items in airtight plastic bags and put your entire disaster supplies kit in one or two easy-to-carry containers such as plastic bins or a duffel bag.

- Water** - one gallon of water per person per day for at least three days, for drinking and sanitation
- Food** - at least a three-day supply of non-perishable food
- Battery-powered or hand crank radio and a NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert
- Flashlight
- First aid kit
- Extra batteries
- Prescription medications
- Non-prescription medications such as pain relievers, anti-diarrhea medication, antacids or laxatives
- Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation
- Manual can opener for food
- Local maps
- Cell phone with chargers and a backup battery

## Additional Emergency Supplies

- Glasses and contact lens solution
- Infant formula, bottles, diapers, wipes, diaper rash cream
- Pet food and extra water for your pet
- Cash or traveler's checks
- Important family documents such as copies of insurance policies, identification and bank account records saved electronically or in a waterproof, portable container
- Sleeping bag or warm blanket for each person
- Complete change of clothing appropriate for your climate and sturdy shoes
- Household chlorine bleach and medicine dropper to disinfect water
- Fire extinguisher
- Matches in a waterproof container
- Feminine supplies and personal hygiene items
- Mess kits, paper cups, plates, paper towels and plastic utensils
- Paper and pencil
- Books, games, puzzles or other activities for children