## HAWAI'I STATE SENATE - DISTRICT 22

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PREVENTING THE SPREAD OF LITTLE FIRE ANTS:

In 2014, Mililani Mauka was found to be infested with little fire ants. Working with the Department of Agriculture we were able to set up community meetings and help officially eradicate the ants in 2017. Unfortunately, this year it seems little fire ants have reappeared on Oahu and we need to continue to monitor and ensure they do not seek refuge in Mililani Mauka again. This year we secured **\$500,000** to support invasive species committees statewide.





## SUPPORTING MILILANI MIDDLE SCHOOL AND MILILANI HIGH SCHOOL:

Concluding 4 long years of planning, we broke ground on the new 15-classroom building at <u>Mililani Middle School</u>. The additional classrooms will transition Mililani Middle to a single-track calendar and consolidate the complex onto a single-track by School Year 2020 – 2021. Due to the increased student population, Senator Michelle Kidani and I worked to provide <u>\$490,000</u> to expand and widen all campus sidewalks for the safety of students during school. Further, <u>Mililani High School</u> will receive <u>\$1.65 million</u> to design and construct a girls' athletic locker room and <u>\$1.68 million</u> to improve the school softball field. This money, along with the <u>\$5 million</u> provided last session, will bring equity to both male and female athletes.

## FUNDING FOR WAHIAWA GENERAL HOSPITAL:

Since 2011, we have been able to help Wahiawa General Hospital with **\$9,800,000** in funding for various projects and staffing needs. This session we were able to secure an additional **\$350,000** in Grant-in Aid funding for Wahiawa General Hospital. To ensure a high level of patient care, these funds will be used for improvements to the current nurse call system, pharmacy renovations, and bed replacements for the intensive care unit.



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Throughout this session, we were able to work with and work for our Mililani community. Dedicating the improvements to the Kipapa Bridge, supporting our students at Character Counts, spending time with Mililani Middle School and Mililani High School students at the Capitol, and honoring Chelsea Masaki on the Senate Floor for the Prudential Spirit of Community Award are a few ways we supported the Mililani Mauka community.

## Aloha!

Mahalo for your continued support throughout this legislative session. Your input has provided me guidance while the Legislature deliberates and decides on many matters that have vast impact on our State. In my role as the Chair of the Committee on Ways and Means, I worked with my colleagues to invest in programs that are critically needed in our communities. <u>Scholarships and reimbursements</u> for <u>local graduates</u> entering the community colleges, <u>Kupuna Care and Kupuna Caregivers</u>, and <u>outreach and treatment</u> for our <u>homeless community</u> were prioritized this session. In addition, we prioritized funding for our schools and highways so that your everyday needs are cared for.

It has been a rewarding session and an honor to represent Senate District 22. Mahalo for your support and I look forward to continuing to work on your behalf and the State of Hawaii.

