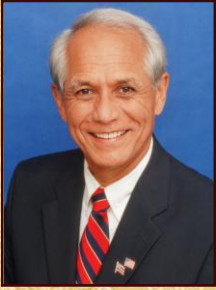
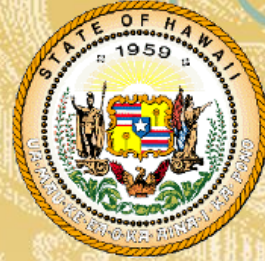


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Aloha Friends,

It's been an especially tough session with the enormous \$1.2 billion deficit that we've been chasing and the cuts we've had to make to government services. But there have been bright spots. After 30 years, we were finally able to appropriate the \$48 million in needed funding for the new UH West Oahu campus.

We were also able to set aside \$67 million to help restore the Friday Furloughs at our schools. A special congratulations to Kapolei High School for their 10th Anniversary Celebration!

Please contact me if I can ever help you or your ohana in any way. Call me at 586-6830 or send an email to sengabbard@capitol.hawaii.gov.

LISTEN-STORY MEETING

My next "Listen-Story" community meeting will be at the Kapolei Starbucks (next to the Chevron Station) on Saturday, June 12th from 9:00 - 10:00 am. If you can't make it, but you have a question, concern, idea, or anything at all on your mind, please call or email me anytime.

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UNIVERSITY of HAWAII WEST OAHU



THE OWLS (Na Pueo)

Remember Crosby, Stills, Nash and Young's song, "It's Been A Long Time Comin'"? How about 30 years? The best news by far of the 2010 legislative session is that we were able to secure \$48 million in funding for the planned UH West Oahu campus, which will be located in Kapolei near Farrington Highway and Kualakai Parkway. It was critical that we funded the project this year, because otherwise the university could have lost the land. The former James Campbell Estate (now the James Campbell Company) had donated 202 acres to the university, but put in a stipulation that the land would revert back to them if construction on the campus doesn't begin by December 31, 2011.

With the \$48 million now secure, UH West Oahu will be on track to open Phase 1 of the campus by spring 2012. The plan is to have an enrollment of roughly 2,750 students at that point and the initial build out would include an administration building, campus center, library, and 2 classroom buildings. The UH West Oahu campus will offer 22 bachelor degree programs, which will include many subjects not offered at the Manoa campus, such as justice administration, health care administration, respiratory care, and computer, electronics, & networking technology.


A university campus for West Oahu is greatly needed. Right now, only 21% of the young people in the Leeward District of the DOE attend college compared to the statewide average of 38%. The campus will create jobs by employing more than 300 people during the construction phase and an additional 1,000 jobs over the next decade. Another big plus is that it will cut down on rush hour traffic on the H-1 by directing traffic flow away from the downtown area. Mahalo to Chancellor Gene Awakuni and his team for persevering and my colleagues at the Legislature for understanding the importance of providing better higher education opportunities for our community.

Me ka pumehana,

Senator Mike Gabbard

Senate District 19

KAPOLEI, MAKAKILO, KALAELOA,
 WAIKELE, VILLAGE PARK, ROYAL KUNIA,
 HONOKAI HALE AND PORTIONS OF
 WAIPAHU & KO 'OLINA



KEY ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT LEGISLATION PASSED

Although this session could have been better, I was able, as the Senate Energy and Environment Chair, to work with my colleagues in getting several energy-related bills I introduced through the Legislature. Here is a short description of those bills.

On April 13th, Senator Gabbard test drove the all-new Mini-E electric vehicle by BMW, which can go up to 80 miles on one charge.



Later that day, he met with energy officials from Japan who plan to invest in Smart Grid projects on the Big Island.



SB 2817 – prevents homeowner associations from unreasonably restricting homeowners in installing solar energy devices, such as photovoltaic solar panels or solar water heaters. This is a common sense measure that will remove one of the last roadblocks in the path of homeowners in associations who want to take the positive step of installing solar energy devices on their homes. Distributed generation of energy from renewable sources is a key component in our state's ambitious quest to get off foreign oil.

SB 466 – limits the hours that a leaf blower can be used in a residential area and also establishes fines for violation. This is a quality of life issue for many people around the state who suffer from the loud noise and pollution this lawn equipment creates.

SB 2231 – prohibits a condominium association from preventing owners from installing an electric vehicle charging station on or near their parking stalls. It is likely that in the next couple of years we'll see a great increase in the number of electric vehicles on our roads.

SB 2563 – sets the goal that our state meet 30% of its fuel demand with renewable fuels, such as biofuels, by 2030. Also, allows the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to collect fees from those who seek exemptions from the state's solar water heater mandate, which was the first such law in the nation.

SB 2357 (Act 30) – requires the Gas Company to report to the Public Utilities Commission the amount of renewable energy sources they are using to produce their synthetic natural gas. The hope is that they will continue moving in the "green" direction.

Next session, I hope to revisit two important energy bills that didn't make it through this time around. The first bill would set up a property assessed clean energy program in our state. This innovative program has been done in 18 other states and allows homeowners to install solar and small wind systems on their homes, and then pay for those improvements through their property tax bill.

Another measure would have greatly improved the state's net energy metering program, which allows homeowners and small businesses to lower or even eliminate their electricity bills through the use of renewable energy systems.

19TH DISTRICT

Senate District 19 Scores BIG with CIP

Waikele Easter Egg Hunt, April 3rd



Hundreds gathered at the 12th Annual Waikele Easter Egg Hunt at Waikele Elementary School on April 3rd. The festive event for children of all ages is sponsored by Waikele Community Association each year. Pictured are Malcolm Ching (General Manager, Waikele Community Association), Wendy Calio (plays "Nina" on the Disney Channel's Imagination Movers series), Sgt. Roger Nitta, and Sen. Mike Gabbard.

Even though things were tight at the Legislature these past two years, our district was still able to get a big investment of \$201,066,000 in the 2009-2011 state budget to help fund important school, road, and other infrastructure improvements. Here's a list of those projects:

HIGHER EDUCATION

- UH West Oahu Campus Development
\$48,000,000

SCHOOLS

- Kapolei II Elementary – Design of New School **\$3,520,000**
- Mauka Lani Elementary – Evacuation Route Ramp **\$450,000**
- Waikele Elementary School – Expansion of Faculty Parking Lot **\$100,000**
- Kalei'opu'u Elementary School – Covered Walkway **\$100,000**
- Barbers Point Elementary – Electrical Upgrades **\$1,000,000**
- Barbers Point Elementary – Playground Fencing Improvements **\$26,000**

TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENTS

- Farrington Hwy Improvements – Honokai Hale to Hakimo Rd. **\$12,500,000**
- H-1 Kunia Interchange Improvements **\$780,000**
- H-1 PM Contraflow Lane (Radford to Waikele) **\$55,000,000**
- Kualaka'i Parkway Extension **\$15,000,000**
- Waikele Pedestrian Bridge Widening **\$65,000**

KALAELOA DEVELOPMENT

- Kalaeloa Harbor Basin and Channel Modification **\$1,500,000**
- Kalaeloa Harbor Improvements **\$25,150,000**
- Kalaeloa Airport Improvements **\$22,500,000**
- Kalaeloa Building 19 Restoration for National Guard **\$5,900,000**
- Kalaeloa Mail Distribution Center for National Guard **\$1,175,000**

AGRICULTURE & JUDICIARY

- Waiahole Ditch Irrigation System Improvements **\$6,295,000**
- Kapolei Judiciary Complex – New Administrative Services Building **\$230,000**

GRANTS-IN-AID TO NON-PROFITS

- Easter Seals **\$275,000**
- Kipuka INPEACE Project **\$1,500,000**

Seagull Schools photo below (from left): Jayne Arasaki, Maeda Timson, Sen. Mike Gabbard, Chuck Larson (Executive Director of Seagull Schools), Jeff Stone (President of the Resort Group) with his wife Lori and their children Chynna and Sean.



SEAGULL SCHOOLS FLIES INTO KO 'OLINA

It was great being a part of Seagull Schools' blessing and grand opening for its Stone Family Early Education Center in Ko 'Olina on April 3rd. This is the seventh Seagull Schools campus and will offer individualized, early childhood instruction for 180 children, ages 2 – 5 years old. The Education Center rests on a \$2 million acre of land donated by Jeff Stone. The Harry & Jeanette Weinberg Foundation provided a \$1.3 million grant; and several businesses, such as Kalaeloa Partners and Tesoro Petroleum, also chipped in with generous contributions.

The story of how Stone Family Early Education Center came to be is truly touching. In 1998, developer Jeff Stone lost his newborn son, Conner Jeffrey Stone, and also purchased the Ko 'Olina Resort & Marina. The loss of his son left Mr. Stone with a lasting impression and sparked a strong passion to provide for the most fragile and eager members of society, our keiki. As one door closed for the Stone Ohana, another opened when Mr. Stone was introduced to Seagull Schools' founder, Chuck Larson.

Seagull Schools began in 1971 as a private, non-profit corporation located in the Christ Church facility in Kailua, where it has continued to offer a rich educational experience for children of all socio-economic backgrounds. They have been a model collaborator with businesses and other nonprofits and are nationally recognized as pioneers in the development of intergenerational programs where children and seniors come together for their mutual benefit.

WEST OAHU FAMILY FAIR COMING SOON



The West Oahu Family Fair will take place at the Kapolei Regional Park on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, July 9th -11th. The event will feature rides, games, live entertainment, a fashion show, crafts, and food booths. The City, Konishiki Kids Foundation, and EK Fernandez Shows are the Fair's sponsors. My office will be coordinating recycling efforts at the fair. Hope you can make it.

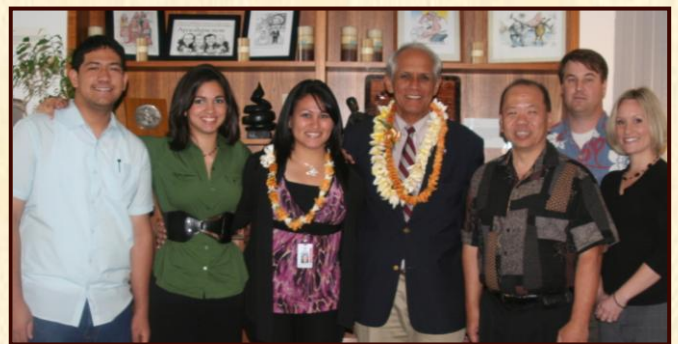
MAHALO TO SESSION STAFF

It was an especially tough legislative session this year. A special mahalo to my session staff who stuck it out and did a great job.

Carlton Saito, of Mō'ili'ili, served for the second session as my Committee Clerk. His assistance was critical in making sure my committee, Energy and Environment, functioned efficiently and effectively.

Tyrell Ma'ae, Kapolei resident and current UH West Oahu student body president, was a part-time legislative assistant and also helped out with committee work. **Linda Marie Nunes**, of Wahiawa, interned in my office and helped with data entry, research, and correspondence. Linda was part of the UH Manoa Legislative Internship program that allows college students to get 15 hours of credit toward their degree and a stipend. We also had Kailua resident, **Avi Telander**, as a volunteer.

All of these fine folks had their last day at the office on April 29th, but I'll still have **Rock Riggs**, my chief of staff, and **Erika Tsuji**, my community liaison, on board during the interim.



Above staff photo (from left): Tyrell Ma'ae (Legislative Aide), Avi Telander (volunteer), Linda Marie Nunes (UH Manoa Legislative Intern), Sen. Mike Gabbard, Carlton Saito (Committee Clerk), Rock Riggs (Chief of Staff), and Erika Tsuji (Community Liaison).