



**FISCAL BIENNIUM 2013-2015 STATE BUDGET:**

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Aloha Friends and Neighbors,

On May 2<sup>nd</sup>, the 2013 Legislative Session officially came to a close and I would like to thank you for allowing me the privilege and opportunity to serve the last truly rural district on Oahu.

*No Na Mamo*, this year's Senate Majority theme meaning "for all generations," provided me the focus on the bills heard and passed by the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor, for which I serve as Chairman.

The Judiciary and Labor Committee focused on measures to improve Hawaii's penal code to provide greater protection for the people of Hawaii, strengthen animal cruelty laws, implement further employee rights within the workforce, and continue our effort in preserving Native Hawaiian rights.

Although the 2013 Legislative Session brought with it new leadership in both the House and Senate, I believe we made a step in the right direction to laying a solid foundation to build a stronger economy and move Hawaii forward for all generations for the remainder of the biennium.

Mahalo

**Capital Improvement Projects Approved through House Bill 200 Over \$47 Million for Senate District 23!**

**EDUCATION**

**KAHUKU HIGH SCHOOL**  
 Plans, design & construction for football field bleacher; ground and site improvements; equipment and appurtenances. **\$300,000**

**UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII - Kaneohe Bay**  
 Plans, design, construction & equipment for improvements to Coconut Island for the Hawaii Institute of Marine Biology. Including ground and site improvements, infrastructure, equipment and appurtenances, and all related project cost. **\$11,727,000**

**CASTLE HIGH SCHOOL**  
 Plans and design for the expansion of the cafeteria. Ground and site improvements; equipment and appurtenances. **\$900,000**

**HEALTHCARE**

**KAHUKU MEDICAL CENTER**  
 Plans, design, construction and equipment for repairs, maintenance, upgrades and improvements. Including health and safety projects; ground and site improvements; equipment and appurtenances. **\$2,225,000**

**ROADS AND HIGHWAYS**

**SOUTH KAHANA STREAM BRIDGE**  
 Construction for rehabilitation and/or replacement of the bridge. **\$16,500,000**

**LAILOA STREAM BRIDGE**  
 Construction for rehabilitation and/or replacement of a concrete slab bridge on Kamehameha Hwy in the vicinity of Laie. Including bridge railings, walkways, and other improvements. **\$691,000**

**WAIPILOILO STREAM BRIDGE**  
 Construction for rehabilitation and/or replacement of a concrete slab bridge on Kamehameha Hwy in the vicinity of Hauula. Including bridge railings, walkways, and other improvements. **\$7,600,000**

## State Senate Invests in Hawaii's Future

The Hawaii State Senate adjourned on its final day of the 2013 Legislative Session on May 1, passing many bills in support of its priorities set forth at the beginning of the session. With a spirit of cooperativeness, civility, and compromise exercised by the Senate Committee on Ways and Means and the House Committee on Finance, the Hawaii State Budget, **House Bill (HB) 200**, was passed more than one week before the final day of the 2013 session. The budget's early passage allowed the Senate to carefully assess the needs of Hawaii residents and the direction of Hawaii's government through bills pending in conference committees.

This Session, the Legislature fulfilled its commitment to start pre-funding unfunded liabilities pertaining to other post employment benefits. The Legislature made appropriations through House Bill (HB) 200, the State Budget, with \$100M for fiscal year (FY)14 and \$117.4M for FY15. Currently, the unfunded liabilities for the employer-union health benefits trust fund are \$13.6 billion. Paying down these liabilities will have a positive impact on the state's bond rating and ensure that Hawaii's future is not handicapped by increasingly burdensome debt. Additionally, **HB 546** will make Hawaii the first state in the nation to statutorily require payment of the annual required contribution for future public worker health benefits.

## PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS



Sen. Hee, Jubilee Henion, Jenny Quezon, Lynne Waters, President MRC Greenwood celebrate UH Day Hawaii State Capitol themed: "Healthy people, healthy pets."



Sen. Hee and Uila Vendiola at the Kahuku Schools Green Summit.



The City & County workers work hard to remove the "duck bill." The surrounding sand forced it to close causing Pokiwai stream to become stagnant.



Kahuku High's AP Government Class waits to be introduced by Senator Hee to the Senate body.



Honoring and recognizing the 442nd Regimental Combat Team on their 70th Anniversary.



The students and teachers of Kahuku work together to decide the possibilities of recycling.



Sen. Hee ensures the removal of the City & County's "duck bill" valve so that the stream can once again flow as it did.



Senator Hee & Senator Dela Cruz at a Lion's Club event with aunts from Waiialua.

## Senator Hee's Measures Passed By The Legislature

### SB 2 – Relating to Simulated Firearms

Amends the offenses of terroristic threatening in the first degree and robbery in the first degree to include the use of simulated firearms.

### SB 3 – Relating to the Office of Hawaiian Affairs

Provides for the election of board members to the Office of Hawaiian Affairs a system of nonpartisan primary and general elections to begin with the 2014 elections.

### SB 4 – Relating to Motor Vehicles

Requires all front and back seat passengers to wear their seat belt or child passenger restraint while the car is operated upon any public highway.

### SB 5 – Relating to Public Lands

Provides several means of compensation in addition to rent reductions when the State withdraws, condemns, or takes public land leased for intensive agricultural or pastoral uses and renders the land unusable for the original purposes of the lease.

### SB 6 – Relating to Animal Cruelty

Commonly known as the "snare bill" establishes a misdemeanor animal cruelty offense for the use of steel-jawed leg-hold traps. Pet animals who have been frequent victims of snare traps will be protected from cruel treatment and unnecessary prolonged suffering.

### SB 9 – Relating to Animals

Now, Hawaii joins thirty other states with this bill by ensuring that those convicted of cruelty to animals in the first degree are restricted from owning or possessing any pet animal or equine animal for a minimum of five years from the date of conviction.

### SB 328 – Relating to Animals

This bill amends the residential landlord-tenant code to provide for security deposits that include an additional amount to pay for damages caused by any pet animal. By providing landlords with an option of a "pet deposit," this bill will hopefully lead to more pet friendly rentals in Hawaii.

### SB 332 – Relating to Wages

Starting January 1, 2014, this bill requires employers to provide employees with specific wage and employer information in employees' pay records.

### SB 870 – Relating to Use of Force by Persons with Special Responsibility for care, discipline, or safety of others.

Now Act 31 – Establishes a rebuttable presumption for specified types of physical force used against minors that are presumed unjustifiable for purposes of responding to charges of use of force by a parent, guardian, or any other person responsible for the care and supervision of a minor.

### SB 883 – Relating to Collective Bargaining

This bill creates a new bargaining unit 14 for state law enforcement officers and state and county ocean safety and water safety officers.

### SB 978 – Relating to Penal Code

This bill amends the sentencing guidelines within the penal code for defendants who are convicted of cruelty to animals in the first or second degree where the crime involves ten or more pet animals. Those found guilty of abusing mass numbers of vulnerable animals will now be faced with a class C felony charge and no option of probation.

### SB 1336 – Relating to Health Care

Designates the Kahuku Medical Center as a rural hospital for a period of ten years beginning 1/1/13.

### SB 1339 – Relating to Rural Areas

This bill creates a state definition for a rural area for purposes of federal programs only so that certain areas that would not otherwise be considered rural pursuant to a federal definition will be eligible for federal funds designated for rural areas.

### SB 1340 – Relating to Foster Care

This bill, which takes effect on July 1, 2014, creates the young adult voluntary foster care program to care for and supervise eligible foster youth until the age of twenty-one.

### SCR 164 & SR 121 – Turtle Bay Resolution

This resolution request that the Governor establish a working group to develop a conservation action plan to explore and identify conservation alternatives for the undeveloped portions of the Turtle Bay Hotel and Resort property and surrounding lands with conservation or historic value.

### SR 70 – Humpback Whale Resolution

This resolution urges DLNR, and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to collaborate and form a permanent plan to protect humpback whales from vessel strikes within the Hawaiian islands humpback whale national marine sanctuary.

### SR 119 – Kahuku Village Resolution

This resolution urges Continental Pacific, LLC and the State Historic Preservation Division to place an immediate stay of eviction to allow residents of Kahuku village to remain in their homes until an archaeological inventory survey can be completed for the entire project. Further, this resolution urges that the project adhere to all requirements, including requirements for the treatment of burial remains and for condominium property regimes.