

# 2017 Legislative Session Update

State Representative District 14 Nadine K. Nakamura: Hanalei, Princeville, Kilauea, Anahola, Kapaa, Wailua



Dear District 14 resident:

Thank you for the honor and privilege of serving you in the Hawaii State Legislature. My first legislative session was an incredible experience, working with 50 other house members, reading bills, testimony, and participating in committee meetings. Summarized in this newsletter are key accomplishments of this past session.

I appreciated all those who made the trip to the State Capitol to visit me, including Kapaa Middle School and Kanuikapono students, individuals who sent in written testimony, and calls to voice your opinions. Your involvement is the heart of our democracy, and I'm very honored that my staff and I could meet with you and hear your concerns.

By far, the most daunting issue in our district is the traffic through the Wailua-Kapaa corridor. I, along with the Kauai delegation, would like to invite you to a community meeting on June 20, 2017 at 6:00 pm at the Kapaa Elementary School cafeteria. The purpose of this meeting is to learn from the State Department of Transportation (SDOT) about road improvements that are planned to address traffic congestion in our district. We have asked SDOT to describe projects, funding, and time frames for construction. All are invited to attend.

Should you have any concerns about legislation that passed or didn't pass and if you have suggestions for future legislation, please do not hesitate to give me a call at (808) 586-8438.

Sincerely,

Nadine K. Nakamura

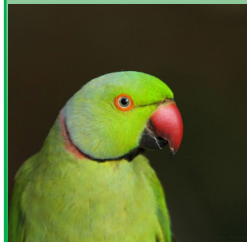
## Waikaea Canal Boat Ramp

We received many calls this Session from constituents concerned about the inability to access the (Lihi) Canal Boat Ramp near Kapaa due to sand build-up. This Session our office requested and were awarded \$1.7 million that will be used to dredge the sand, repair the rock wall, replace navigational aids, and improve the vessel wash down area.



## HB655: Rose-Ringed Parakeet

This Session, Representative Nakamura's HB655 was introduced and successfully passed by both the House and Senate. Governor Ige signed the bill into law in a special ceremony on June 1, 2017. An invasive bird species, the rose-ringed parakeet has threatened local ecology and damaged agriculture. HB655 HD1 SD1 CD1 was agreed upon in Conference Committee and appropriates funds to the Department of Land and Natural Resources to implement a plan for reducing the adverse effects of the rose-ringed parakeet on Kauai while also conducting trials using different methods to reduce or deter the rose-ringed parakeet population.



## Tropic Care Kauai 2017

Tropic Care returns to Kauai this year and will build upon previous efforts to address non-acute health care needs among residents who cannot afford to be seen by a doctor, dentist, optometrist, or behavioral health professional. At no cost to participants, prior Tropic Care missions have addressed a range of unmet health care needs, with services this year expected to include: physical exams, eye exams, eyeglasses, and dental services. Clinics will take place from June 12-21 at three main sites: Elele Elementary School, Kauai Community College and Kapaa Middle School. Two mobile sites will also be available at Kilauea Elementary School from June 12-15 and Waimea Easter Seals from June 17-21. For more detailed information, please contact the Department of Health at (808)241-3555.

# District 14 Capitol Improvement Projects Funding

## Kapaa High School

Plans, land acquisition, design, construction, and equipment for the initial phase toward a new school gym.

**\$500,000**

## Samuel Mahelona Memorial Hospital

Plans and design for the renovation or rebuilding of Samuel Mahelona Memorial Hospital.

**\$500,000**

## Waikaea Canal Boat Ramp

Construction; Maintenance Materials; Dredging; Improvements.

**\$1,700,000**

## Bryan J. Baptiste Sports Complex Improvements

Plans and construction of a new announcer's booth, bleachers, public address system, and ADA walkways.

**\$2,500,000**

## Kuhio Highway, Hanalei Bridge Repair

Design and construction for the repair of Hanalei bridge including replacing deteriorated steel truss members and cleaning and painting of structure.

**\$6,300,000**

## Kuhio Highway, Kapaia Stream Bridge Rehabilitation and/or Replacement.

Construction for rehabilitation and/or replacement of a multi-tee beam reinforced concrete girder bridge on Kuhio Highway in the vicinity of Kapaia to include pedestrian walkways, bridge railings and approaches and other improvements.

**\$10,000,000**

## Kuhio Highway, Slope Stabilization at Lumahai Hillside

Land acquisition and design for slope stabilization at Lumahai Hillside.

**\$400,000**

## Kuhio Highway, Rehabilitation and/or Replacement of Waioli, Waipa, and Waikoko Bridges

Construction for the rehabilitation and/or replacement of Waioli stream bridge, Waipa stream bridge, and Waikoko stream bridge on Kuhio Highway, Route 560. State funds will leverage federal funds needed to complete the project.

**\$25,000,000**

## Kuhio Highway, Replacement of Wainiha Bridges, Numbers 1, 2, and 3

Construction for replacement of Wainiha bridges numbers 1,2, and 3. Project will construct bridge approaches, detour roads, and other improvements. State funds will leverage federal funds needed to complete the project.

**\$4,500,000**

## Kuhio Highway, Retaining Walls and/or Roadway Remediation at Lumahai and Wainiha

Land acquisition for retaining walls and/or roadway remediation for the preservation of Kuhio Highway in the vicinity of Lumahai and Wainiha.

**\$100,000**

## Kuhio Highway, Mailihuna Rd. Intersection Improvements and Kapaa Stream Bridge Rehabilitation and/or Replacement

Construction for intersection safety improvements and rehabilitation and/or replacement of Kapaa stream bridge. State funds will leverage federal funds needed to complete the project.

**\$13,600,000**



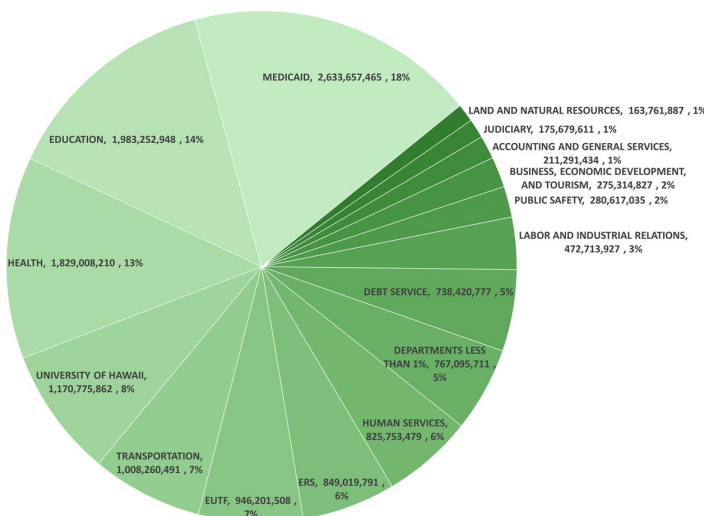
Representative Nakamura with her fellow freshman Representatives Todd, Holt, Gates, and Quinlan



Alongside her female legislative members of the Women's Legislative Caucus

# 2017 State Budget

FY 2018  
ALL MEANS OF FINANCING



DEPARTMENTS LESS THAN 1%	AMOUNT	%
AGRICULTURE	17,137,941	0.23%
ATTORNEY GENERAL	36,270,581	0.49%
BUDGET AND FINANCE	65,915,623	0.88%
BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM	15,801,673	0.21%
DEFENSE	20,390,140	0.27%
PUBLIC LIBRARIES	35,325,668	0.47%
GOVERNOR	3,462,635	0.05%
HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS	25,120,730	0.34%
HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT	19,528,497	0.26%
LABOR AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS	18,851,103	0.25%
LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES	57,393,925	0.77%
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR	1,061,626	0.01%
SUBSIDIES	942,000	0.01%
TAXATION	27,293,200	0.37%
TRANSPORTATION	2,000,000	0.03%
LEGISLATURE	35,108,755	0.47%
OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS	3,037,879	0.04%

# 2017 Legislative Accomplishments

Representative Nakamura's inaugural Session brought forth many accomplishments for the district and State of Hawaii with bills that varied from environmental protection to supporting free community college tuition. As a member of the Transportation, Finance, as well as the Vice-Chair of Housing, Representative Nakamura and fellow committee members were tasked with addressing issues such as homelessness and affordable housing projects. Below is a snapshot of highlighted measures from this past Legislative Session. More information is available on the State Capitol website: [www.capitol.hawaii.gov](http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov) or call the Office of Representative Nakamura at 808-586-8435 or email: [repnakamura@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:repnakamura@capitol.hawaii.gov).

## Housing and Homeless

### **HB100 HD1 SD1 CD1- Program Funding**

**Homeless:** Funds \$3 million for the Housing First program to quickly put homeless persons in housing; \$3 million for rapid rehousing for the homeless; \$1.5 million for homeless outreach services; \$250,000 for legal services for homeless persons; \$500,000 to assist homeless people with serious and persistent mental illnesses; and \$800,000 to treat homeless persons with severe substance abuse problems.

**Affordable Rental Housing:** Funds \$25 million for the Rental Housing Trust fund; \$25 million for the Dwelling Unit Revolving fund; and \$500 million for the Hula Mae Multi-family Revenue Bond Program.

### **HB1179 HD2 SD2 CD1- Housing**

Expands the payment of rental housing projects that can be exempt from general excise taxes. Allows the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation to exempt certain affordable housing projects from the general excise tax.

### **SB1244 SD2 HD2 CD1- Affordable Housing**

Authorizes qualified nonprofit housing trusts to repurchase affordable units developed with government assistance when a government entity waives its of refusal to repurchase the unit.

### **HB530 HD2 SD2 CD1- Homebuyer Assistance**

Updates the Down payment Loan Program of the Hawaii Housing and Finance Development Corporation.

## Education

### **HB100 HD1 SD1 CD1-Community Colleges**

Allocates \$1.8 million in fiscal year 2018 and 2019 to community colleges to help qualified students pay for in-state tuition.

## Human Services

### **HB607 HD1 SD2 CD1-Elderly Care**

Improves the care of elderly persons in the State by authorizing the Executive Office on Aging to establish the Kupuna Caregivers Program to assist community members in obtaining care for elders while remaining in the workforce and appropriating \$600,000 for fiscal year 2017-2018 to establish and implement the Kupuna Caregivers Program.

## Environment

**HB100- Invasive Species:** Funds the Invasive Species Committee that addresses Little Fire Ants and Rapid Ohia Death.

### **SB559 SD 1 HD 2 CD 1- Climate Change**

Requires the state to expand strategies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions statewide in alignment with the goals laid out in the 2015 Paris Agreement on global warming in light of President Donald Trump's vows to withdraw from the treaty.

## Taxes

### **HB209 HD 1 SD 1 CD 1- Earned Income Tax Credit**

Establishes a nonrefundable state earned income tax credit for low-income working people worth up to 20 percent of the federal earned income tax credit. Reinstates higher income tax brackets and rates for higher-income taxpayers similar to those that were imposed in 2009 and repealed in 2015. Removes the sunset on the food tax credit.

## Hawaiian Home Lands

### **HB451 HD 1 SD 2 CD 1- Blood Quantum**

Allows a lessee with an interest in Hawaiian Home Lands to will that interest to a spouse, children, grandchildren, brothers or sisters who are at least one-thirty- second Hawaiian. Congressional U.S. action is also needed.

## Crime and Safety

### **HB459 HD 1 SD 1 CD 1- Firearms**

Requires police departments to notify county prosecuting attorneys, the attorney general, the U.S. attorney and the Department of Public Safety when an application for a firearm license is denied.

### **HB306 HD 2 SD 2 CD 1- Drunk Driving**

Authorizes authorities to fit repeat drunken driving offenders with an alcohol monitoring device so their alcohol intake can be continuously monitored.



*On June 1, 2017, Governor Ige officially signed HB655 that Representative Nakamura introduced this legislative session*



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### You're Invited!

## Wailua-Kapaa Corridor Traffic Solutions Meeting

*On behalf of the Kauai legislative delegation, please join us at a community informational forum to discuss traffic solutions in the Wailua-Kapaa corridor.*

*Date: Tuesday, June 20, 2017*

*Time: 6:00 pm-7:30 pm*

*Location: Kapaa Elementary School Cafeteria  
4886 Kawaihau Rd  
Kapaa, HI 96746*

## Engaging in the Community



**Representative Nakamura celebrates the centennial anniversary of the Hawaii Nurses Association**



**Supporting the Philippine Cultural Center with the help of Pearl Shimizu**



**Meeting with Jerry Ornellas and Carol Haraguchi at Ag Day at the Capitol**



**Selfie with Keone Keoaloha and Megan Fox at Malama Kauai**



**Mahalo to the dedicated AVID students and staff of Kapaa Middle School during their State Capitol visit on April 20, 2017**



**Reading to Mrs. Shelby Dabin's 3rd grade class, Representative Nakamura espouses the virtues of being a female legislator and empowers the students to continue to work hard**



**Congratulating Kapaa High School Principal Daniel Hamada at the 13th Annual Masayuki Tokioka Excellence in School Leadership Awards Ceremony**