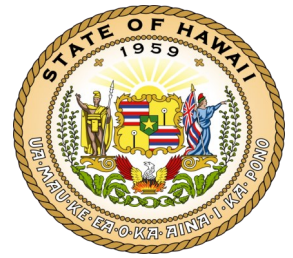




2019 Legislative Session Wrap Up

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Aloha Friends and Neighbors,

The 2019 State of Hawai'i Legislature ended on May 2nd and I'm pleased that several of my priority bills passed and are awaiting the Governor's signature. These bills:

- Allow a one-year extension to expend flood relief funds for Kaua'i and clarify that these funds can be used for mitigation, like chopping down overgrown *hau* bushes on State lands;
- Add a \$200 fine to illegally parked cars on designated State highways, with half of the funds going into the State Highway fund and the other half going to the County police department where the citation is issued; and
- Provide funding to help all counties address suicide prevention, intervention, and education;

I'm also pleased the Legislature addressed key "cost of living" concerns by:

- Funding pre-school classes at 18 charter schools (facing the loss of federal funding) and 10 new public school classes;
- Funding the Promise Program which gives students, who are residents of Hawai'i attending community colleges with financial need, free tuition, books, and fees; and
- Adding \$50 million to the State's Rental Housing Revolving Fund, which helps build affordable rental housing throughout the State.

Highlighted in this newsletter are additional bills passed this Session and funds secured for District 14. While the Legislature is in recess, please reach out to me if you have a question, concern, or suggestion to improve State government. If I'm unable to answer your question, I'm happy to seek answers through State departments, agencies, and offices.

Many of the bills I introduced this session were the direct result of constituents who shared their concerns and worked with me to craft bills and advocate for them during the session. Thanks to all who actively participated in the democratic process!

I thank you for the privilege of serving you at the State Capitol. From Wailua to Hā'ena, it's an incredible honor to serve the most beautiful district in the State of Hawai'i!

Sincerely,



Speaking along with members of the Prevent Suicide Hawai'i Task Force on the passage of HB330, which funds suicide intervention, prevention, and education statewide.



Congratulating Kilauea Elementary Principal Sherry Gonsalves and husband Robert Gonsalves for receiving the Kaua'i District Principal of the Year award.



Congratulating Kody Kobayashi and Jessica Herman for being selected as candidates for Kaua'i Boys and Girls Club Youth of the Year 2019.

District 14 State Capital Improvement Projects Funded

Anahola Sports Complex.....\$500,000

Plan and design for a 50 acre sports complex in Anahola, Kaua'i to include gymnasium, baseball fields, regulation size rodeo arena and stables

Kapa'a High School\$2,550,000

Design and construction for parking lot and drainage improvements between gym and Boys and Girls Club

Kapa'a High School\$450,000

Design for architectural barrier removal

Kilauea Elementary School.....\$325,000

Construction to repair and resurface cracked and peeling outdoor basketball court

Kilauea Water System.....\$3,120,000

Design, construction, and equipment for chlorination facilities and other related improvements

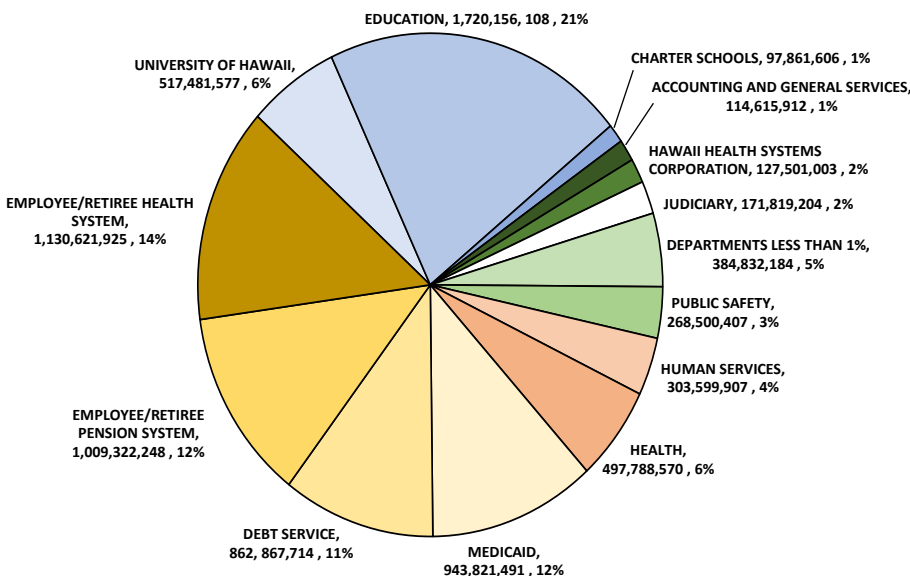
Kūhiō Highway\$2,200,000

Land acquisition and construction for slope stabilization at Lumahai hillside

Samuel Mahelona Memorial Hospital\$6,516,000

*Design and construction to renovate the CT Scan room
Upgrade electrical and structural repairs
Upgrade air conditioning system and phone system*

State Budget Highlights



LESS THAN 1%	FY2020 TOTALS	%
AGRICULTURE	17,219,027	0.21%
ATTORNEY GENERAL	35,820,958	0.44%
BUDGET AND FINANCE	36,374,702	0.45%
BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM	17,285,322	0.21%
DEFENSE	25,558,553	0.31%
PUBLIC LIBRARIES	38,512,179	0.47%
HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS	18,638,060	0.23%
HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT	20,345,411	0.25%
LABOR AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS	25,392,734	0.31%
LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES	63,762,185	0.78%
LEGISLATURE	43,809,361	0.54%
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR	3,613,903	0.04%
OFFICE OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR	977,555	0.01%
SUBSIDIES	942,000	0.01%
TAXATION	33,542,355	0.41%
OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS	3,037,879	0.04%

Taking Care of Our Kupuna

HB465—Funds the kupuna care program that provides adult day care, personal care, and transportation for eligible, elderly residents to continue living at home.

HB468—Funds the Healthy Aging Partnership program to improve the health and well-being of Hawai'i's kupuna. Supports Enhance Fitness and Living Well classes to manage chronic diseases.



Discussing solutions to illegal parking near Hā'ena State Park on "Live at the Legislature" with Carolyn Tanaka.

Tackling Homelessness

HB257—Authorizes the use of private lands for the Ohana Zones Pilot Program and adds temporary housing alternatives with social services.

SB471—Funds homelessness services, including the outreach, rapid re-housing, housing first, family assessment centers, stored property and debris removal services, and the state rent supplemental program.

Promoting Agriculture

SB1353—Authorizes the Department of Agriculture to make the industrial hemp program permanent and license farmers who cultivate industrial hemp.

SB390—Promotes the purchase and consumption of locally-produced, healthy food products by Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program participants. Requires the Department of Agriculture to develop and administer a dollar-for-dollar matching program.

Addressing Transportation

SB162—Increases the rental motor vehicle surcharge tax from \$3 to \$5 per day to fund projects to increase highway capacity and relieve traffic congestion.

HB1165—Expands gender options that are displayed on a driver's license and state identification card to more accurately represent transgender and non-binary individuals (introduced by Rep. Nakamura).

HB812—Amends the definition for low-speed electric bicycles to the definition of "bicycle" for the purposes of county vehicular taxes, highway safety laws, and statewide traffic code (introduced by Rep. Nakamura on behalf of a constituent).

Prison Death Transparency

HB336—Requires the Director of Public Safety, in the event of the death of an inmate who is in a state or contracted correctional facility, to report to the Governor, who shall then report to the Legislature, certain information regarding the death (introduced by Rep. Nakamura on behalf of a constituent).

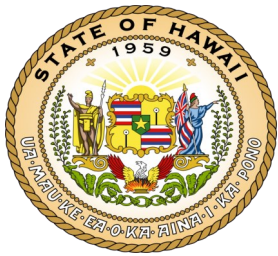
Protecting our Environment

HB1548—Appropriates funds to the Department of Land and Natural Resources to study and combat rapid 'ōhiā death in the State.

HB1585—Reduce the reliance on fossil fuels by establishing a rebate program to promote the installation and upgrading of electric vehicle charging systems.



Speaking to Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) students from Kapa'a Middle School about legislative issues and process.



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District 14 Grant In Aids Awards

Capital Projects

- Boys and Girls Club of Kaua'i was awarded \$200,000 for the Kapa'a Clubhouse improvements.
- Anaina Hou Community Park was awarded \$50,000 for park improvements.

Operating Requests

- Malama Kaua'i was awarded \$45,000 for the summer agricultural intern program.
- Kaua'i North Shore Food Pantry was awarded \$75,000.

Older Americans Recognition Ceremony and Luncheon Awards

Every May, we celebrate Older Americans Month to recognize Kaua'i's Older Americans for their contributions to our community. This year's theme, "Connect, Create, Contribute" recognizes that older adults play a key role in the vitality of neighborhoods, networks, and lives. The theme encourages older adults to connect with friends, family, and services that support participation; create by engaging in activities that promote learning, health, and personal enrichment; and contribute time, talent, and life experience to benefit others.

District 14, from Wailua to Haena, was well-represented by honorees, Gary Pacheco (top), Cathy Butler (middle), and Maryanne Kusaka (bottom). All honorees share their experience and wisdom through their volunteer work with numerous organizations and causes. I'm most thankful for their selflessness and values that they live each day to enrich our island community.



Department of Hawaiian Home Lands Capital Improvement Project Awards, 2020-2021

Anahola Fire Station, Plan

- \$50,000 for Planning and Design

Piilani Mai Ke Kai III, Drainage & Subdivision Improvements

- \$4,500,000 for Design and Construction

Moloaa Farm Lots

- \$1,000,000 for Planning and Design

Wailua Second Well Exploration

- \$1,000,000 for Planning and Design

Anahola Farm Lots, New Backup Well

- \$3,000,000 for Design and Construction