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Aloha friends and neighbors!

The 2019 Legislative Session is in full swing, and the House of Representatives has vetted close to 1,600 bills.

This year, I'm serving as Vice Chair of the Human Services and Homelessness committee and I'm a member on both the Finance and Health Committees. I'm also honored to be named a majority whip, a leadership position in the majority caucus.

Included in this newsletter is a short list of bills I introduced this session. Aside from these bills, my priorities continue to be funding transportation projects most needed in our district, addressing housing and homelessness, protecting our natural resources, strengthening our economy, and supporting the education of our youth.

Thank you for the privilege of serving you at the State Capitol. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact my office at (808) 586-8438 or repnakamura@capitol.hawaii.gov.

Mahalo nui loa,



On behalf of the Hawaii State Legislature, recognizing Kapa‘a High School Principal Daniel Hamada for his incredible dedication, hard work, and leadership at his retirement ceremony.



Introducing my staff this session, Office Manager Ben Viernes, and Committee Clerk Nikki Kunioka-Volz, and Legislative Aide Kylee Babcock.



Congratulating Kapa‘a High School students who competed in the SkillsUSA Competition, (left to right) Kekoa Eisenhour (gold), Jo‘lette Miner-Ho, Cruz Hillstrom (silver), and their dedicated teacher, Ryne Terao.



Mahalo to Auntie B. Chandler, the Hawaii Food Bank, Christ Memorial, Church of the Pacific, Saint Williams Catholic Church for your incredible partnership to feed our families in Wainiha and Hā‘ena! Front row: Auntie B. Chandler, Cathy Butler, Rep Nakamura, Paulina Barsotti, and Wes Perreira. Back row: Sam Knepper and Gray Hayton.

2019 Legislation

I'm pleased that many of the bills I introduced this year are the direct result of constituents, like you, who contacted my office, told me your concerns, and helped me craft bills to address your concerns.

HB329 – Relating to Disaster Relief (April Floods)

This bill extends the time to encumber funding set aside for flood disaster relief and adds language to allow expenditure on mitigation efforts.

HB330 – Suicide Early Prevention (Patterned after Maui bill approved last year)

This bill sets aside \$25,000 to be used on Kaua'i and \$25,000 to be used on Hawai'i Island for suicide prevention education.

HB333 – State Highway Enforcement Program (targeted relief for Hā'ena community)

This bill increases the parking fines along a State Highway, where visitors are parking illegally, creating a health and safety concern. A portion of the new fine would be given to each County (where the fine is collected) to assist respective police departments in enforcing illegal parking along the state highway.

HB814 – Relating to Department of Land and Natural Resources (equipment is so old, replacement parts are not available)

Appropriates funds to the DLNR, Division of Forestry and Wildlife to purchase heavy equipment for use in our forest reserves, due to old age of equipment.

HB1166 – Relating to Consumer Protection (Frustration over difficulty to purchase tickets to Bruno Mars concert)

Caps the service charges for a primary and secondary ticket seller to 50% of the printed ticket price. Prohibits speculative ticket sales and use of bots.

HB815 – Relating to Transportation (Addressing Sunday and Holiday Traffic)

Appropriates funds to the Department of Transportation to increase contraflow on Kūhiō Highway from Coco Palms to Hanamā'ulu on Sundays and holidays, until proposed road widening projects are completed.

HB336 – Relating to Hawaii State and Contracted Correctional Facilities

Requires the Director of Public Safety, in the event of the death of an inmate who is in a state or contracted correctional facility, or death of a correctional facility or community correctional center employee, to provide a report to the Governor and Legislature with certain information regarding the death.



Reading to Mrs. Devin and Mr. Krovoza's 3rd grade classes at Kilauea Elementary School for the national *Teach a Girl to Lead* Reading Program.



Recognizing four outstanding women leaders, Virginia Beck, Maryanne Kusaka, Mehana Vaughan, and Lila Metzger (left to right) at the YWCA Alaka'i O Wahine event.



Evaluating nonprofit flood relief efforts with Council Member Mason Chock, Hawai'i Community Foundation's Darcie Yukimura, and Chris Van Bergeijk.

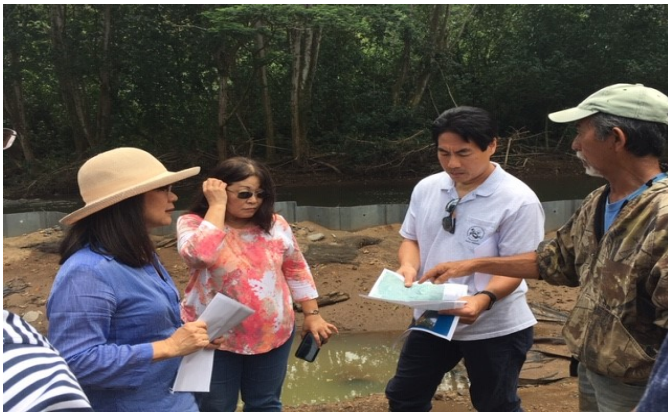
Rapid 'Ōhi'a Death

We were surprised and saddened to hear that two species of Rapid 'Ōhi'a Death was found in our district. It requires all of us to be vigilant and educated to prevent further spread of this disease in our native forests. Rapid 'Ōhi'a Death is caused by the spreading of two new species of the fungus, *Ceratocystis*. The fungus affects the 'Ōhi'a by cutting off the water flow from the inside which slowly kills the tree. There is currently no cure, but there are preventative ways to stop the spreading of Rapid 'Ōhi'a Death. Here are five tips to prevent the spread.

1. Do not move 'Ōhi'a wood or parts.
2. Do not travel interisland with 'Ōhi'a.
3. Avoid hurting 'Ōhi'a.
4. Brush all soil off of tools and gear, then spray with 70% rubbing alcohol. Wash clothes with hot water and soap.
5. Clean all soil off of tires and vehicle undercarriage.



Cheering the Kapa'a High School Warriors in the Division II Football championship game with Mom and husband Galen at Aloha Stadium.



Visiting the Hanalei River breach with Carol and Rodney Haraguchi and Department of Land and Natural Resources Engineer Carty Chang.

Third Annual Volunteer Week

Volunteer Week will be held from April 7 to the April 13, 2019. The event will kick off with a Resiliency Pa'ina on April 7th and will be held in Kīlauea with music, food, and booths focusing on disaster response and preparedness educational activities. Six community service projects, one per moku, will focus on building resilience.

To learn more about this, please go to the website VolunteerWeekHawaii.org. Mālama Kaua'i is currently seeking partners who want to be involved in the planning of any of these events or activities. For more information, or to adopt an event with your team or organization, contact Julia at (808) 828-0685 x11 or volunteer@malamakauai.org.

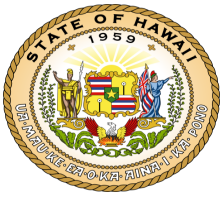


Enjoying a Kaua'i Bon dance last summer with family and friends.



United Way : Aloha United Way

If you or anyone you know needs help paying rent, keeping the utilities on, or putting food on the table, you can call 2-1-1 for assistance and speak with an Information & Referral Specialist. It's free, statewide and confidential. The 2-1-1 Information and Referral Specialists are available to answer questions and offer support in your time of need. They are trained specialists with access to a database of local resources. If you have additional questions, please visit the website, unitedtoact.org or call 2-1-1.



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Welcoming Developmental Disability advocates at the State Capitol.

Capitol Improvement Project Funding Released in District 14

1. Kūhiō Highway, Intersection Improvements at Mailihuna Road and Kapa‘a Stream Bridge Rehabilitation — \$5,561,500 for additional construction to rehabilitate Kapa‘a Stream Bridge and for intersection improvements at Mailihuna Road and Kūhiō Highway on Kauai.
2. Waikaea (Lihi) Canal Boat Ramp — \$1,700,000 to release of funds for dredging and debris removal at Waikaea Canal Boat Ramp on Kaua‘i.



The Waikaea Canal dredging and improvements is scheduled to be completed by April 2019.

3. Lump Sum Hawaii Health Systems Corporation, Improvements, and Renovations, Statewide — \$800,000 to provide design and construction funds for renovations of the Long Term Care (LTC) Wing at Samuel Mahelona Memorial Hospital.
4. Lump Sum Hawaii Health Systems Corporation, Improvements, and Renovations, Statewide — \$800,000 to provide design and construction for Phase II renovations of the Psychiatric Unit at Samuel Mahelona Memorial Hospital.



Discussing flood relief needs with Governor Ige on Opening Day at the State Capitol.



Congratulating incoming Mayor and Surfer Derek Kawakami at his inauguration ceremony on December 3, 2018.