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Inside this Newsletter

This newsletter highlights some key measures that passed the Legislature this year and others that did not pass. These bills are likely to have a significant impact on our families, our community, and our state.

Here you'll also find an important update on upcoming Capital Improvement Projects coming to our district and some of the community issues my office is working closely with this year.



2013 Legislative Wrap-up

Aloha Neighbors and Friends!

The 2013 Hawaii State Legislative Session has now adjourned and I want to take this opportunity to fill you in on the many important changes to our state laws. While the Session has brought media coverage to a large number of measures, I do want you to be aware of the upcoming impacts to our community.

Many of you contacted me throughout the Session and I truly feel honored, and more than appreciative, of your ideas and input. Our Legislature is at its full potential when the voices in our communities are responsive and are heard. My colleagues and I worked to reduce Hawaii's already high cost of living and make government more transparent and accountable. We succeeded in preventing many tax and fee increases, such as the General Excise Tax, Barrel Tax, Conveyance Tax, Tobacco Tax, Internet Sales Tax, Sugary Beverage Fee, Glass Container Fee, Single-use Checkout Bag fee, Electronic Waste Fee, to name a few.

I believe in working together with you and my fellow region Legislators on behalf of our community. I genuinely look forward to hearing from you and continuing our work together for the best outcomes for our community. I look forward to what we can accomplish together in the coming months, both in the District and in preparation for the 2014 Legislative Session!



The State Budget

The budget spends about \$253 million less in general funds over the next two fiscal years than Governor Abercrombie requested. Both the Senate and the House approved it unanimously. This budget:

- Addresses unfunded liabilities by requiring the public sector to contribute money annually, beginning with \$217 million this fiscal biennium;
- Fully recapitalizes the Rainy Day and Hurricane Relief funds with \$50 million and \$160 million, respectively; and
- Cuts government bloat by not funding unfilled department positions.

If you have any questions, concerns, or comments about happenings in and around our community, please don't hesitate to contact me. I look forward to hearing from you and seeing you and your family at our Neighborhood Board Meetings and Town Hall Meetings!

Mahalo Nui Loa,
Lauren Kealohilani Matsumoto

ECONOMY & TAXES

Hawaii Growth Initiative	HB 858: Appropriates funds to the Hawaii Strategic Development Corporation for the HI Growth Initiative, an investment program to support high-growth entrepreneurial companies. (Act 274)
Film Tax Credits	HB 726: Increases and extends the sunset date of a tax credit for film and digital media production on all islands. (Act 256)
Itemized Deductions	HB 430: Encourages charitable giving by exempting charitable income tax deductions from a cap on itemized deductions. (Act 270)

EDUCATION

Preschool Funding	SB 1084: Proposes a constitutional amendment to allow public funding for some private preschools. (On the Ballot in 2014)
School Readiness	SB 1093: Establishes the Preschool Open Doors Program within the Department of Human Services to prepare 4-year-old children for classroom environments prior to entering school. (Act 169)
Public School Redevelopment	SB 237: Establishes a pilot program for up to three development projects to generate revenue to renovate schools through the lease of public school lands for public purposes. (Act 155)

TRANSPORTATION

Mobile Devices	HB 980: Prohibits the use of mobile electronic devices while operating a motor vehicle. (Act 74)
Seat Belts	SB 4: Requires all front and back seat passengers to be restrained by a seat belt or child car seat while a motor vehicle is being operated on any public highway. (Act 73)
Wheel Boots	SB 1214: Prohibits the application of wheel boots to a motor vehicle located on any public or private street, roadway, highway, or property. (Act 285)

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Aging and Dementia	SB 106: Establishes and funds an Alzheimer's Disease and Related Services Coordinator. (Act 214)
Elder Financial Abuse	SB 102: Requires financial institutions to report instances of suspected financial abuse of an elder directly to the appropriate county police department and the Department of Human Services. (Act 216)



For a list of all the measures that passed the Legislature this

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AGRICULTURE, ENERGY, & ENVIRONMENT

Feed Subsidy

SB 593: Appropriates funds and expands livestock feed subsidies. **(Act 200)**

Loans for New Farmers

SB 993: Expands the Department of Agriculture's agricultural loan program by adding farm innovation loans and expanding the definition of a new farmer. **(Act 201)**

Future Farmers of America

SB 757: Appropriates funds to implement and operate Future Farmers of America programs in public schools. **(Act 204)**

PLDC

HB 1133: Repeals the Public Land Development Corporation. **(Act 38)**

Green Infrastructure

SB 1087: Establishes a loan program to provide low-cost financing for the purchase and installation of green infrastructure equipment to be repaid through consumer electric bills. **(Act 211)**

GMO Labeling (Did Not Pass)

HB 174: Imposes labeling requirements/import restrictions on genetically engineered produce.

HOUSING, HEALTH & SAFETY

Homelessness

SB 515: Funds substance abuse treatment, mental health support, sober housing, and housing-first programs and provides rental assistance for working families. **(Act 222)**

Hawaii Home Visiting Program

HB 908: Establishes a statewide hospital-based early identification and home visiting system to ensure the health and safety of newborn infants. **(Act 91)**

Shoreline Access

HB 17: Makes permanent a requirement that landowners keep shorelines clear of vegetation that may block lateral access. **(Act 120)**

IMPROVING ELECTIONS & TRANSPARENCY

Ballot Integrity

SB 827: Prohibits certain third parties from assisting voters with completing absentee ballots and requires absentee voters to affirm by signature that the ballot was completed without influence from others. **(Act 235)**

Open Data

HB 632: Requires government departments to make electronic data sets available to the public and begins implementation of the open data initiative. **(Act 263)**



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Approved District Capital Improvement Projects

Amount	Item
\$2,000,000	Kamehameha Highway, Karsten Thot Bridge: Realign and or/ replacement/rehabilitation.
\$165,000	Kamehameha Highway, Helemano-Waiialua Junction to Haleiwa Beach Park: Plans for enhanced wetlands in the vicinity of Ukoa Pond.
\$1,500,000	H2 Freeway, Ka Uka Boulevard to Meheula Parkway: Construction for repaving of on ramps and off ramps.
\$816,000	Mililani High School: Fire alarm upgrades/repairs, special education portable.
\$951,000	Mililani Middle School: Parking lot resurfacing, special education portable, drainage improvements, fire alarm system repairs, gutter replacements.
\$208,000	Kipapa Elementary School: Reroofing.
\$756,000	Mililani Waena Elementary School: Installation and/or replacement of air conditioning units, reroofing, structural repairs.
\$1,000,000	Kamehameha Highway, Kipapa Stream (Roosevelt) Bridge: Rehabilitation and/or replacement.
\$3,850,000	Central Oahu Ambulance Facility: Plan, design, and construction.

