



Office of Representative Sue L. Keohokapu-Lee Loy

2025 Legislative End-of-Session Newsletter

Hawai'i State Representative — House District 2

Aloha Family, Friends, and Neighbors!

As the legislative session comes to a close, allow me to take this opportunity to reflect on the progress made, the challenges faced, and the road ahead. This session was marked with meaningful collaboration and legislative action. There is still more to do, and this newsletter highlights key bills that passed, initiatives that gained momentum, and new networks and voices that have been established - both within and beyond the chambers.

Whether celebrating hard-fought victories or learning from the work still needing to be done, I remain committed to serving Hawai'i Island with aloha always, in all ways.

Mahalo for all your support, encouragement, and for staying engaged, informed, and involved.

Aloha piha and cheers,

Important Bills

HB 300
Relating to
State Budget

Appropriates funds for the operating and capital improvement budget of the Executive Branch for fiscal years 2025-2026 and 2026-2027.

SB 1300
Relating to
School Meals

Beginning with the 2025-2026 school year, expands free school meal coverage to students who currently qualify for reduced-price lunch. Beginning with the 2026-2027 school year, expands free school meal coverage to students whose family income is not more than three hundred percent of the federal poverty level. Appropriates funds.



Rep. with the Finance committee after passing HB 300 through the House.



Rep. with Castle High School Students visiting the State Capitol promoting SB 1300.



Rep. with the Hawai'i Island Delegation for a presentation from HELCO.



Rep. and Karen Oskins, a Hilo nurse, after the floor presentation for the 2024 Hawai'i Healthcare Heroes.



Rep. and Kevin, Legislative Aide, after the Legislative Talent Show at Art at the Capitol.



Rep. with all the Freshman House Legislators.



Rep. and Chair Takayama in the HLT Conference Committee.



Rep. with Lt. Gov. Sylvia Luke and DHHL, who has awarded nearly 400 project leases in West Hawai'i.



STATE BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

House District 2 and the Hilo area

Capital Improvement Projects

WAIĀKEA INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

\$2,500,000

General maintenance and facility improvements; ground and site improvements; equipment and appurtenances.

HILO HIGH SCHOOL

\$2,500,000

Plans, design, and construction for bleachers for the football field/track; ground and site improvements; equipment and appurtenances.

In partnership with Reps. Kusch and Todd

JAMES "JIMMY" CORREA BALLFIELD (WONG STADIUM)

\$1,000,000

Design and construction for changing field grass to artificial turf grass; ground and site improvements; equipment and appurtenances.

In partnership with Rep. Todd

121 BANYAN DRIVE

\$1,200,000

Plans and design for demolition of 121 Banyan Drive. (Country Club Condominium Hotel)

Grant-in-Aid Awards

\$40,000 - Friends of Children's Justice Center of East HI

\$75,000 - Hospice of Hilo

\$120,000 - Hilo Bayfront Trails

\$150,000 - Pacific Tsunami Museum

\$300,000 - The ARC of Hilo

\$300,000 - The Island of Hawai'i YMCA

\$600,000 - Boys and Girls Club of Hawai'i



Legislative Update from Rep. Keohokapu-Lee Loy



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