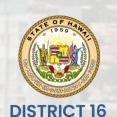
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STATE SENATOR

Brandon Elefante

Proudly serving: 'Aiea, 'Aiea Heights, Hālawa, Pearlridge, Newtown, Royal Summit, Waimalu, Waiau, Momilani, Pacific Palisades, and Pearl City



LEGISLATIVE SESSION **OF ACTION:** SERVING YOU IN THE STATE SENATE

Aloha Friends and Neighbors,

Mahalo for the privilege of serving as your State Senator. It's an honor to represent our community.

This legislative session, I'm proud to report that six of my bills passed the Legislature, addressina kev community concerns like dangerous speeding (Senate Bill (SB)97), illegal fireworks (SB222), and wildfire prevention (SB223), and other successful legislation National Guard supports healthcare, inmate reentry IDs, and corrections reform (SB88. SB224, SB104). (Learn more about these measures on Page 3.)

I was also honored to co-author SB1300 with Senator Michelle Kidani, expanding free school meals to ensure no child learns on an empty stomach.

Recognizing the ongoing hardship faced by our Maui neighbors, we secured \$807.5 million over two years for the Maui Wildfires Settlement Trust Fund. critical funding will help settle pursuant eligible claims to agreements settlement and provide much-needed support for the community's recovery.

We also secured significant funding in the state budget for critical Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) to benefit schools and neighborhoods across our district. Key allocations include:

- \$1 million for an emergency egress/ingress route in Pacific **Palisades**
- \$750 thousand for planning and design of Webling Elementary's main office
- \$400 thousand for visitor bleachers at **'Aiea** Hiah School

(See Page 2 for a full breakdown of district funding, including recent CIP funding released secured last year.)

As we close the school year, I extend my warmest congratulations to the Class of 2025. May your future be bright and full of opportunity.

Mahalo nui loa for the privilege of serving you.

With aloha,

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Above: Pearl City Elementary students visit the Capitol to learn how our government works firsthand.

Session by the Numbers



\$2.15 MILLION

Released of CIP Funding for Our District

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\$9.639 MILLION

Secured in State Budget for Our District PAGE 2



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Bills, Resolutions, & GMs Reported out of PSM

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Bills & Resolutions Introduced, Co-Introduced, & Co-Sponsored

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Meet Senate **District** 16's Legislative Team!

Together, we are here to serve our community and welcome your thoughts and concerns.

Left: Office Manager Janice Salcedo, Legislative Staffer Faith Quintua, Committee Clerk Taylor Sayles, & Senator Brandon Elefante.

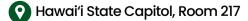
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IN THE DISTRICT -

BUSY AT WORK Investing in Our District

We are making real progress in improving our schools neighborhoods. I'm pleased to report that we secured critical funding in the latest state budget for CIPs across our district.

Sen. Elefante pictured with community members at the Pearl Harbor Bike Path Trail Cleanup



New CIPs Secured in the State Budget

- Pacific Palisades \$1M for emergency access route
- Webling Elementary \$750K for office planning/design
- 'Aiea High School \$400K for visitor bleachers

Recently Released:

- Momilani Elem \$3.55M for fencing & security
- 'Aiea Intermediate \$2.5M for work/play area
- Alvah Scott Elem \$2.2M for new office & health room
- Pearl City High \$1.389M to renovate medical classroom

This funding reflects my continued efforts to support our schools, strengthen public safety, and invest in the long-term resilience of our district. Mahalo to Representatives Gregg Takayama and Sam Kong, advocates, and everyone who helped make this happen!

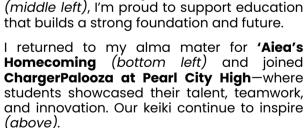


Supporting our Keiki



welcoming preschoolers

backpacks through the Ready Keiki Initiative at Alvah Scott Elementary's new classroom (top left) to learning from 'Aiea High School's Auto Program students at the **Trades & Motorsports Education Fair**





Interested in Public Service? Apply for a Senate Internship!

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Celebrating Our Local Champs!

From the lanes and range to the court, Pearl City and 'Aiea High **Schools** have displayed incredible talent. It was an honor to recognize Pearl City's 2024 **HHSAA** State Champion bowlers (aiven team to member to left) and air riflery

team (also OIA Champs!), and 'Aiea's 2025 OIA DII Champion boys varsity basketball team (above)! Go Na Ali'i and Go Chargers!



Palisades Elementary School's Principal Gavin Tsue was named the 2025 Hawai'i National Distinguished Principal! We also celebrated the school's 60th anniversary under his exceptional leadership. (Above left) I joined Rep. Takayama in presenting a certificate to honor this milestone.





During Education Week at the Capitol, I was proud to recognize Kimberly Kim of Moanalua **Middle School**—a Milken Teacher of Promise and one of our own 'Aiea constituents! (top right)

SERVING YOU AT THE STATE CAPITOL

I'm proud of another strong legislative session, where I've stepped into the role of Chair of the Public Safety and Military Affairs (PSM) Committee and joined the Ways and Means Committee to address our state's budget. I also continue my work as Vice Chair Water and Land and serve as a member on Transportation and Culture and the Arts.





Leading on Public Safety & Military Affairs

In my first year chairing PSM, we addressed critical community issues like public safety, law enforcement, corrections, emergency management, and support for veterans.

We held hearings on proposed legislation from both the Senate and House, along with gubernatorial nominations and resolutions, impacting communities statewide.







Left. top right: honoring Chief Justice Mark Recktenwald at his final State of the Judiciary address; top right: Maj. Gen. Stephen Logan confirmed by Senate as Adjutant General of DOD; lower right: tour of Department of Health facilities protecting public health statewide.

Advocating for Kūpuna, Veterans, & Community

My commitment to our diverse community remains firm, and I remain an active member of the **Filipino Caucus** and have now joined the **Kūpuna Caucus**, allowing me to further advocate for the needs of our seniors.

I'm proud to have introduced Senate Concurrent Resolution (SCR) 22 to improve emergency preparedness for kūpuna and to announce that \$514K was secured in the state budget for the Silver Alert Program.

I also introduced SCR 24, urging the U.S. Department of Defense to preserve the legacy of the 100th Infantry Battalion and 442nd RCT.

Right site visit to the newly opened Daniel K. Akaka State Veterans Home.



Bills Passed through Legislature

SB97 RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES

Part I: Increases the penalty for a third or subsequent offense within five years of excessive speeding to a misdemeanor with a mandatory minimum jail sentence of thirty days. Part II: Clarifying penalties for noncompliance with the maximum speed limit under an automated speed enforcement system and specifying that any summons or citations resulting from noncompliance shall not be recorded on a person's traffic abstract and used for insurance purposes. (CD2)

SB222 RELATING TO FIREWORKS

Extends the sunset date of the Illegal Fireworks Task Force from 6/30/2025 to 6/30/2030 and extends the annual reporting requirements to the Legislature. (CD1)

SB223 RELATING TO FIRE PREVENTION

Requires the Department of Land and Natural Resources to establish an independent program relating to the prevention, control, and extinguishment of wildland fires within forest reserves. Authorizes the Administrator of Forestry and Wildlife to establish and maintain facilities for the performance of fire protection, fire prevention, pest control, and forest and range protection and enhancement activities. Allows the State Fire Council to amend the State Fire Code to require certain owners and occupants of properties and holders of easements located in hazardous fire areas to maintain effective firebreaks and to practice other fire prevention activities. Requires Department of Land and Natural Resources to establish and implement the Community Fuels Reduction Project. Requires reports to the Legislature. Appropriates funds. (CDI)

SB88 RELATING TO THE HAWAII NATIONAL GUARD

Authorizes the payment of allowances for TRICARE, TRICARE Dental Program, and vision coverage to all officers, warrant officers, and enlisted personnel of the Hawai'i National Guard ordered to active duty for more than 30 days. (CDI)

SB224 RELATING TO IDENTIFICATION

Requires the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to assist inmates with obtaining civil identification cards and other identification documents within a certain time. (HDI)

SB104 RELATING TO CORRECTIONS

Beginning 7/1/2026, restricts the use of restrictive housing in state-operated and state-contracted correctional facilities, with certain exceptions. Establishes a restrictive housing legislative working group to develop and recommend more comprehensive laws, policies, and procedures regarding restrictive housing for members of vulnerable populations by 1/8/2027. Requires the Hawai'i Correctional System Oversight Commission to review restrictive housing placements on an annual basis. Authorizes the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, by 12/1/2027, to implement policies and procedures recommended by the restrictive housing working group related to committed persons. Requires interim and final reports to the Legislature and Hawai'i Correctional System Oversight Commission. (CDI)

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Hawai'i State Capitol

Our State Capitol in Honolulu is truly one of a kind. With its rich history, open-air design, and symbolic architecture, stands apart from any other state capitol in the nation.



I encourage everyone to visit and take a tour-you'll gain a deeper appreciation for the building and the democratic process it represents.

If you plan to stop by, please let us know! We'd be happy to welcome you and take a photo together.

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Left: 50 years Vietnamese Refugee Anniversary Event



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