

# Senator Kurt Fevella

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Newsletter



Senate District 20:  
'Ewa Beach, Ocean Pointe,  
'Ewa by Gentry, Iroquois  
Point, and portion of  
'Ewa Villages

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Aloha Family and Friends,

I hope you all had a safe and happy Fourth of July! This past month and early July has brought forth exciting news of events that occurred in our community. As you read through my newsletter highlighting past and upcoming events, I would like to take this time to thank everyone for your support in advancing our 'Ewa - 'Ewa Beach communities and thriving in challenges to be the best role model/version of yourself. May the challenges prove your strength and grow your character.

As we are one big ohana, let us continue to lift up one another in prayer and cover our families, friends, and everyone around us.

Mahalo and God bless,

## List of Vetoed Bills

As of Wednesday, July 10, 2024, Governor Green had passed 253 bills to be acts (laws). Although many bills have been approved by the governor, he has also provided a list of 11 bills he vetoed. Please visit the [Hawai'i State Legislature's website](#) for more information.

### H.B. 1633, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D.1 Relating to Contractors.

Repeals the leasing restriction on owner-builders who obtain an owner-builder exemption to act as their own contractor and who build or improve residential or farm buildings or structures on their own property and do not offer the buildings or structures for sale.

### S.B. 527, S.D. 2, H.D. 2 Relating to Biosecurity.

Authorizes and specifies condition under which the Department of Agriculture may declare a biosecurity emergency, during which the Department and Governor may take certain action to prevent the establishment or spread of pests and prohibited or restricted organisms.

### H.B. 1800, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1 Relating to the State Budget.

Appropriate supplemental funds for the operating costs of the Executive Branch for the fiscal biennium beginning on July 1, 2023 and ending on June 30, 2025. You may find more info on the governor's [website](#).



## TOWN HALL MEETING

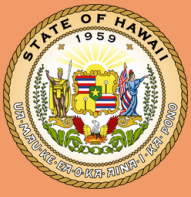
*Updates from the City*

*Department of Transportation Services (DTS)*



**Thursday, July 18 at James Campbell High School Cafeteria at 7:00 p.m.**

***Bring your questions and join us for an in-person discussion!***



# In the Community

## Holomua Elementary School

June 7, 2024



DOE students and faculty with district officials.

I had the honor of attending Holomua Elementary School's graduation ceremony. Congratulations to our outstanding Voyagers for moving up and voyaging on to the next grade level. Mahalo nui to Principal Bonilla and faculty for organizing a wonderful ceremony and bravo to our keiki for the fantastic performances.



Sen. Fevella with Holomua Elementary students.

It was a pleasure to be in the audience with Department of Education staff, along with families and friends in our community. The support of our keiki is needed on all levels of society. I appreciate the time and effort invested in our keiki in fostering creativity and instilling knowledge to better prepare them for their future.



Students performing during the graduation ceremony.

Performances were provided by our kindergarteners and first through sixth graders, including the faculty. The event closed with the school song, "Holo Au Me 'Oe" - "you'll never walk alone." Congrats, again, our courageous Voyagers and may you remember all that you were taught to help steer your way to success.

## HMSA Kaimana Awards

June 9, 2024



The Hawai'i Medical Service Association (HMSA) Kaimana Awards and Scholarship Program acknowledges and honors our high school seniors and their schools for excelling in not only academics and athletics, but also community service and sportsmanship. Rafael Firme, a senior of James Campbell High School, was one of fifteen recipients of this prestigious award. I was in attendance with his family at the luncheon that presented the award to our deserving students. Congratulations to all and best wishes on your endeavors!



## Kūpono Solar

June 14, 2024



I, along with other state senators, presenting the Senate certificate to Kūpono Solar.

Presently, Kūpono Solar is the largest storage facility of solar-plus battery on O'ahu. The dedication blessing that took place in West Loch, 'Ewa, was of a new 42 MW photovoltaic solar and a four-hour battery storage facility. Essentially, this



Kūpono Solar team, elected officials, and community members in attendance of the blessing.

renewable clean energy project will aid in stabilizing energy costs and reduce fossil fuel usage. It also delivers renewable energy to power ten thousand homes while reducing more than fifty thousand tons of carbon dioxide- annually.



Sen. Fevella with Ewa Beach Lions Club and JCHS rep.

## Town Hall Meeting

June 19, 2024

I hosted a town hall meeting at Asing Community Park and will be hosting another town hall on Wednesday, July 17, 2024. The highlights from June's town hall circulated around the concerns of e-bikes and the lack of safety and parental supervision. There was also discussion on registration and safety tags on cars around our community, the need for pedestrian pathways, and ways to reduce speeding in the community. My staff and I have been working around these issues and will continue to address the concerns we received. Please be aware of your surroundings when driving/biking/walking and continue to practice safety.

## Ōlelo - Mufi Hannemman

June 21, 2024

"Tourism Matters" was the topic on this Ōlelo discussion with Mufi Hannemman, current President and CEO of Hawai'i Lodging & Tourism Association (HLTA) and former mayor of the City and County of Honolulu. HLTA is the state's largest and longstanding private organization that represents their member organizations in the tourism sector. President Hannemman dives in to the discussion of destination management and provides insight in the importance of what the local people want and need. You may visit the Ōlelo website to view the full video.



Former Mayor Hannemman and Sen. Fevella on the set of Ōlelo.



# Capitol Update

## Press Conference- Chinatown Power Outages

June 24, 2024

I held a press conference at the Hawai'i State Capitol due to the Chinatown power outages. Our local businesses and residents need our support to voice their concerns to those who need to be held accountable. I called upon Governor Josh Green and Hawaiian Electric to show their support and provide answers to our people affected by these outages.

Mahalo to those who have reached out on behalf of Chinatown's residents and business and for helping our communities. Let us also be reminded to be prepared for any power outages in our community-keeping our perishables up-to-date and properly storing our emergency equipment.



## Judicial Appointments

June 27, 2024

The State Senate held its [2024 First Special Session](#) for four gubernatorial nominees: Rebecca Copeland, Brian Costa, Dyan Medeiros, and Steven Nichols. Governor's nominees were submitted for consideration and confirmation to the Circuit Court of the First Circuit, State of Hawai'i, with a term to expire in 10 years. All four nominees reported out of the JDC committee with majority in support. On the floor, each nominee also received a unanimous vote in support. Mahalo for all the hard work that you have done thus far, and may you all continue to carry on with the wisdom and knowledge you need to serve in your new capacity. Congratulations to all!



## Bills to Laws

You may find the full list of Acts, as well as the status of other measures on the [Hawai'i State Legislature's website](#) under 'Reports and Lists' and 'Governor's Actions.'

### S.B. 2601, H.D. 1, C.D. 1 (Act 250) Relating to Sexual Abuse of Minors.

Expands the time period by which a civil action for childhood sexual abuse committed on or after July 2024 may be initiated.

### S.B. 2257, S.D. 3, H.D. 1, C.D. 1 (Act 151) Relating to Education.

Authorizes the Hawai'i Teacher Standards Board to consider qualified individuals with at least an associate's degree or H.S. diploma with comparable education and coursework, industry and content expertise to teach career and technical education courses.

### S.B. 2079, H.D. 1, C.D. 1 (Act 196) Relating to the Importation of Plants and Animals.

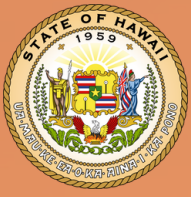
Allows the State of Hawai'i Plant and Animal Declaration Form to be distributed, completed, and transmitted electronically.

### S.B. 2575, H.D. 1, C.D. 1 (Act 228) Relating to the Environment.

Prohibits the mining, extraction, and removal of minerals from the seabed in all state marine waters and issuance of any permit.

### S.B. 2819, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, C.D. 1 (Act 175) Relating to Traffic Safety.

Requires vehicles traveling ten miles or more below the posted speed limit with at least five cars are formed behind on a two-lane highway, to pull over to allow vehicles to pass.



# Important Dates & Contacts

## **'Ewa Neighborhood Board**

July 11 at 7 p.m.

Ewa Beach Public and School Library

and online (Webex)

Visit: <https://www.honolulu.gov/nco/boards.html>



**Spread ALOHA**

Everyday

## **Sen. Kurt Fevella's Town Hall**

Wednesday, July 17 at 7 p.m.

James Campbell High School's Cafeteria

*We hope to see you there!*

## **Interim**

May 6, 2024 - January 2025

## **Connecting our Community**

### **Emergency Services**

Ambulance/Fire/Police: 911

State Emergency Management Division: 808-733-4300

State Highway Safety Hotline: 808-831-6714

### **Utilities**

Hawaiian Electric Co. (trouble only): 808-548-7311

Hawaiian Telcom (customer care): 611

Board of Water Supply (report leaks): 808-748-5000 ext. 1

The Gas Company (trouble only): 808-526-0066

### **Community Concerns**

City Refuse & Bulky Item Collection: 808-768-3200

(Missed) Pickup in 'Ewa Beach: 808-768-9732

Graffiti Hotline (HPD): 808-723-3475

Damaged Sidewalks: 808-768-8159

Public Trees: 808-971-7151

Clean Stream Hotline: 808-768-7890

Medicare Call Center: 800-633-4227

Social Security: 800-772-1213

Potholes (City): 808-768-7777

Potholes (State): 808-536-7852

## **City & State Departments**

Education ('Ewa)

808-692-8000

Handi-Van Operations

808-456-5555

Hawaiian Home Lands

808-620-9531

Health

808-586-4400

Mental Health Hotline

DOH Hawaii CARES

808-832-3100 or

1-800-753-6879

Labor & Industrial Relations

808-586-8844

Land and Natural Resources

808-587-0401

Neighborhood Board Commission

808-768-3710

Parks & Recreation

808-768-3003

Public Safety

808-587-1288

Transportation Services

808-768-3053

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808-587-2150