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Aloha!

The Legislative session ended May 5, 2011, and the good news is we did not raise the general excise tax or tax retirees' pensions. A combination of spending cuts and other tax increases helped erase a \$1.3 billion deficit over the next two years. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, feel free to contact my office.

Will Espero



Catherine Remigio was confirmed by the Senate as a Family Court judge and is now the only full-time female Filipino judge in Hawaii. (left)

Alisa Bender of James Campbell High School, was named the 2011 Leeward District Teacher of the Year. She teaches English. (right)



CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

University of Hawaii West Oahu

\$2,500,000

Design and construction of photovoltaic panels

Leeward Community College

\$19,000,000

Plan, design, construction of new education and innovation instructional building

James Campbell High

\$1,000,000

Plan, design, construction for athletic field; ground & site improvements; equipment

Waipahu Intermediate School

\$800,000

Plan and design eight classrooms

Keonelua Elementary

\$1,375,000

Design, construction of four new portable classrooms

Ewa Elementary

\$10,500,000

Design and construction for 8-classroom building

Hale Kipa (Ewa Project)

\$1,300,000

Plan, design, and construction of services center

Special Olympics (West Oahu)

\$1,500,000

Plan, design, construction for sports & fitness complex

St. Francis Healthcare (Ewa)

\$1,000,000

Design, construction for an intergenerational center

Public Safety, Government Operations, & Military Affairs



George Ariyoshi

AEROSPACE

Extends termination date of temporary advisory committee relating to statewide starlight reserve strategy. [Act 039 / SB 81 Starlight Reserve](#)

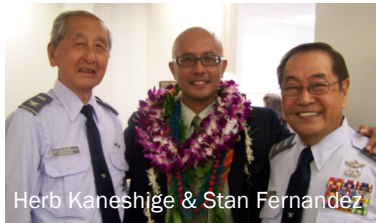
MILITARY / GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

DD Form 93 acceptable to designate person authorized to direct disposition of military person's remains. [HB 49 Disposition of Body](#).

Designates a new special design Gold Star Family plate for children, parents, grandparents, spouses, and siblings of fallen soldiers. [SB 883; Gold Star Family Plates](#)

Allows ID certificates to be issues where driver's licenses are issued. [Act 035/HB 1640 Civil Identification](#)

Requires Office of Elections to make available electronic voter registration by January 1, 2014. [HB 545 Online Voter Registration](#)



Herb Kaneshige & Stan Fernandez

PUBLIC SAFETY

New requirements in fireworks law regarding permitting, importation, labeling, and inspection, with authority to revoke or suspend permits for enumerated reasons. [SB 172 Fire Protection: Fireworks](#)

Requires persons convicted of first degree violation of privacy or promoting prostitution to register as sex offenders. [SB 52 Sex Offender Registration](#)

Requires Department of Public Safety (DPS) to establish performance indicators for inmate reentry system, with reporting to the Legislature. [SB 44 Inmate Rehabilitation; Reentry System; Performance Indicators](#)

Authorizes DPS to render necessary medical and mental health treatment to inmates and detainees who refuse treatment. [HB 1088 Corrections](#)

Repeals authority to transfer youth to adult facilities for disciplinary or other reasons. [Act 018/HB 1067 Youth; Transfer to Adult Correctional Facilities](#)

Requires Department of Health to provide fitness restoration program for defendants unfit to proceed in court. [HB 1071 Mental Health Release on Conditions](#)



Prison advocate
Kat Brady

Requires DPS to obtain accreditation for sheriff division from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies. [HB 491 Sheriff Division; Accreditation](#)

Agriculture

Increases aquaculture leases from 35 to 65 years. Allows aquaculture operations in good standing to renew their lease. Allows for supportive aquaculture activities. [SB 1511 Commercial Aquaculture Leases](#)

Commerce & Consumer Protection

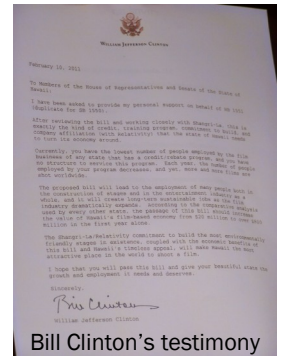
Authorizes conversion from nonjudicial to judicial foreclosure; amends nonjudicial foreclosure process. [SB 651 Mortgage Foreclosures](#)

Requires clear, conspicuous disclosure of automatic renewal clauses and cancellation procedures for all consumer contracts and offers with an automatic renewal provision. [HB 663 Contracts; Automatic Renewal Clauses](#)

Economic Development & Technology

Establishes temporary task force to review state and county rules to amend or repeal to expedite the permitting and approval process. [SB 1213 Streamlined Permitting](#)

Exempts broadband infrastructure improvements from state and county permitting requirements for five years under certain conditions. [HB 1342 Broadband](#)



Bill Clinton's testimony

Education

Allows Superintendent to reconstitute schools that have been in restructuring for 4+ years without significant improvement. [SB 1485 Reconstituting Schools](#)

Requires Board of Education to monitor compliance with DOE rules or statutes covering bullying, cyberbullying, or harassment. [HB 688 Bullying](#)

Hawaiian Affairs

Establishes a Native Hawaiian roll commission in OHA to prepare and maintain roll of qualified Native Hawaiians. [SB 1520 Native Hawaiians; Recognition](#)

Establishes task force vis-à-vis disproportionate presence of Native Hawaiians in criminal justice system. [SB 986 Criminal Justice System; Native Hawaiians](#)

Increases limits of state liability from \$50 million to \$100 million for money borrowed by Department of Hawaiian Home Lands or loans made to lessee-beneficiaries that are guaranteed by DHHL. [SB 1290 Hawaiian Home Lands Lessees; Loans](#)



Hawaiian advocate Agnes Cope

Energy & Environment

Requires the energy resources coordinator to report on policies and conditions needed to expand biofuel production to displace a significant amount of petroleum-based fuel. [SB 146 Biofuel](#)

Modifies renewable energy facility siting process to include biofuel production facilities and distribution infrastructure with capacity to produce or distribute 100,000 gallons or more of biofuel annually. [SB 1244 Renewable Energy Facility Siting Process; Biofuel Production Facilities and Distribution Infrastructure](#)

Definition of “renewable electrical energy” to include grid-connected, customer-generated system. [Act 010/SB 1346 Renewable Portfolio Standards](#)

Requires the Office of Planning to establish a statewide system of greenways and trails. [HB 1405 Greenways and Trails; Smart Development](#)

Health

For community care foster family homes approved for three clients, primary caregiver must be a certified nurse aide and substitute caregiver must be a nurse aide who has completed specified training. Facility must be certified and operating for at least one year before being certified for a third client. [HB 739 Community Care Foster Family Homes](#)

Increases the civil penalty amounts and additional criminal fines for violations of the Hawaii occupational safety and health law. [SB 1040 Occupational Safety and Health](#)

Each health care facility shall report information about infections, including those that are resistant to multiple drugs, to the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s national healthcare safety network. [HB 889 Health Care-Associated Infection Reporting](#)

Transportation

Insurer permitted to cancel or not renew vehicle policy provided that replacement policy is offered at a lower price through an affiliate or subsidiary on same or better coverage, terms or conditions. [Act 011/SB 124 Motor Vehicle Insurance; Cancellation](#)

Water, Land, & Housing

Authorizes Hawaii Public Housing Authority to enter into contracts with developers to develop public housing projects in exchange for commercial space in the project. [SB 1394 Hawaii Public Housing Authority](#)

Creates affordable rental housing development program. Allows nonprofit organizations to acquire expiring federal Agriculture or Housing & Urban Development housing contracts and ensures that sites remain affordable rental housing. [SB 903 Affordable Rental Housing](#)



Hawaiian Islands
Coral Reef Ecosystem

Human Services

Allows certain child service providers to provide emergency shelter and related services to minors at no cost under certain circumstances. [SB 921 Minors; Emergency Shelter](#)

Amends certain criminal offenses to include conduct committed against domestic violence victims covered by protective orders or restraining orders. [HB 1003 Domestic Violence Victim Protection](#)

Identifies factors to consider in awarding visitation. Permits visitation to grandparents if denial would cause significant harm to child. [HB 56 Child Custody; Grandparent Visitation](#)

Authorizes family court to issue financial restraining orders and consider concealment of or failure to disclose income or asset, or violation of a restraining order in issuing further support orders and awarding payment of attorney fees and costs. [HB 909 Divorce](#)



Homeless Advisory Board

Visitation rights may include electronic communication. [HB 616 Child Custody & Visitation](#)

Judiciary & Labor

Establishes felonies for labor trafficking, offense for nonpayment of wages, and offense of unlawful conduct with respect to documents. [HB 141 Labor Trafficking](#)

Eliminates statute of limitations for lawsuits by victims of sexual offenses who were minors when offense was committed. [SB 217 Sexual Offenses Against Minors](#)

Toughens law on promoting prostitution. Expands offense of prostitution to include patrons. Makes habitual solicitation a felony, applicable to patrons. In determining whether to fund or provide witness security and protection, gives greatest priority to cases involving promoting prostitution. [HB 240 Promoting Prostitution; Witness Security and Protection](#)

Killing or trying to kill another person’s pet animal constitutes first degree animal cruelty. [SB 1068 Animal Cruelty](#)

Establishes offense of cruelty to animals by fighting dogs. [SB 1069 Crimes; Dog Fighting; Animal Cruelty](#)

Increases maximum monetary amount for small claims court. [HB 1333 Small Claims Court; Monetary Limit](#)

Requires person convicted of criminal property damage to remove graffiti within 250 yards of the offense if property owner consents and removal does not endanger person or others nor inconvenience public. [HB 555 Graffiti](#)

To see all the bills that passed this Legislative session, go to www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session2011.

Scroll down to “2011 Regular Session Bills Introduced, Passed, and Vetoed,” and click on “Measures Passed Legislature.”

Confirmations

(L-R) Sabrina McKenna, Hawaii State Supreme Court – Bruce Coppa (Comptroller, Accountings & General Services), Jodie Maesaka-Hirata (Director, Public Safety), Darryll Wong (Adjutant General, Civil Defense) – Board of Education



Honorees

(L-R) – 165th Anniversary of State Sheriffs – “Hawaii 5-0” 1st anniversary - the late Frenchy De Soto - Medal of Honor ceremony – 100 Years of Naval Aviation – Lt. Gen. Benjamin Mixon



Schools

(L-R, top to bottom) Waipahu Intermediate Olelo team – Keoneula Elementary 5th graders – Ewa Elementary 5th graders – James Campbell AVID teachers – Teen Pact students - Waipahu High

