



# Senator Kurt Fevella

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Senate District 20:

'Ewa Beach, Ocean Pointe,  
'Ewa by Gentry, Iroquois  
Point, and portion of  
'Ewa Villages

Aloha Family and Friends,

At this time, I would like to share with you some updates that have happened in our community and a few upcoming events for your information. July has been filled with legislative activities, public gatherings, and preparations for our keiki returning back to school. With everything happening in our community, we continue to remain dedicated to you and the people of Hawai'i. There have been requests made to our office relating to some developments, safety, and transportation. Please know that we are pursuing every issue that matters to the development of the 'Ewa district and Hawai'i. Mahalo for contacting our office and continuing to remain cognizant of your surroundings. My staff and I are committed to making our community a safe and a better place to live in. Mahalo nui for continuing to support me and our community. Take care and God bless.

Sincerely,

## Honolulu City Council - Committee on Public Safety July 19, 2023 - "Ewa Beach Sewers, Section 4"

Resolution 23-165 relates to the construction of a sanitary sewerage system in the 'Ewa district. The Department of Environmental Services concluded that such a system (to be known as the "Ewa Beach Sewers, Section 4") is necessary to supply sewer service to the substantially large area as the 'Ewa district is presently being sewerred by private cesspools and to adhere to Act 125 (Session Laws of Hawai'i 2017), which requires the conversion of all cesspools in Hawai'i to approved wastewater management systems before January 1, 2050.

The resolution was adopted and reported out of the committee on Public Safety. Certified copies are to be distributed to Mayor Rick Blangiardi and Director Roger Babcock of the Department of Environmental Services. The passage of the resolution requests the mayor to guide the director of the Department of Environmental Services to investigate and report to the Honolulu County Council preliminary data regarding the feasibility, necessity, and method suitable for the construction of the 'Ewa Beach Sewers, Section 4, sanitary sewers in the 'Ewa district and to include in this report such data, details, maps, plans, surveys, specifications and recommendations.

### Town Hall Meeting

Wednesday, August 16, 2023  
at 7:00 p.m.  
at Asing Community Park

Subject: Potential 'Ewa/'Ewa  
Beach Development & 'Ewa  
Beach Sewers

**The Council is meeting in the chamber on Wednesday, August 9, 2023, at 10 a.m. to decide on a slew of measures, including Resolution 23-165. Testimony is accepted now until Tuesday, August 8 at 10 a.m. Submit testimony [here](#) or visit the City Council's website. You may also attend in-person to testify. Your input is valuable and crucial to our community.**

To view the most up-to-date status on the above resolution, please visit: <https://hnlldoc.ehawaii.gov/hnlldoc/measure/2625>.





# In the Community

## Weed and Seed Hawai'i's 20th Anniversary of the Culinary Arts Summer Program



Photo Credit: Weed and Seed Hawai'i

*Students, families, and staff attended the appreciation luncheon at Campbell High School. Along with special guest, U.S. Attorney District of Hawai'i, Clare Connors.*

In the culinary program, students learned various methods of cooking from a master chef and made several decadent dishes that were showcased at the appreciation luncheon hosted by the chefs and students. This year also marks the 25th anniversary of Weed and Seed Hawai'i. Congratulations to Executive Director Gale Bracerros and staff, and all that have contributed to Weed and Seed Hawai'i and the Culinary Arts Summer Program! A special thanks and congratulations to all the students who have participated in this year's culinary program.

Weed and Seed's Site 3 ('Ewa-'Ewa Beach) ended its 20th Culinary Arts Summer Program on July 13, 2023. In 2003, "Investing in Youth" was initiated by Mayor Jeremy Harris and Chief of Police Lee Donahue. The culinary summer program was established to keep our high school students in school and involved in positive activities. Students learn employable and essential life skills while receiving nutritional sustenance.



Photo Credit: Weed and Seed Hawai'i

*Pictured above are the supporting agencies and departments with the students and chefs from the Culinary Arts Summer Program.*

## PŪLAMA OLA ("CHERISH LIFE") MEDICAL RESPITE KAUHALE

On July 24, 2023, the WAM committee visited Pūlama Ola. The 10-unit village was constructed by HomeAid Hawai'i and is operated by Project Vision Hawai'i (PVH) - providing staff to coordinate care, intake, and supervision. The PVH provided more than 400 showers and have had a total of fifteen intakes and five patient discharges. Although there are currently no vacancies at the kauhale, PVH continues to review referrals for admittance as space is available. PVH not only offers shower and restroom facilities, but also has a team seeking houseless individuals needing support services and medicine. PVH services four counties statewide: Hawai'i, Kaua'i, Maui, and Honolulu County - providing health and human services to our vulnerable populations.



*State senators gathered around for a briefing from the medical respite kauhale staff.*

## 'Imi Ola Piha ("To Seek One's Fullest Life") Homeless Triage Center

The Institute for Human Services, a local nonprofit, opened Hawai'i's first community-based detox facility-filling the gap in homeless services. The center has physicians and advanced practical nurses with expertise in addiction medicine, counselors, nurses, case managers, and volunteers to help with mental health and substance abuse care. Since opening its doors on June 5, 2023, the center received thirty referrals and sixteen admissions. The center aided in nine successful transitions and had five individuals that left against medical advice. Located in Honolulu, the center has eight beds to provide medical, mental health, and detox care for our chronically homeless. For more information, visit:

<https://ihshawaii.org/triage/>



*On July 24, following the Pūlama Ola site visit, the senators toured the homeless triage center.*





# Capitol Update

## The WAM Committee Site Visit to Maui and Moloka'i (July 26-28, 2023)

The Ways and Means committee visited seven sites on Maui and six sites on Moloka'i. The purpose of the visit was to perform a walk-through of the neighbor island projects, receive updates on current statuses and plans, and observe how the appropriations designated to each recipient was expended, in respect to the corresponding act. On Wednesday, July 26, the Kahului Airport was the first site on the senators' agenda. Acts 164 (2023) and Act 222 (2023) appropriated funds for the improvement of the Kahului Airport, including: special maintenance, soil remediation, and creating a state mileage-based road user charge. The members of the WAM committee also visited the following locations: (Maui) DOCARE Maui Branch Office, Maui Nui Venison, Civic Center Mixed-Use Development, University of Hawai'i Maui College-Healthcare System, Wailuku Elementary School for the Ready Keiki Initiative, Haggai Institute for the Early Learning and Teacher Housing, Kihei Information Center and Administrative Building, and Kulanihako'i High School; (Moloka'i) Moloka'i High School- Central Kitchen & Food and Product Innovation Center, Kalaupapa Airport, and Kalaupapa Settlement Administration Office.



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## The WAM Committee's Site visit to OCCC July 24, 2023

The committee on Ways and Means toured the O'ahu Community Correctional Center (OCCC) and was briefed on the status of its services, current conditions, and the future of OCCC, including the Laumaka Work Furlough Center and potential transit-oriented development. The Department of Public Safety (beginning January 1, 2024, the department shall be known as Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation) remains steadfast in its pursuit to improve working and living conditions, reduce overcrowding, expand mental health services, and secure funding for the updated master plan.

## LGO/LBT Joint Informational Briefing July 13, 2023

The Hawai'i Office of Community Services (OCS) and Department of Labor and Industrial Relations proposed a new state plan for the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Program before the House committee on Labor & Government Operations and Senate committee on Labor and Technology.

The CSBG is a federal program that provides funds for services and activities such as: housing, employment, and emergency assistance. The funds are administered by the OCS and is provided statewide by community action agencies located in each county.

The Honolulu Community Action Program has six district service centers in O'ahu - serving about twenty thousand people, annually. This includes Kumuhonua Transitional Living Center, located in Kalaeloa. Testifiers provided testimonies in support of their respective community action agency and expressed their gratitude for the assistance received at a time most needed.

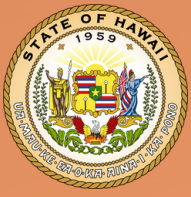
To view the informational briefing, click [here](#) or visit the House of Representative's Youtube page.

## SAG-AFTRA Rallied at Hawai'i State Capitol



On July 18, 2023, several people rallied at the capitol to raise awareness of the issues occurring in the film industry. The Hawai'i Screen Actors Guild - American Federation of Television and Radio Artists represent about 160,000 media professionals. The demand for higher wages - among other issues - were voiced across the nation and from our own people in Hawai'i.





# Important Dates & Contacts

## **'Ewa Neighborhood Board**

Thursday, August 10 at 7:00 p.m.

'Ewa Beach Public and School Library

Visit: <https://www.honolulu.gov/nco/boards.html> to access agendas, minutes, and more information on the Neighborhood Board.

## **Honolulu City Council Meeting**

Wednesday, August 9, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

City Council Chamber

Resolution 23-165 ("Ewa Beach Sewers, Section 4")

## **Senator Kurt Fevella's Town Hall**

Wednesday, August 16 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Asing Community Park

Subject: Potential 'Ewa/'Ewa Beach Development & Ewa Beach Sewers

## **Central Pacific Hurricane Season**

June 1-November 30, 2023



## **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

Transportation

808-587-2150