

Senator Kurt Fevella

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NEWSLETTER

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'Ewa by Gentry, Iroquois
Point, and portion of
'Ewa Villages

Aloha Family and Friends,

We have reached the fall season and have been ramping up our work in the community and at the Capitol in preparation for the legislative session of 2024. I would like to share exciting news and some events that have happened in our community and islands. As you look through this newsletter, you may notice that some words are hyperactive and are linked to an outside website. Whether you are viewing this newsletter electronically or as a hard copy, please feel free to visit these websites for more information than what is provided in the newsletter. You may also visit my legislator's page to view archived material, or directly access links.

Mahalo to all involved in showing your endless support to our neighboring islands and for expressing the spirit of aloha. Please continue to keep Lahaina in your thoughts and prayers, as well as others who are undergoing times of difficulty. As always, mahalo and God bless.

Sincerely,

Capitol Improvement Project Funding Released

On October 2, 2023, I received a letter from Governor Josh Green relating to one of my CIPs. Campbell High School received \$3,080,295 to finance the design and construction of its master planned facilities, including the athletic stadium.

Mahalo to Governor Green for releasing the CIP funding for our district school and congrats to Campbell High School for its continued efforts!



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KE KE'ENA O KE KIA'AINA

JOSH GREEN, M.D.
GOVERNOR
KE KIA'AINA

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The Honorable Kurt Fevella
The Senate
Thirty-Second State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 231
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Aloha Senator Fevella:

I am pleased to let you know that my administration has released funding for the following Capital Improvement Project (CIP):

Name: Campbell High School, Athletic Complex Improvements, O'ahu

Description: To finance design and construction for master planned facilities, including the athletic stadium.

Amount Released: \$3,080,295.00

Mahalo for your work on behalf of the residents of your district to secure these funds. Projects such as these are critical components of the public infrastructure and contribute to building a better home for our kūpuna, keiki, and all the residents of Hawai'i.

A list of released CIP will be emailed once a month.

By working together, we can solve the great challenges of our time, create a more sustainable Hawai'i, and establish the Hawaiian Islands as a place that future generations will choose to call home.

Mahalo,

Josh Green, M.D.
Governor, State of Hawai'i

TOWN HALL MEETING

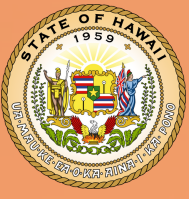
Wednesday, October 18, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Amvets West Oahu Veterans Center

Join us to discuss important issues relating to our community!

Topics:

- Pohakupuna Cluster Development
- Safety in schools
- Dry brush in Ewa Beach
- Ewa Estates cesspool conversion



In the Community



West side residents sign waving in the lot of Wai'anae Mall.

“Stop the Gun Violence” Sign Waving

Community members gathered at the Wai'anae Mall on October 6 & 9, 2023, to join in the rally of spreading awareness of gun violence. Stemming from the recent gun-related incidents occurring in the Wai'anae coast, residents sign waved in their community. Age ranging from keiki to kupuna, many attended to show their support by holding signs to increase awareness of gun violence for the safety of our keiki and ohana. I have also joined Representative Kila's quest to increase awareness of stopping fights in schools.

Town Hall at Amvets Center

On Wednesday, September 20, I hosted a town hall at the Amvets West Oahu Veterans Center. Discussions included issues concerning Kapilina residents: drainage problems, water quality issues, and security issues, among other concerns. Other topics brought up at the meeting involved city bus services potentially expanding from Ewa Beach into Kapilina, the status provided by DHHL of the construction at the Pacific Tsunami Warning Center, and Ewa Beach sewage. My next town hall will be on Wednesday evening, October 18 from seven to eight o'clock at Amvets Center.



Ewa Beach residents attended Sen. Fevella's town hall.



Sen. Fevella presented an honorary certificate to the McCaleb Foundation.

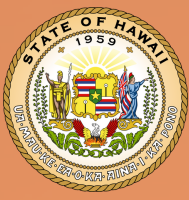
McCaleb Foundation Hosts “Together We Shine”

The non-profit organization, McCaleb Foundation, hosts an annual event, “Together We Shine,” that spotlights individuals diagnosed with cancer in fashion shows with the goal to encourage and empower despite having a chronic illness. The founder, Gloreylen McCaleb, was diagnosed with Polymyositis, a chronic illness that affects the muscles. Ms. McCaleb began the foundation to help support others also affected by similar illnesses and has since dedicated her life. On September 22, my staff and I attended the fundraising event. Proceeds were donated to the American Cancer Society and other non-profit organizations.

Pohakupuna Cluster Development Meeting at the Ewa Beach Library

On September 21 at the Ewa Beach Public Library, Jinshi Development held a public scoping meeting to garner community input. In addition to attending the meeting, I also submitted written comments based on their Environmental Impact Statement Publication. In my letter to the developer, I noted five things about the project. The environmetnal statement did not include a description on existing flooding conditions, how to improve existing conditions, and specifics of the drainage culvert. I also suggested the traffic monitoring report to be done at peak times, and to reduce the density of the project from 21 units in half.





Capitol Update

Communications to Governor to Delay the Opening of Lahaina



The Senate
Ka 'Aha Kenekeo

STATE CAPITOL
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September 20, 2023

The Honorable Josh Green, M.D., Governor
State of Hawaii Executive Chambers
Hawaii State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Aloha Governor Green,

Subject: Opposition to West Maui Reopening

I am writing to you to echo the voices of my Ohana in Lāhainā and the Lāhui regarding reopening of West Maui. Due to the tragic loss of life as a result of the August 8 wildfires, our community is in a state of extreme grief and loss. Families are still searching for their loved ones, and many are struggling to find a proper resting place for those who have unfortunately departed. The wounds are fresh, and the healing process is ongoing.

Considering these circumstances, I strongly urge you to reconsider your decision to open West Maui to tourism October 8. Our Ohana needs time to grieve, to find solace, and to support one another during this difficult period. Attached is a picture of a family of tourists taking pictures in Lāhainā amongst the burnt lands, highlighting the insensitivity visitors may have when visiting the scene of the wildfires. Although tourism plays an essential role in our local economy, the needs of our residents need to be prioritized. Currently, West Maui also lacks the necessary infrastructure to safely care for our own people, let alone visitors.

I also wish to bring to your attention a petition that has garnered over 5,000 signatures from residents and concerned individuals who are in opposition to the immediate reopening of West Maui to tourism. This widespread opposition reflects the deep-seated concerns among our Ohana regarding the current situation. It is clear that 5,000 other individuals share the same sentiment as I do, and we can all agree that we need to prioritize the needs of our residents and allow them time to heal from this tragedy.

I respectfully request your consideration of this petition and your support in ensuring that the well-being of our Ohana remain our top priority. Your leadership in this matter would provide immense relief and solace to our community during these times. Thank you for your attention to this matter and I look forward to seeing a favorable outcome.

Sincerely,

Kurt Favelle
Senator Kurt Favelle
State of Hawai'i, District 20

Over the course of weeks, many people have been reaching out to Lahaina residents to extend assistance and consolation. Governor Green announced that the West Maui will be opening on October 8 for visitors. In the letter I sent to the governor (and the Ewa Neighborhood Board), I explained reasons as to why the opening of West Maui should be delayed.



People rallying in the rotunda of the Hawai'i State Capitol.

“Our community is in a state of extreme grief and loss. Families are still searching for their loved ones, and many are struggling to find a proper resting place for those who have unfortunately departed. The wounds are fresh, and the healing process is ongoing. Considering these circumstances, I strongly urge you to reconsider your decision to open West Maui to tourism October 8.” On Friday, October 6, 2023, individuals gathered at the Hawai'i State Capitol to protest on the re-opening of West Maui. Click [here](#) to view the online article published by KITV news.

Board of Education Meeting: Maui Wildfire Updates



West Maui Distance Learning Hub at Citizen Church

Photo courtesy of Board of Education

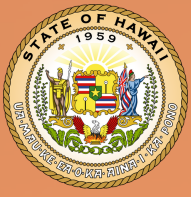
On September 21, the Board of Education (BOE) provided an update on the Maui wildfires impacts to the Dept. of Education community. The BOE reported that they are providing DOE employees and students with mental health support, both in-person and online. As of September 18, DOE has achieved contact with 97% of the student population and are still trying to achieve active contact with the remaining 3% through various methods. They are still making the appropriate preparations to open the Lāhainā Complex for school attendance, which includes ensuring water, air, and soil quality for student safety.

The Defueling of Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility Begins on October 16

The Department of Health (DOH) conditionally approved the Joint Task Force-Red Hill's plan to defuel the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility (RHBFSF) on October 10, 2023. The defueling of RHBFSF begins on Monday, October 16. A DOH staffer will be on-site to oversee the defueling process. About a hundred and four million gallons of stored fuel will be defueled and removed. The first tanker has already arrived at Pearl Harbor to start the defueling process. This process will take about three months to complete. Click [here](#) to visit the DOH's website for more information.



Photo courtesy of Hawaii News Now



Important Dates & Contacts

'Ewa Neighborhood Board

Thursday, October 12 at 7:00 p.m.

'Ewa Beach Public and School Library

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



Domestic Violence Awareness Month Sign Waving

Friday, October 20 at 3-4:00 p.m.

Hawai'i State Capitol

Hosted by: Hawaii State Coalition Against Domestic Violence

Bring a sign and wear purple!

Halloween Trick or Treat

Saturday, October 21 at 5-8:00 p.m.

Ewa Beach Shopping Center Parking Lot

Hosted by: Ewa Beach Lions Club

Senator Kurt Fevella's Town Hall

Wednesday, October 18 at 7:00 p.m.

Amvets West Oahu Veteran Center

5001 Iroquois Avenue

Ewa Beach, HI 96706



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