



# Senator Kurt Fevella

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

Aloha Family and Friends,



We are now at the end of the year, and the festive season is right around the corner! Many of us may already be in vacation mode, preparing for our end of year Christmas and New Years parties. However, for us at the legislature, we are busy with preparing legislation for the 2024 legislative session, and ensuring that the bills we introduce will help our community. Some of our new bills being introduced this year include legislation to increase protections against our healthcare workers, amidst rising violence rates in our communities.

This holiday season, I hope everyone continues to stay safe, and to remember that using Fireworks without a permit is illegal, and pose significant harm to our Kupuna. May you all have a safe and HAPPY HOLIDAYS! Aloha and God bless, always.

Sincerely,

*Kurt Fevella*



## Community Update with 'Ōlelo Community Media at Waipahu Intermediate School November 6, 2023

I recently had the opportunity to receive an invite to record a special program with 'Ōlelo to speak out about concerns with increasing violence on the west side. With me, I have Mana Olayan, a prominent community leader in Ewa Beach. We share the same concerns in that this isn't uniquely a West Side problem, and that it could easily spread to other communities. Before this happens, we discuss various ways

in which we can prevent crime in our communities at its root, including the role of HPD. As I mentioned in the community update, "We have to let the community, community leaders, and city officials know that HPD is not there to enforce, but to serve and protect"



WIS Student and Teacher with Mana (left) and Senator Fevella (right)



Mana and Senator Fevella with 'Ōlelo media staff (upper left and right) with Jay

## Ewa Makai Cheer off and TOTY Certificate November 22, 2023

I would like to recognize and congratulate Ariel Villanueva for the prestigious Teacher of the Year award. For the past 26 years he has inspired students to embrace the world of Industrial Engineering and Technology. You nurtured their potential through your innovative ideas in the classroom, leadership in the SkillsUSA Club, and the Robotics team. You had a positive impact on our future leaders, fellow teachers and the surrounding community. I look forward to witnessing the continued impact of your teaching excellence, and congratulations on the award!



Ariel Viillanueva(left), Senator Fevella(right)



# In the Community

## Ewa Beach Lions Club - Christmas Party for Children with Special Needs

December 4, 2023

The Ewa Beach Lions Club hosted a Christmas party for special needs children attending the various Ewa Beach Elementary schools. This is an annual event held to provide kids with special needs a personal moment with Santa and provide a safe space to celebrate the holidays. More than 300 students attended the event, making it a huge success.



Senator Fevella as Santa Claus



Volunteers with Senator Fevella

Students had various arts and crafts activities, picture taking with Santa, and light refreshments. Of course, this event could not have been possible without the help of numerous volunteers, including but not limited to, Makana o Ke Akua, JCHS Students, and Lions Club Volunteers. We hope that the students had a great time, and we look forward to seeing everyone at our next event!

## Adult Friends for Youth

November 24, 2023



From L-R: Lieutenant Governor Sylvia Luke, Senator Donovan Dela Cruz, Senator Kurt Fevella, T. George Paris, Senator Michelle Kidani, Council Member Tommy Waters.

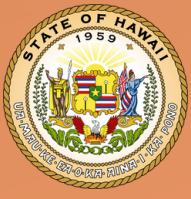
On November 24th, Senator Fevella and Senator Kidani co-sponsored a certificate to present to Adult Friends for Youth Lifetime Achievement Awardee T. George Paris. For most of his life, T. George Paris has consistently contributed to his community, including feeding the homeless annually, supporting community health initiatives during the pandemic, and contributing to the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Namely, he founded the T. George Paris and Violet "Sunday" Paris Foundation with his late wife, and also served as foster parents to over 100 children. Senator Fevella has always honored individuals who have made significant contributions to their community, and T. George Paris is one of many. Congratulations on being awarded the Lifetime Achievement and Mahalo for your work!

## Ewa Beach Lions Club Ewa Beach Christmas Parade

December 16, 2023

The Ewa Beach Lions Club Ewa Beach Christmas Parade was held on December 16, 2023 from 10am to 11:30 along a two mile route through North Road, Fort Weaver, Kuhina st., Hanakahi st., coming full circle again to North Road. Senator Fevella and the Lions Club passed out approximately 2000lbs of candy, and a Santa to greet parade goers. This year had a great turnout, with almost twice the amount of walkers and vehicles present! We thank everyone who volunteered their time and efforts to make this parade possible, and we hope to see everyone again next year.





# Capitol Update

## UH Community College Site Visit

November 27, 2023

On Monday, November 27, the Senate Ways and Means (WAM) Committee visited three of the UH Community colleges to learn more about their programs. They visited the Kapiolani, Honolulu, and Leeward campuses. At KCC, the Senators learned more about their culinary program and their pathways with HIDOE schools. At HCC, the Senators discussed security officers for the campus and the status of various/deferred maintenance. Lastly, they went to LCC to discuss the new Wahiawā Value-Added Product Development Center, their timeline for opening, and what their curriculum would look like. Senator Fevella particularly enjoys these site visits to get a better understanding of the projects the WAM committee provides funding to, and gain more insight on how these help students.



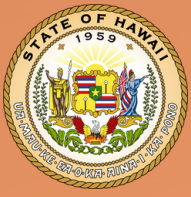
From left to right, WAM Committee members at KCC, LCC, and HCC

## Ewa Elementary School Capitol Tour

December 21, 2023

Right before their winter break, Ewa Elementary School's third graders came to take a tour of the Hawaii State Capitol. With more than 100 students in attendance, we took them on a tour of the Senate Gallery, the Lieutenant Governor's Office, and my office. On the Rotunda (street) level, we gave them a brief history of the Father Damien and Queen Liliuokalani statue, and the meaning of the blue tile mosaic in the center of the Capitol. Many of the students seemed to have enjoyed the tour, as they were actively engaging with us and asking many questions. We were glad to have hosted them, and many thanks to Lieutenant Governor Luke for personally hosting us!





# Important Dates & Contacts

## **'Ewa Neighborhood Board**

In recess for the month of December

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

## **2024 Legislative Session**

January 17 - May 3

## **32nd Legislature Opening Day**

January 17, 2024

## **Christmas Day**

Monday, December 25

*Hope you had a Merry Christmas!*

## **New Year**

Monday, January 1

*Hope everyone has a Happy New Year!*

## **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