



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,

We have ended our legislative session for 2024! As you look through this newsletter, I have highlighted a few bills and several illustrations of what occurred near the end of session. Exciting events happened in our community and I was proud to participate and partake in several celebrations. I appreciate the involvement of our school faculty, parents, and members of our community in investing in our keiki and advancing 'Ewa Beach.

MAHALO NUI to our community members and stakeholders for another legislative session. I would also like to take this opportunity to mahalo my colleague, Senator Maile Shimabukuro, for her years of service to the people of Hawai'i and a hui hou.



Mahalo and God bless,

Kurt Fevella

Capitol Improvement Projects for Fiscal Year 2025



\$2,000,000

James Campbell High School received funding to design, construct, and equip an athletic complex that includes locker rooms under the bleachers, fitness and weight room, relocate play courts, ground site improvements, provide equipment and accessories, and alternatives, including concession stand, restroom, and visitors' bleachers.

Congratulations to Principal Lee, faculty, and our mighty Sabers!



\$750,000

Iroquois Point Elementary School received funding to plan, design, and construct the replacement of sewer systems and six-foot perimeter fencing for student safety, equipment, related-accessories, and land.

Congratulations to Principal Reed, faculty, and fellow Ali'i!



\$775,000

'Ewa Beach Elementary School received an appropriation to plan, design, and construct three portable buildings, refurbish G Building, and security fencing.

Congratulations to Principal Lin, faculty, and thriving Bees!



\$1,000,000

Holomua Elementary School received an appropriation to plan and design a new three-story classroom building.

Congratulations to Principal Bonilla, faculty, and courageous Voyagers!

District Appropriation from HB1800 (State Budget)

- Department of Defense was allocated \$1,430,900 for utilities at Kalaeloa.
- UH West O'ahu was restored \$1,620,000 from COVID and added two positions for early childhood education support.



In the Community

James Campbell High School's Showcase

May 2, 2024

The Saber Showcase recognizes and celebrates students and their accomplishments. Our students were awarded opportunities to continue postsecondary education/athletic programs to become innovative, career-driven, global citizens, and compassionate leaders. Seventy-four of our students were recognized for their profound athleticism and one hundred twenty students for their notable academics. Senate certificates were presented to each one on account of their hard work and dedication.



Honorees receiving their Senate certificate by Sen. Fevella.

Ewa Makai Middle School

May 16, 2024

Many of our outstanding students received the Gold Presidential Scholar award. This award is presented to students who portrays academic excellence and is a prime role model of student performance as a community contributor, complex thinker, effective communicator, ethical user of technology, self-directed learner, and quality producer.



Middle School scholars receiving their Senate certificate.

Ewa Beach Elementary - Aloha Song Festival

May 22, 2024

I was honored to attend the Ewa Beach Elementary's Aloha Song Fest this year. Each grade level performed a beautiful mele and concluded the festival with the entire school singing, "We are Family." Mahalo to Principal Lin, faculty, and students for a successful and musical event!



The students performing their piece before their parents, families, and guests.

Ilima Intermediate Graduation

May 29, 2024



Mahalo to Principal Shayne Greenland for inviting me to Ilima Intermediate's graduation! It was amazing to see the future students of Campbell, and the community celebrate with their 'ohana. Congratulations to the eighth grade class for their achievements and wish you all the best in your next journey in high school.



Ilima Intermediate 8th Grade Students standing for the School Song

James Campbell High School - Class of 2024

May 26, 2024

Congratulations to the Wolves of 2024! It was heartwarming to see each and every one of you walk across the stage and witness your achievements. This year, I also had the honor of meeting a few remarkable students in my office at the Capitol, and it was great to see you walking across the stage. Congratulations again to all of the seniors, and good luck in all of your future endeavors! Remember, once a Saber, always a Saber!





Capitol Update

“Sine Die” - Adjournment of the Legislative Session

May 3, 2024

The 32nd Hawai'i State Legislature concluded its order of business. On the last day of session, several speeches were made and many individuals were acknowledged. In summary, the Legislature passed 260 of the 2,871 bills introduced this session. With 47 bills already enacted, 213 pieces of legislation are still pending before the governor, as of June 3, 2024. Governor Green has until June 25 to inform the Legislature of his intent to veto and July 10 to sign bills into law, allow bills to become law without his signature, or veto. You may find more information on the Hawai'i State Legislature' website.

HB2404- Relating to Income Tax

	Current	Beginning after 12/31/2023	Beginning after 12/31/2025	Beginning after 12/31/2027	Beginning after 12/31/2029
Joint Return/ Surviving Souse	\$4,400	\$8,800	\$16,000	\$18,000	\$20,000
Head of Household	\$3,212	\$6,424	\$9,000	\$13,500	\$15,000
Single Individual	\$2,200	\$4,400	\$8,000	\$9,000	\$10,000
Married Individual Filing Separate	\$2,200	\$4,400	\$8,000	\$9,000	\$10,000

House Bill 2404 (Act 46) provides substantial tax relief by doubling the standard deduction for state taxpayers and adjusts income tax brackets upwards. Families preparing their 2024 taxes will immediately benefit by a significant boost to the family's disposable income- *it's not just a tax cut*. According to projections from the Hawai'i State Department of Taxation, the impact of HB2404, by 2031, a family of four earning Hawai'i's median household income of \$91,010 will see a 69% decrease in their income tax liability. This is equal to a \$19,925 tax savings over a span of seven years.

SB1035 - Relating to General Excise Taxes

An important step towards enhancing healthcare in our community passed this legislative session. Senate Bill 1035 (Act 47) eliminates the general excise tax amount on a hospital, infirmary, medical clinic, health care facility, or pharmacy, or a medical or dental service provider, for health care-related goods and services purchased under Medicare, Medicaid, and TRICARE. As a member of the Ways & Means committee, my colleagues and I collectively worked to improve universal accessibility and promote equity in our healthcare system.



End of Session

April 16: The Higher Education committee questioning Mr. Michael Miyahira, nominee for the University of Hawai'i's Board of Regents- confirmed later by the Senate on the floor.



April 26: Sen. Fevella and Ms. Michelle Comeau, District Court Judge of the First Circuit after the Senate confirmation.

May 3: Alanna Rollorta, top citizen scholar from JCHS and Sen. Fevella in the Senate chamber.



May 3: The Hawai'i State Senate adjourning on the last day of session on a "rising shaka."



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'Ewa Neighborhood Board

June 13 at 7 pm (Recess in May)

Ewa Beach Public and School Library
 and online (Webex)

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

Interim

May 6, 2024 - January 2025



Spread ALOHA
 Everyday

Sen. Kurt Fevella's Town Hall

Wednesday, June 19, 2024 @ 7 pm
Asing Community Park

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Mahalo, Fevella 'Ohana



Community Contacts

Emergency Services

Ambulance/Fire/Police: 911

State Emergency Management Division:
 808-733-4300

State Highway Safety Hotline:
 808-831-6714

Utilities

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

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

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

Hawaiian Telcom (customer care): 611

Community Concerns

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

Clean Stream Hotline: 808-768-7890

Damaged Sidewalks: 808-768-8159

Graffiti Hotline (HPD): 808-723-3475

Medicare Call Center: 800-633-4227

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

Potholes (City): 808-768-7777

Potholes (State): 808-536-7852

Public Trees: 808-971-7151

Social Security: 800-772-1213