



# Senator Kurt Fevella

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Newsletter



Senate District 20:  
'Ewa Beach, Ocean  
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Iroquois Point, and  
portion of  
'Ewa Villages

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Aloha Family and Friends,

Hopefully you all had a wonderful holiday season filled with joy and time spent with loved ones. Over the holiday season, we participated in several community events such as Thanksgiving hand outs. It was an honor to have the opportunity to spread positivity among our keiki. A new year brings a new legislative session, and using our voice to advocate for our community's needs.

To start the new year with good news, James Campbell High School just recently got the notice to proceed to start construction on our new bleachers and locker rooms! This is especially helpful to our student athletes, as they have been using old and run down facilities.

As we get deeper into the session, we are getting busier by the day. Please take the time to look through the newsletter to stay updated on events in the Capitol and in the Community!

Mahalo and God bless,

## Kaewai Elementary Makahiki November 27, 2024



It was a battle at Kaewai Elementary's Makahiki and it was a blessing to be a witness. It was a joy to see the students embrace this traditional Hawaiian festival, celebrating both culture and community through games, music, and hula. Watching the kids participate with so much enthusiasm reminded me of the importance of keeping our traditions alive through engaging our keiki. Not to mention, the first place winner went home with a turkey.



Sen. Fevella spectating a pa uma fight.

## Thanksgiving Hand Outs November 28, 2024



Sen. Fevella shaking hands with some of the recipients

With the help of the T. George and Violet Sunday Paris Foundation, we came together to share Zippy's Zip Pacs with those less fortunate in the Ewa Beach community for Thanksgiving. Beyond the food, it was an opportunity for me to learn about the concerns of our community. Thanksgiving is a time for gratitude and gathering. I appreciate all of the folks who made the time to speak with me!



# In the Community

## EBLC Childrens Christmas Party

December 9, 2024



*Elementary School Students share their art with Sen. Fevella*

Santa Fevella made his debut at the Ewa Beach Lions Club Childrens Christmas Party last month and it was a hit! A warm mahalo to all of the Ewa Beach elementary schools that took part to complete the event and make it memorable for the kids. For many of our special needs keiki, this Christmas party is one of the few times they get to take a picture and interact with Santa. The event was filled with Christmas activities and music, and allowed the keiki a venue to interact with other students. As community leaders, it is our responsibility to show keiki the value of being a steward to our community.



*James Campbell High School Volunteers pose with Santa Fevella*

## Ewa Beach Community Christmas Parade

December 14, 2024

The Ewa Beach community brought Christmas to the streets. As the name suggests, a huge mahalo to all of our Ewa Beach partners and organizations for participating, and showing off your festivity to the community. This truly could not have been done without everyone's cooperation - from HPD clearing traffic and keeping the parade safe to all the students from James Campbell High School for attending! We hope you and your families had fun seeing all of our guests. Turnout was incredible, so we are looking forward to hosting another one next year!



*Students from Campbell HS with our reindeer sleigh*

## Ewa Beach Elementary Tours the Capitol

December 16, 2024



*Sen. Fevella educating students his office*

It was an honor to host a recent tour of the State Capitol for the third grade class from Ewa Beach Elementary School. Introducing students to the legislative process at an early age is so important—it empowers them to be active and informed citizens in the future. We need to let our keiki know that they have the power to make the changes they want. For these students, the addition of ice cream and cookies into their lunch program as well as shorter Fridays was a priority. As we walked through the capitol, it was my mission to make it clear that this building was THEIR capitol - a place they should feel empowered in. I'm grateful to have had the chance to inspire these future leaders and look forward to more visits like this one!



# Capitol Update

## Working Families Caucus Meeting - January 3, 2024



Senator with members of the caucus at the meeting

On January 3rd, I convened with the Working Families Caucus to discuss the 2025 bill package. Included within this package were topics such as preschool access and family leave, SNAP access, free school meals, minimum wage, child tax credit, and worker protections. The programs discussed in the meeting are meant to help our working class combat the rising costs of living so that security is no longer an issue that is constantly creeping behind them. However, these organizations need advocacy from us - they cannot sustain their missions alone. This caucus meeting was just one step forward, but there is still work to be done for the foundation of our workforce.

## Committee On WAM Info Briefing: Hawaiian Affairs - January 6, 2024

To kick off the legislative hearings this year, the committee on Hawaiian Affairs presented their plans for the coming fiscal years. One of the most important points of discussion for myself was and will continue to be the development of Hawaiian lands for the benefit of the people and culture of Native Hawaiians. Plans aimed at bolstering Native Hawaiian education through schools and also through infrastructure were discussed. You can view the entire discussion on [YouTube](#).



Senators in session

## Committee on WAM Info Briefing: DCCA - January 6, 2024



During the Commerce and Consumer Protection hearing, questions regarding how residents and businesses will be affected by proposed revenue increases across several divisions such as Public Utilities and Wastewater Services were raised. At the same time, funding and implementation for towing regulation were brought up as well. My focus was on the lack of enforcement on housing maintenance that is especially plaguing our senior population on top of the increase to insurance policies for Hawaii condo association. You can view the entire discussion on [YouTube](#).

## Committee on WAM Info Briefing: AEN - January 7, 2024

Turning our eyes onto agriculture and environment, the crackdown on invasive species on our islands seems to require some more attention according to the Department of Agriculture. Many new positions were proposed for creation in order to combat this issue. The pressing issue for many senators was the execution of these biosecurity initiatives - what is the plan for an efficient system of enforcement and how we will utilize community outreach. You can view the entire hearing on [YouTube](#).



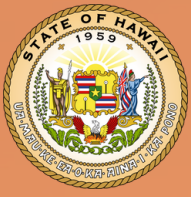
Jonathan Ho and Sharon Hurd from the HDOA

## Committee on EEP Info Briefing - January 7, 2024



Senator Gabbard making a comment during the session.

An information briefing was held with the Committee on Energy and Environmental Protection to discuss the new landfill site on Oahu. The City and County of Honolulu's Department of Environmental Services (ENS) is required to name a new landfill site by December 31, 2024. The issue raised concerns on our efforts towards waste conversion technologies - something that I am a personal advocate for. The negative effects the landfill will have on surrounding communities also needs to be clearly identified before the plan moves forward. You can view the entire hearing on [YouTube](#).



# Important Dates & Contacts

## **UH Spring 2025 Begins**

January 13, 2025

## **Public School Resumes**

January 7, 2025



## **Session Opening Day**

Wednesday, January 15

**SPREAD ALOHA Everyday**

## **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

City Dept. of Facility Maintenance

808-768-3343

Handi-Van Operations

808-456-5555

Dept. of Hawaiian Home Lands

808-620-9531

Dept. of Health

808-586-4400

Mental Health Hotline

DOH Hawaii CARES

808-832-3100 or

1-800-753-6879

Dept. of Labor & Industrial Relations

808-586-8844

Unemployment Insurance Claims

808-762-5751

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