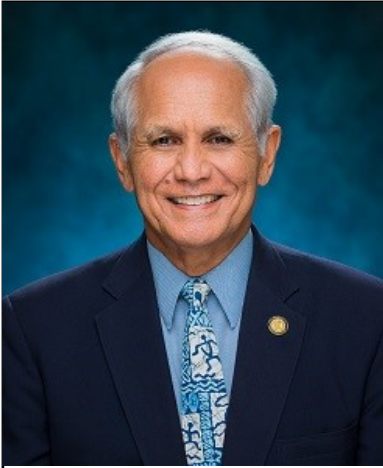


**The Senate**  
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# Senator Mike Gabbard

## *Legislative update...*



*Aloha e Friends,*

I was stoked to receive word from Governor Ige on September 27th that he had released \$76 million for the construction of Phase 1 of the new East Kapolei Middle School, which will be located behind Kroc Center in Kapolei. Phase 1 of the school will open in the fall 2020 for 400 students and will include one 18 classroom building, an administrative building, library, elective classrooms, and a parking lot. We'll need to secure an additional \$62 million in the upcoming 2018 legislative session to complete Phase 2 of the project. Phase 2 will include two additional 18 classroom buildings, PE facilities, and additional parking. The

completed school is planned for a 2021 opening for 1,050 middle school students. As always, please feel free to contact me at 586-6830 or email [sengabbard@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:sengabbard@capitol.hawaii.gov) if I can help you or your family in any way. You can also follow me on Twitter @senmikegabbard, Instagram @sengabbard, or Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/senmikegabbard>.

*Mike*

### Kapapahu Point Park

I submitted testimony in support of Resolution 17-230, which was given a hearing before the City Council's Parks, Community and Customer Services Committee on September 26th. Resolution 17-230 would rename West Loch Community Shoreline Park to *Kapapahu Point Park in Ewa Beach*. As the State Senator for the West Loch community, I commend the efforts of the non-profit, Hui O Ho'ohonua (HOH808), to restore this park and highlight the cultural significance of the Pu'uloa area. HOH808 officially adopted the park on May 10, 2017 and from



**Sen. Gabbard on a tour of Kapapahu Point Park—July 18, with Anthony Chance, Executive Director of Hui Hui O Ho'ohonua.**

September 2017 to August 2018 will be hosting community workdays there. Their goals include restoring three fish ponds and educating youth on Hawaiian traditions and the protection of the environment. By renaming Kapapahu Point Park, the City Council will be reestablishing the

#### KAPAPAHU POINT PARK WORKDAYS

OCTOBER 28TH 9AM – 12PM

NOVEMBER 2TH 9AM – 12PM

DECEMBER 16TH 9AM – 12PM

For more information, please contact the HOH808 Executive Director and Founder, Anthony Chance at 628-0937 or [hoh808info@gmail.com](mailto:hoh808info@gmail.com)

original name of the park and will be joining in the efforts of HOH808 and others to improve this valuable community resource. Resolution 17-230 will now head for a vote before the full City Council on October 11th. Please call 768-3813 for assistance in submitting testimony. *See box at left for the upcoming park workdays that you can participate in before the end of 2017.*

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#### DISTRICT 20

Kapolei, Makakilo and portions of Ewa, Kalaeloa and Waipahu

#### NEXT "LISTEN STORY"

My next "Listen Story" meeting will be Oct. 21st 9 a.m.—10:00 a.m. at the Kapolei High School Teachers' Lounge.

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## Kalaeloa Energy Corridor

It's been a long time coming, but I was very happy to learn that Hawai'i Community Development Authority issued the Notice to Proceed to Paul's Electric to begin the construction of the Kalaeloa Energy Corridor on September 15th. This means Paul's Electric will actually begin construction in the November/December range with completion by the end of 2018. Phase 1 will include the installation of a large duct line underground, which HECO will use to put in an electrical line that will greatly improve electrical power for Kalaeloa residents, businesses, the FBI, and National Guard. Phase 1 will go from Kapolei Parkway to Langley in Kalaeloa and Phase 2 will finish the project to the Kalaeloa Airport.

## E Ola Pono Ma Kapolei

### Coalition Community Work Day

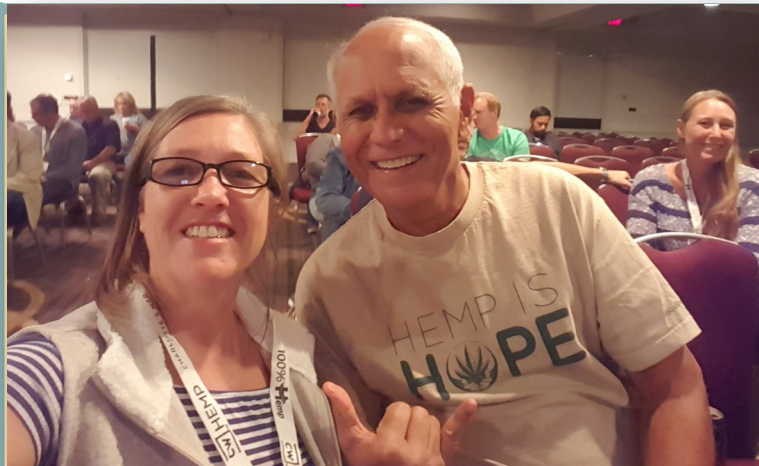
The E Ola Pono Ma Kapolei (EOPMK) Coalition is hosting a Community Work Day in Kapolei on October 7th from 8am to 11:30am. EOPMK's mission is to prevent and reduce substance abuse in Kapolei. Those who are interested should meet at Kapolei High School to check-in at 8am that morning. Site area clean-up will start at 9am and there will be a free lunch at 11:30am. For more information, please email

[info@ponokapolei.org](mailto:info@ponokapolei.org).

## State Highway Project Status Now Available Online

The state Department of Transportation (DOT) is now making state highway project status data available publically on the DOT website. Available data includes the schedule, scope, and estimated cost for all current state projects as well as all projects planned to begin construction in the next two years. The data is open to the public and is accessible through the DOT website: [State Highway Project Status](#).

Users can view project information by selecting the lines along roads on the map or by selecting "View a PDF list of Projects by Area" in the map legend. Users may also toggle between current construction projects and planned future construction using the tabs "Current Construction" and "Future Projects." The search feature represented by the magnifying glass symbol allows users to search for projects by entering any part of a project name. Questions or comments on the map may be sent to [DOTPAO@hawaii.gov](mailto:DOTPAO@hawaii.gov).



Sen. Gabbard attended the Hemp Industries Association (HIA) 24th annual conference in Lexington, KY, Sept. 9-11, and met with several folks, including Morris Beagle, Founder and President Colorado Hemp Company, We Are for Better Alternatives, LLC; and Margaret Mackenzie, Owner and Founder Salt Creek Hemp Co (on the right). Sen. Gabbard also met with Kim Phillips (pictured) who has a hemp farm in Montana.

## Equifax Data Breach

As you have seen in the news, Equifax, one of the three consumer credit reporting agencies, announced on September 7<sup>th</sup> that they had suffered a data breach affecting 143 million Americans. Compromised data includes social security numbers, driver's license numbers, names, dates of birth, credit card numbers, and addresses.

Local residents are at risk of being victims of identity theft. The state Office of Consumer Protection (OCP) is investigating the data breach and has recommendations on how you can protect yourself.

Equifax has created a website, [equifaxsecurity2017.com](http://equifaxsecurity2017.com), which will allow you to find out whether or not your personal information was affected by the breach. OCP is also recommending that consumers seriously consider placing a credit freeze on your credit reports at all three credit reporting agencies: TransUnion, Experian, and Equifax. OCP urges you to take advantage of Equifax's offer of one year of free credit monitoring that you can access here:

[equifaxsecurity2017.com/enroll](http://equifaxsecurity2017.com/enroll). If you have questions regarding the Equifax data breach, please contact them at 866-447-7559.

## North Korea Nuclear Threat Briefing

Vern Miyagi, the Administrator of the Hawai'i Emergency Management Agency, led a briefing at the State Capitol on September 15th on the nuclear threat that our state faces from North Korea. Here are some of the major points from the briefing that I wanted to share with the community:

- ◆ Approximate warning time for nuclear strike from North Korea is 15 minutes
- ◆ The likely target would be Hickam/Pearl Harbor
- ◆ There are no designated fallout shelters and no evacuation plans for Hawai'i
- ◆ Hawaii has protection from US anti-ballistic missile defense systems located in California and in Alaska
- ◆ North Korea has a 100 kiloton nuclear weapon and has proven through its missile tests that it can hit Guam
- ◆ The missile blast would likely take out electrical system, telecommunications, and computers
- ◆ There will be a Wailing Tone Attack Warning which will direct people to seek shelter immediately
- ◆ There will also be warnings on TV, radio, and smart phones via a pre-scripted message about PACOM detecting a missile threat to Hawai'i
- ◆ If there's a missile attack, residents should get inside, stay inside, and stay tuned (go to middle of house and stay away from windows)
- ◆ They are working on a Nuclear Preparedness Guide and will provide info on the Emergency Management Agency website



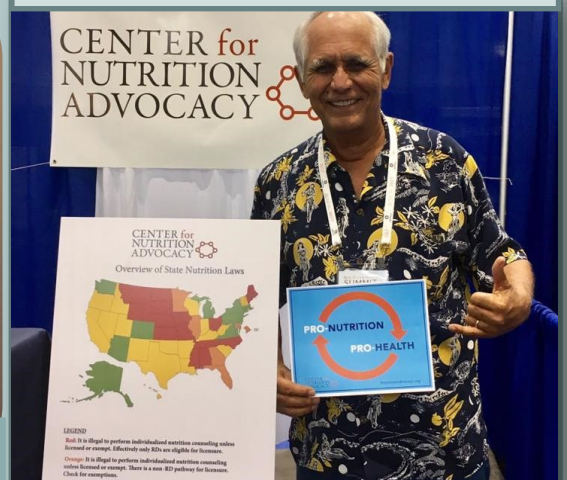
Sen. Gabbard met Senator Kevin de Leon, California Senate President pro Tempore at The Plaza Club - Downtown Honolulu on Aug. 17, who was here to speak about California's efforts on renewable energy, climate change, and economic resiliency.



Sen. Gabbard at Veg Fest Sept 2, 2017 with Congresswoman Tulsi Gabbard, at the Healthy Hawai'i Coalition (HCC) booth. HCC is a non-profit educational organization that the Senator and his daughter formed in 1996.



Sen. Gabbard met with the Billy Graham Crusade group on Aug. 17 in his office. (L to R: Michael "Bong" Abagon, State Coord., Billy Graham Evangelistic Assoc. (BGEA); Dallas Anderson, Regional Mgr., BGEA; Sen. Gabbard; and Don Buenconsejo, Deacon First Baptist Church of Wahiawa.)



Sen. Gabbard at the Nutrition Advocacy Booth during the NCSL Legislative Summit on Aug. 6.

## UH West O'ahu Scholarship Celebration Luncheon

I participated in the UH West O'ahu (UHWO) Scholarship Celebration Luncheon on September 1st. In 1976, the first permanently endowed scholarship was created at the UH Foundation to benefit students attending UH. Since then, providing access to higher education through private gifts has become a tradition. Today, the foundation manages more than 1,650 scholarship accounts. Last year, the UH Foundation distributed more than \$20 million in student



L-R: Amber O'Leary, Dallas Pollard-Brownell, Jamie Alabanza, Lehua Gould, Lei'ala Okuda, and Korie Maeno. Also pictured are Dr. Maenette Benham, UHWO Chancellor and Donna Vuchinich, CEO UH Foundation.

aid to students at all ten UH Campuses. UH students who receive scholarships don't always get a chance to meet the people or the representatives of the companies and organizations that fund their scholarships. So the UH Foundation started an annual tradition—the UH Manoa and UH System Scholarship Celebration. This year was the first time this tradition was celebrated on the UHWO campus. During the event, I presented the following students with Honorary Certificates from the State Senate: Amber O'Leary – Regent Scholar; Dallas Pollard-Brownell – Chancellor Scholarship; Jamie Alabanza – Chancellor Scholarship; Kelley Marie Lehua Gould – Chancellor Scholarship; Korie Maeno Lei'ala Okuda – Chancellor Scholarship; Lei'ala Okuda – Chancellor Scholarship; Leiana Marie Alejado – Chancellor Scholarship; and Kaitlin Kau – Chancellor Scholarship.

## KUNIA VILLAGE HOUSING BLESSING



I presented Honorary Certificates from the State Senate to the Rural Community Assistance Corporation (RCAC) and the Hawai'i Agriculture Research Center (HARC) at the Blessing and Open House for the Kunia Village Housing project August 31st.

In the 1940's Del Monte cultivated and processed pineapple on 6,000 acres in the Kunia region while employing hundreds of workers. Del Monte provided worker plantation-style housing as well as warehouses, administrative facilities, and buildings for processing pineapple. There was a significant impact to our island community when Del Monte announced the closure of its operations and departure from the islands in 2008.

The historically important plantation housing fell into disrepair. To encourage continued agricultural activity in Hawai'i and support the successful livelihood of farm workers, Kunia Village Housing Partners has opened the doors to Kunia Village. Kunia Village's eighty-two new and renovated historical units of affordable rental homes are dedicated to agricultural workers and to preserving the rural lifestyle in perpetuity. With the opening of Kunia Village, the farm working families who will occupy the homes will pay only 30% of their income for rent. This exciting project was created through the vision of RCAC and HARC.



L-R: "Kahu Kordell" Kekoa; Blake Vance, Pres. of Kunia Village Dev. Corp.; Marc Alexander, Mayor's asst.; Sen. Gabbard; David Robichaux, Pres. of Kunia Village; Connie Eligio, retiree; Stephanie "Stevie" Whalen, Ex. Dir. HARC.

These entities formed development subsidiaries that entered into a limited partnership with an investment organization which owns the project. Financing was made possible by Hawai'i Housing Finance and Development Corporation Low Income Housing Tax Credit program and by USDA's Farm Labor Housing and loan guarantee programs. Kunia Village's single family homes contain two, three, and four bedrooms. The architectural design of the new and renovated homes will be consistent with the historical character of the Village. Thirty-seven of the homes are new construction and forty-five are original homes that have been completely renovated. Kunia Village residents will enjoy comfortable and convenient features such as an on-site manager and U.S. Post Office, Kunia Farmers Market, community gym, community room with kitchen, an indoor basketball/volleyball court, and kids' play structure.