

Memories From Session



Representative Evans visits with the staff of Hawai'i Wildlife Center in Kapa'au.



Mayor Kim, Representative Evans and Gerald DeMello sitting on the bench at the State Capitol.



ARC of Kona visiting the Hawai'i State Legislature.



The Legislature recognizes all county Ocean Safety Divisions and Ocean Safety Officers.



Pohakuloa Training Command visiting and briefing the Hawai'i Island Legislators.

Aloha:

This session brought about changes and progress on important issues. However, we did not finish many initiatives that were started. Next year we will pick up where we left off and hopefully reach agreement on oversight and notification of pesticide use, dying with dignity, support for caregivers, and funding of rail in Honolulu.

Check out the capital improvement (CIP) funds and grants-in-aid included in this year's budget (next page). These CIP projects will provide much needed infrastructure and support our economy. The list is not complete. Each department has been given funds to work on renovations, repair, and maintenance.

In our district we are seeing growth and consequently more traffic on our roads. In this issue you will find on page 6, a report on transportation benefiting our district. The budget passed out this year includes funds for the west side extension of Daniel K. Inouye Highway. The east extension is anticipated to be completed by October.

Our office is here to assist you when working with state government. We have helped many people this year and encourage you to call when you have concerns, questions, or comments.

Mahalo to those who got involved by sending in testimony or contacted legislators by email or phone to express your support or opposition to legislation. It does make a difference.

Have a wonderful summer and drive defensively. Too many accidents on our roads.

Regards,
Cindy Evans



2017 Legislative Staff (L-R):
Joana, Rhonda, Representative Cindy Evans, Terii & Kehau

Medical Aid in Dying

SB1129, a bill relating to Medical Aid in Dying, also known as Death with Dignity was held in the House Health Committee. Although it did not pass, we anticipate this topic will be discussed next year. Which of the following statements do you agree with?

- _____ I support Medical Aid in Dying with no safeguards.
- _____ I support Medical Aid in Dying with safeguards.
- _____ No, I do not support Medical Aid in Dying.
- _____ Undecided.

Funding Public Education

The funding of public education has been a topic of discussion for many years. Our public education system is lacking the appropriate funds to provide teachers and students with the proper learning equipment and facilities. Which of the following would you support to generate revenue for our public education system?

- _____ Lottery
- _____ Legalizing marijuana
- _____ Toll roads
- _____ Increasing property taxes on second homes
- _____ Other (please explain) _____

**Please call, email or mail in your response.
Your opinion matters.**

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District 7 Capital Improvement Projects

PROJECT	FY2018	FY2019
Pu'u Pulehu Reservoir Improvements	\$300,000	-
Waimea Irrigation System Improvements	\$150,000	-
West Hawai'i Veterans Center	\$850,000	-
Honoka'a High School (Covered Walkways)	\$1,500,000	-
Kealakehe High School (All-weather Synthetic Track)	\$650,000	\$2,950,000
Kohala High School (Gymnasium)	\$1,000,000	-
Kohala Middle School (Playcourt/assembly area)	\$700,000	\$2,900,000
Kawaihae North & South Boat Harbor (Paving and drainage improvements)	\$1,100,000	-
Kona International Airport at Keahole Improvements	\$3,426,000	\$11,375,00
Upolu Airport Improvements	\$25,000	\$1,000,000
Akoni Pule Highway—Pololu Valley side of A'amakao Gulch	-	\$3,000,000
Daniel K. Inouye Highway	\$89,000,000	-
Kawaihae Road (Truck ramp)	\$500,000	\$1,500,000
Kawaihae Road (Waiakea Stream Bridge)	\$3,750,000	\$2,200,000
Kailapa Community Association (Community Resource Center)	\$500,000	-
Waimea Nui Community Development Corporation	\$800,000	-
Habitat for Humanity West Hawai'i	\$100,000	-
Hawai'i Community College Palamanui Campus	\$700,000	-
Hamakua Health Center, Inc.	\$800,000	-
Lai'o'pua 2020	\$500,000	-

Grants for District 7 Organizations

Grant means an award of state funds by the legislature, by an appropriation to a specific recipient, to support the activities of the recipient and permit the community to benefit from those activities.

The organizations from District 7 who were awarded grants are:

APPLICANT	TYPE OF GRANT & PURPOSE	AWARDED
Big Island Mediation, Inc DBA: West Hawai'i Mediation Center	OPERATING: Seeking to offer a Kupuna Mediation and Conflict Resolution Service Program to Hawai'i Island low-income seniors (60+ years) and the family care-givers who support them.	\$50,000
Five Mountains Hawai'i Dba: Kipuka o ke Ola	OPERATING: Expansion and diversification of primary care and mental health services to the underserved population of Hawai'i Island	\$300,000
Ka Ahahui O Ka Nahelehele	OPERATING: Providing seed viability testing capabilities to help ensure sustainable Hawai'i Island Native Dry Forest and Agriculture	\$30,000
Waikoloa Dry Forest Initiative Inc.	OPERATING: Operational and project support for outreach and educational programs that promote understanding and stewardship of some of Hawai'i's rarest forest and species and teach a broad community of adults and children about the correlation between healthy ecosystems and healthy people.	\$50,000

2017 Legislature Wrap-up

Key Legislative Bills Highlighted.

Go to www.capitol.hawaii.gov to view all bills.

AGRICULTURE

HB2—Authorizes tiny homes of less than 500 square feet for farm workers in agricultural districts in a county with a population of more than 180,000 but less than 250,000. County council may adopt ordinances for the oversight of tiny homes as defined in this act.

HB453—Requires the Department of Agriculture to provide grants to farmers to assist them in paying for the costs of compliance with the FDA Food Safety Modernization Act, FDA regulations, and state food safety laws.

COMMUNITY ISSUES

HB83—Requires the Hawai'i Interagency Council on Homelessness, in conjunction with and with the advisement of the Dept of Human Services and Dept of Land and Natural Resources, to establish a working group to examine and develop recommendations related to the establishment of safe zones for persons experiencing homelessness. Requires the working group to submit a report to the Legislature.

HB213—Permits an employee to take family leave in order to care for the employee's sibling with a serious health condition. Specifies notice and certification requirements.

HB451—Reduces the minimum Hawaiian blood quantum requirement of certain successors to lessees of Hawaiian home lands from one-quarter to one thirty-second.

HB606—Authorizes the counties, through their employees or authorized agents, to enter private property to control or eradicate invasive species and pests.



EDUCATION

HB847—Establishes the Innovation and Commercialization Initiative Program to expressly give the University of Hawai'i the legal authority to create, promote, and participate in new economic enterprises and expand workforce opportunities based on inventions and discoveries generated

by or at the University. Repeals on June 30, 2021.

ENERGY

HB794—Establishes the University of Hawai'i (UH) Green Special Fund to support energy efficiency, renewable energy, and sustainability projects and services, and planning, design, and implementation of sustainability projects for UH's benefit. Requires UH to submit an annual report to the Legislature.

FINANCE

HB209—Establishes a state earned income tax credit. Changes income tax rates after 12/31/17. Repeals the sunset date for amendments made to the refundable food/excise tax credit by Act 223, SLH2015.

HEALTH

HB561—Requires dentists who administer anesthesia or sedation to post contact information to verify licensure and authorization to administer anesthesia and sedation. Specifies requirements, including inspections, for written authorization or permit to administer anesthesia or sedation.

KEIKI

HB674—Requires all child care providers to obtain and maintain liability insurance as a condition of licensure, temporary permission, or registration and disclosure of insurance-related information to certain parents or guardians.

HB1099—Brings the State into compliance with the federal Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act of 2015 and the federal Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act of 2010. Amends the definition of "child abuse or neglect" to include sex trafficking or severe forms of trafficking in persons. Clarifies that records and information contained in child abuse and neglect reports that are expunged from the State's central registry may be retained by the Dept of Human Services solely for future risk and safety assessment purposes.

Public Access Room (PAR)

Get involved in your State Government

In 1990, the Hawai'i State Legislature established the PAR to provide the public with necessary resources for participation in the legislative process. It's the first stop for Hawai'i's citizens when working with the Legislature, whether from home, office or at the Capitol. To learn more on how PAR can help you, please contact them at:



Phone: **808-587-0478**

Email: par@capitol.hawaii.gov

Or go to their website at:
LRBhawaii.org/PAR

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Above: Representative Evans interviewed Keanu Young, Director of Public Access Room, and Kat Brady, Community Activist, to discuss the legislative process. To watch interview, go to: http://olelo.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=30&clip_id=59595

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KUPUNA

HB607—Authorizes the Executive Office on Aging to establish the Kupuna Caregivers Program to assist community members in obtaining care for elders while remaining in the workforce. Clarifies the kupuna service and support options provided by area agencies on aging within the program.

HB615—Appropriates funds for the Healthy Aging Partnership Program to



Rep Evans with Karim Eid, an exchange student from Pakistan studying on Hawai'i Island.

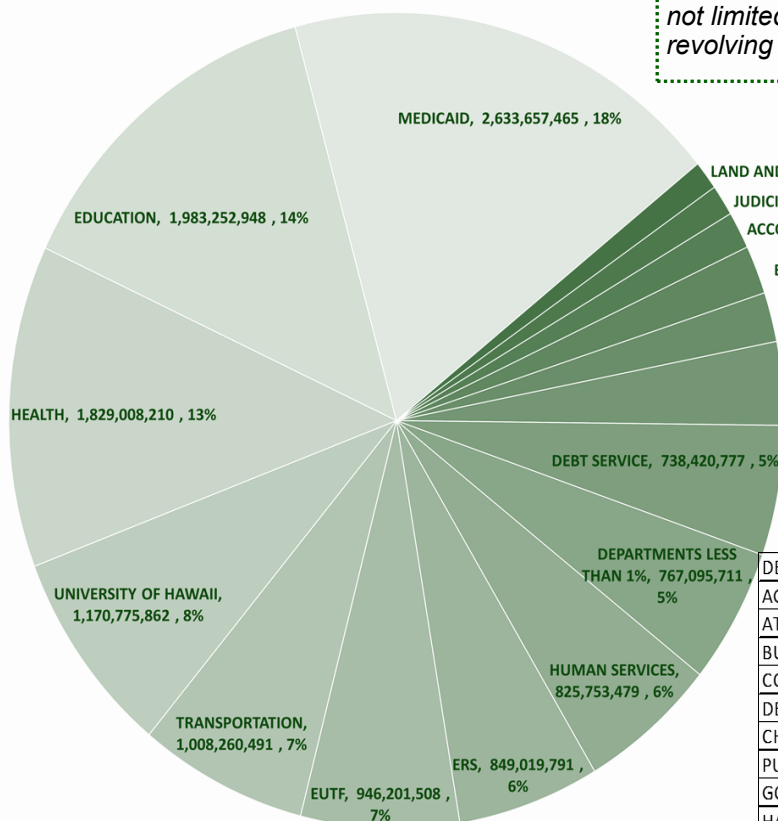
further the program's important role in improving the health and well-being of Hawaii's kupuna.

HB1396—Authorizes the Dept of Health, working in consultation with the Dept of Human Services, to allow two private-pay individuals to be cared for in the same community care foster family home after consideration of specified relevant factors.

\$\$ BUDGET \$\$

This session the Legislature passed a State Budget (HB100) that appropriates \$14.1 billion in total operating funds for fiscal year 2018 and \$14.3 billion for fiscal year 2019. The budget includes \$2.9 billion for critical capital improvement projects in every county across the state. More than \$30 million is designated in the budget for grants-in-aid for nonprofit organizations who reach out to the community with invaluable services. State Government Fiscal 18 covers the time period of July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018.

FY 2018
ALL MEANS OF FINANCING



Pie Chart: All means of finance are all funding mechanisms that the Legislature can pull money from to fund the State budget. All means of finance include but not limited to general funds, special funds, revolving funds, federal funds, etc.

DEPARTMENT	AMOUNT	%
AGRICULTURE	53,986,832	0.38%
ATTORNEY GENERAL	103,647,780	0.72%
BUDGET AND FINANCE	102,668,111	0.72%
COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS	82,281,351	0.57%
DEFENSE	134,062,823	0.94%
CHARTER SCHOOLS	89,055,156	0.62%
PUBLIC LIBRARIES	40,690,912	0.28%
GOVERNOR	3,462,635	0.02%
HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS	57,004,500	0.40%
HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT	25,289,778	0.18%
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR	1,061,626	0.01%
SUBSIDIES TO HOSPITALS	942,000	0.01%
TAXATION	28,365,869	0.20%
LEGISLATURE	35,108,755	0.24%
OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS	9,467,583	0.07%

Transportation Updates

Kohala Mountain Road (Route 250)

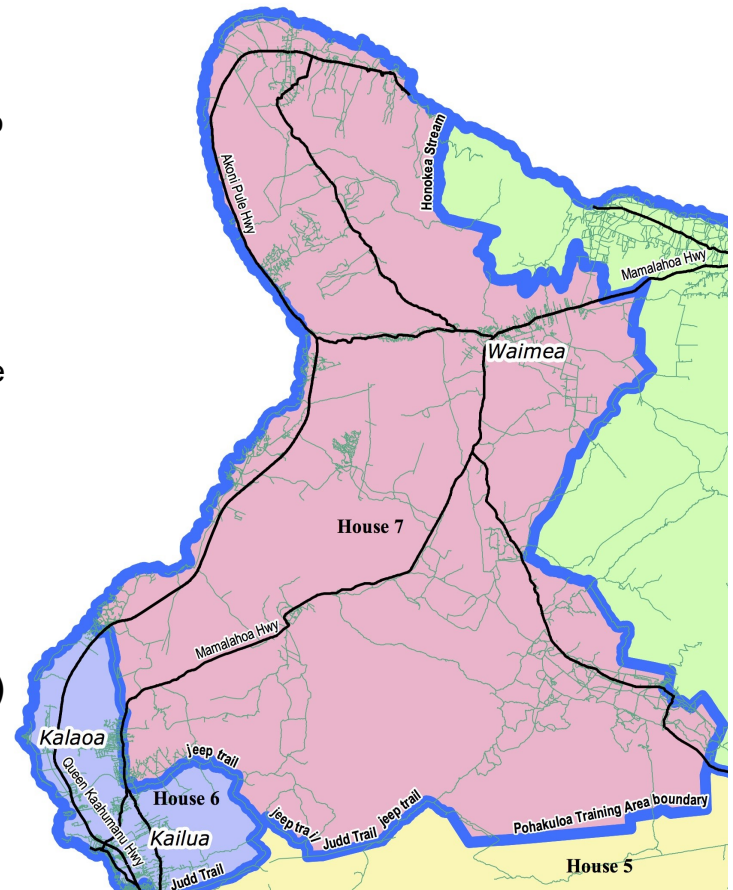
- Kawaihae Uka Bridge, located between the 9 & 10 mile marker is a narrow bridge. Request to evaluate design standards was submitted to DOT.

Kawaihae Road (Route 19)

- The truck ramp is being designed by a consultant.
- The Department of Transportation is having an environmental impact statement (EIS) done for the Kawaihae Mini Bypass Road.
- Much needed safety improvements, such as striping and the placing of reflectors are being scheduled.
- An environmental assessment process for the replacement of Waiaka Bridge is being scheduled.

Queen Ka'ahumanu Highway (Route 19)

- Purchase of right of way, at Queen Ka'ahumanu and Kawaihae Road is being negotiated.
- The traffic light at the Maunalani Resort is currently in the planning stages
- Phase 2 of the Queen Ka'ahumanu Widening project started on Jan. 31, 2017.
- The Preliminary Rights-of-way for the Daniel K. Inouye Hwy (Rte 200) Extension between Mamalahoa Hwy (Rte 190) and Queen Ka'ahumanu Hwy (Rte 19) have been requested.



Akoni Pule Highway (Route 270)

- Safety improvements, such as striping, reflectors and cleaning the edges, will take place from Kapa'au to Po-lolu Valley lookout.
- Realignment and Widening at A'amakao Gulch, near Makapala, is being scheduled.

Mamalahoa Highway (Route 190)

- Drainage Improvements near Pu'uwa'awa'a Ranch Road has started.

Saddle Road Extension South Kohala

- Draft Environmental Impact Statement released for public review
- Improve general efficiency and operational level of traffic movement between East and West Hawai'i.
- Support special traffic needs, including commercial truck traffic and military traffic between Kawaihae and Pohakuloa Training Area (PTA).
- Improve safety for all users.



Always Be Prepared

In Hawai'i, it's important to be prepared for any disaster including tsunamis, hurricanes, earthquakes & wildfires. One of the most important steps to take in disaster preparedness is to have a plan. By knowing what to do, you can help your family handle disasters with less worry and fear. Hurricane season runs from June 1st until November 30th.

Emergency Supply Checklist:

- Water: one gallon of water per person per day for at least 3 days, for drinking and sanitation.
- Food: at least a three-day supply of non-perishable food.
- Battery-powered or hand-crank radio and extra batteries.
- Flashlight and extra batteries.
- First Aid kit.
- Whistle to signal for help.
- Dust mask, to help filter contaminated air & plastic sheeting and duct tape to shelter-in-place.
- Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation.
- Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities.
- Can and bottle opener.
- Prescription medications & glasses.
- Infant formula and diapers.
- Pet food and extra water for your pets.
- Sleeping bag/warm blankets and pillow.
- Complete change of clothes.
- Matches in waterproof container.
- Feminine supplies and personal hygiene items.
- Cash and/or pre-paid credit card.
- Important family documents (copies of insurance policies, identification & bank account records in waterproof, portable container).



*Congratulations Graduates.
Good luck
and safe travels!*

Invasive Species Hotlines

Rapid Ohi'a Death

Dr. J.B. Friday (808)969-8254
Dr. Flint Hughes (808)854-2617

Fire Ants

Dr. Cas Vandervoude (808)969-9289
Or (808)315-5656

Coqui Frogs

Waimea (808)919-1094
North Kohala (808)889-5775

Rat Lungworm

Dr. Sue Jarvi (808)933-2909

Final Step For A Bill To Become A Law

If the bill is sent to the Governor on or before April 18th, then..

~If the Governor Signs the bill within 10 days, the bill becomes law.

~If the Governor neither signs nor vetoes the bill within 10 days, the bill becomes law without the Governors signature.

~If the Governor vetoes the bill within 10 days, the bill does not become law unless the Legislature reconsiders the bill before sine die and overrides the veto by 2/3 vote of all members in each chamber.

If the bill is sent to the Governor after April 18th then...

~If the Governor signs the bill by July 11th (the 45th day after sine die), the bill becomes law.

~If the Governor neither signs nor vetoes the bill by July 11th, the bill becomes law without the Governor's signature.

~If the Governor intends to veto the bill, the Legislature must be informed by June 26th and deliver the veto by July 11th.

The Legislature must convene in special session at or before noon on July 11th to act upon the Governor's veto. To weigh in on these bills go to <http://governor.hawaii.gov/contact-us>



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