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Dear Friends,

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for allowing me to serve as your Representative for the 49th District encompassing the mauka side of Kaneohe, as well as Maunawili and Olomana. I also want to give you a summary of this year's legislative session, highlighting some of the bills I either sponsored or supported that may be of interest to you.

This session I was again part of leadership as Majority Whip and as such, I supported the goals of the House Majority aimed at crafting a fiscally sound budget while addressing the state priorities such as homelessness, affordable housing, prison overcrowding, alternative energy, diversified agriculture, and air-conditioning for our public schools. In addition, we succeeded in licensing medical marijuana dispensaries and prepaying \$81 million in health care benefits for future state retirees.

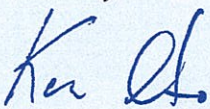
As Chair of the Committee on Veterans and Military and International Affairs and Culture and the Arts, I supported legislation that benefits our military and their dependents. In the cultural arena, I'm happy to report that the UH theater and dance programs will receive funds to continue producing its award-winning programs in Asian theatre.

In regards to community-related issues, I continue to work on resolving long-standing problems of illegal parking, trespassing and vandalism affecting several of our popular hiking trails. Discussions continue with HRT, landowners of Royal Hawaiian Golf Course, the city Department of Permitting and Planning and the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) to find an appropriate parking site for Maunawili Falls Trail. Currently, DLNR is requesting the release of \$200,000 for the proposed parking lot. I have also contacted the city Department of Construction and Design to clarify ownership of Luana Hills Road, which leads to the golf course and where hikers often park.

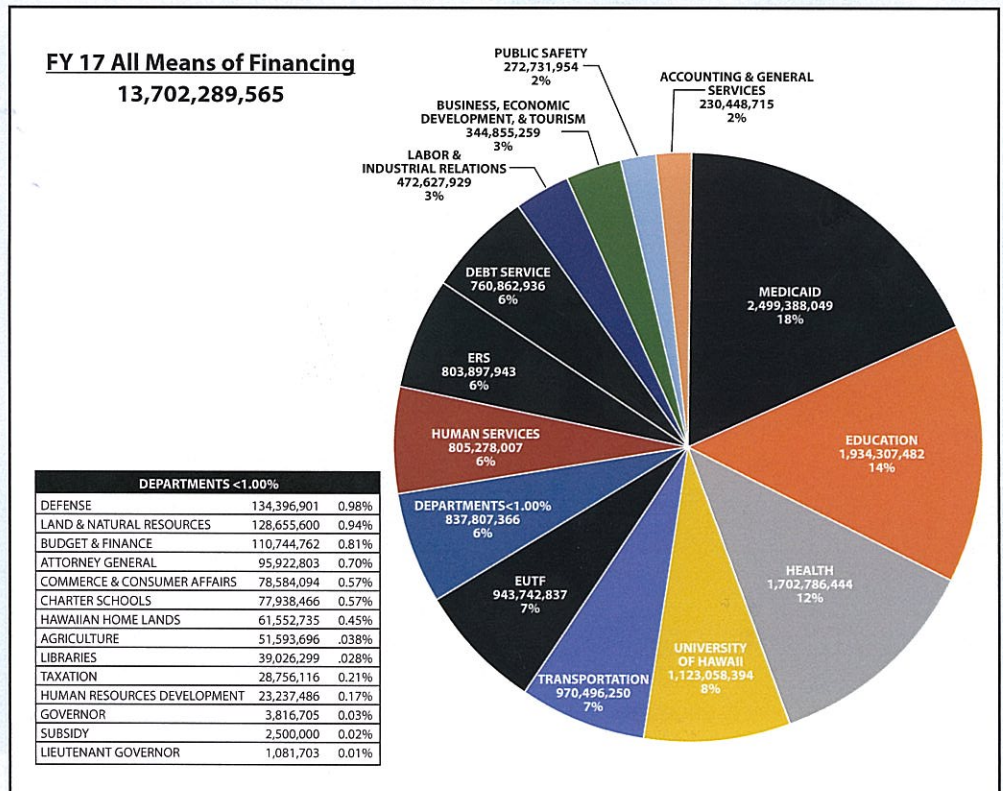
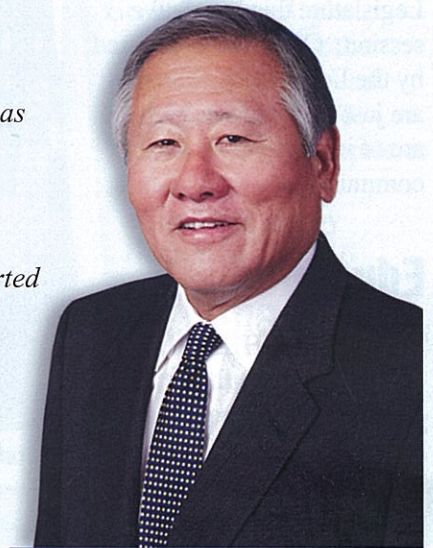
Featured in this newsletter are highlights of the 2016 Legislative Session, including CIP appropriations for our district.

As always, please don't hesitate to contact me through e-mail at repito@capitol.hawaii.gov or at 586-8470 with any of your concerns or ideas. Your participation is key to drafting legislation that reflects the needs of our communities.

Sincerely,



Rep. Ken Ito
49th District - Kaneohe
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Out of the over 1,000 bills introduced a few hundred were passed by the Legislature this legislative session. Of those bills passed by the Legislature, following are just a few which I felt are of importance to our community.

Education

SB3126 SD2 HD2 CD1 – Relating to Public Education: Appropriates \$100 million for air conditioning, heat abatement, and related energy efficiency measures at public schools.



Maunawili Elementary students receive legislative lessons at Capitol.

incorporates additional concussion protocol program requirements. Appropriates funds to develop and implement the concussion monitoring and education program for school athletics and youth athletic activities, administer concussion testing to high school student athletes, and implement a concussion awareness program for youth athletics.

Housing

SB2833 SD2 HD2 CD1 – Relating to The Low-income Housing Tax Credit: Increases funding for affordable rental housing development by making the State Low-income Housing Tax Credit more valuable. Reduces State Tax Credit period from ten to five years.

Public Safety

HB2772 HD1 SD2 CD1 - Relating to the University of Hawaii: Requires UH to train employees and students on

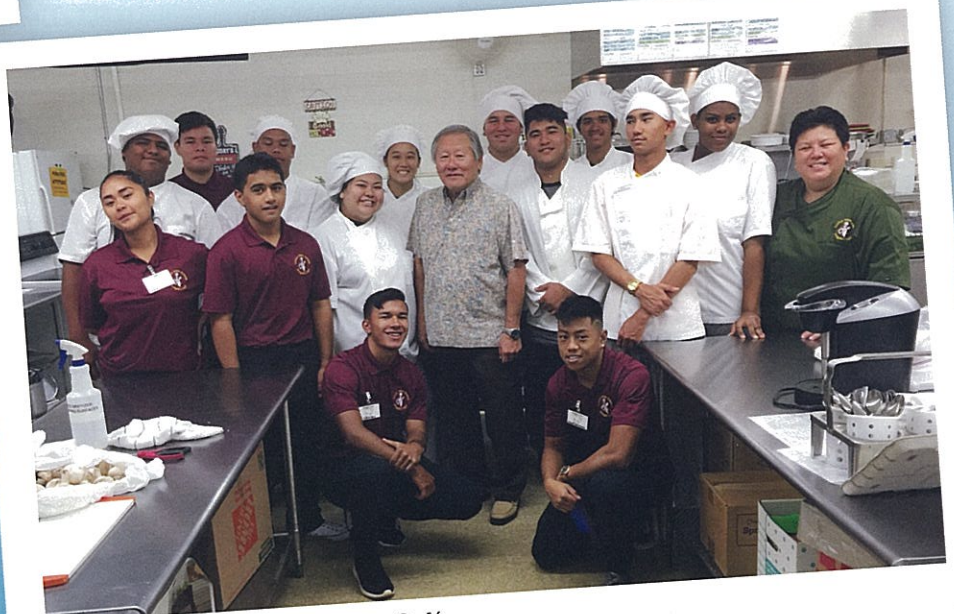


Visit to Maunawili Elementary with Principal Christine Udarbe and VP Jill LaBoy.

HB2267 HD1 SD1 CD1 – Relating to Technology in Schools: Defines curricular materials to include both printed and digital material. Clarifies that moneys for curricular materials can be used for digital format.

Health

SB2557 SD2 HD1 CD1 – Relating to Concussions: Expands the concussion education program established under Act 197, Session Laws of 2012, and

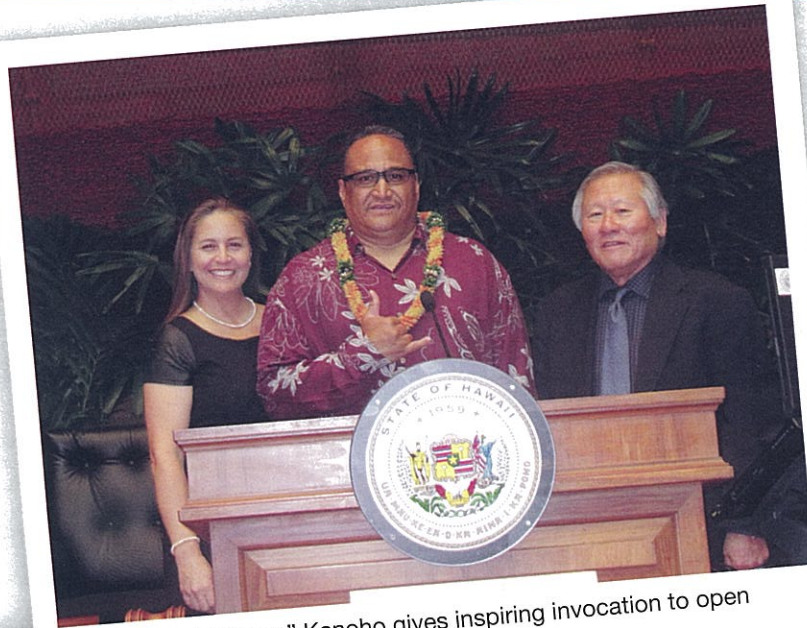


Castle High School's – Knight's Café.



State Teacher of the Year – 2016 – Stephanie Mew, Kapunahala Elementary.

sexual harassment, sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking policies, appoint a confidential advocate at each campus, designate all faculty members as responsible employees under Title IX, enter into MOU's with county police departments regarding reporting of sexual



Officer Alfred "Sonny" Kanoho gives inspiring invocation to open legislative session.

to the Legislature on the number of untested sexual assault evidence collection kits being stored, plans and procedures for the disposition of new and untested kits, related information. Appropriates funds for testing of at least 500 kits by December 31, 2016.

Kupuna

SB2384 SD1 HD1 CD1 – Relating to Licensing Inspection:

Requires the Department of Health to conduct unannounced visits and

inspections, including inspections for relicensing and recertification, for certain state-licensed or state-certified care facilities beginning on July 1, 2019, and unannounced inspections for license renewals for medical marijuana production centers and dispensaries beginning July 1, 2016.



Jonathan Gillentine shadows Rep. Ito in session.

assault cases to police, and conduct a campus climate survey, and submit reports to the legislature.

HB1907 HD2 SD2 CD1 – Relating to Sexual Assault:

Requires all law enforcement agencies and departments charged with maintenance, storage, and

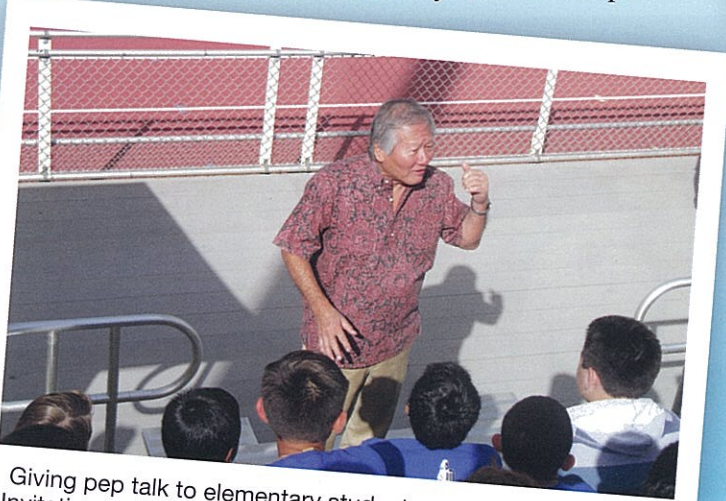
preservation of sexual assault evidence collection kits to conduct an inventory of all stored kits and report to the Attorney General. Requires the Department of the Attorney General to report

Agriculture

HB1689 HD2 SD2 CD1 – Relating to Taxation:

Establishes an organic food production tax credit applicable to taxable years beginning after 12/31/2016.

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Giving pep talk to elementary students at Complex Area Invitational Track Meet.



Noboru Kawamoto, Kaneohe resident and proponent of HB600-allows elderly couples to stay together in senior care facilities.

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Transportation

SB2618 SD1 HD2 CD1 – Relating to Transportation:

Requires the Department of Transportation to conduct a feasibility study of establishing an interisland and intra-island ferry system.

HB2049 HD2 SD2 CD1 – Relating to Transportation:

Establishes the roads commission to make recommendations on the ownership of private roads. Adds roads, alleys, streets, ways, lanes, bikeways, and bridges to the list of public highways or public trails that can be dedicated or condemned. Appropriate funds for the repair and maintenance of specific roads.



Sports Hall of Fame Inductee, Brian Clay.

Energy

SB2652 SD2 HD2 CD1 – Relating to Taxation:

Establishes a 5-year renewable fuels production tax credit applicable to taxable years beginning after 12/31/2016. Repeals the ethanol facility tax credit.

Military and Veteran Affairs

HB1807 HD2 SD1 CD1 – Relating to Military Service:

Authorizes reserve and national guard members to receive paid military leave while on inactive-duty training.

HB2489 SD1 CD1 – Relating to the Department of Defense:

Appropriates funds for the establishment of a veterans' services counselor IV position within the Office of Veterans' Services to assist all veterans, with a primary focus on female veterans and \$200,000 for the Vietnam veterans' fiftieth anniversary commemoration.

HCR129 – Designating June 27, 2016, as "Post-Traumatic Stress



Rep. Ito celebrating the Spirit of 45, the end of World War II.



Korean war veterans testify at hearings.

Awareness Day” to encourage all public, private, and military service providers to continue educating service members and veterans and their families, victims of abuse, crimes, and natural disasters, and the general public about the causes, symptoms, and treatment for post-traumatic stress injuries.

Taxes

SB3084 SD1 HD2 CD1 – Relating to Cesspools: Amends the cesspool upgrade, conversion, or connection income tax credit by making it available for cesspools within a tax map key area in which more than one residence is connected to a large-capacity cesspool.



Kailua High School's opening of new science building.

Consumer Protection

HB1578 HD2 SD1 CD1 – Relating to Theft: Establishes the offense of theft of urn as a class C felony. Requires scrap dealers to follow the same requirements regarding a

written statement for the purchase of an urn as they do for the purchase of copper or a beer keg.



Presentation of funds to Veterans Center.



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49th District Capital Improvement Projects 2015 – 2016 Legislative Wrap-up

This past legislative session, working with Senator Jill Tokuda, Chair – Senate Committee on Ways and Means, we were able to secure funding for many Capital-Improvement-Projects in Kaneohe.

EDUCATION	2015	2016
James B. Castle High School		
<i>Construction for the expansion of the cafeteria</i>		\$4,117,000
<i>Design and construction for classroom to support digital media/video productions</i>	\$150,000	
Heeia Elementary School		
<i>Design and construction for fire lane access to rear of school</i>		\$300,000
Kaneohe Elementary School		
<i>Design, construction and equipment for net zero modular classroom</i>	\$541,000	
Kapunahala Elementary School		
<i>Design, construction and equipment for two portable classrooms</i>	\$400,000	

ROADWAYS

Kahekili Highway		
<i>Land acquisition and design for highway widening and other improvements to provide corridor capacity and operational improvements from Likelike Highway to Kamehameha Highway. This project deemed necessary to qualify for federal aid financing and/or reimbursement</i>	\$4,250,000	\$200,000

	2015	2016
Keaahala Road Widening		
<i>Land acquisition, design and construction for the widening of Keaahala Road from Kahekili Highway to Pookela Street</i>	\$1,150,000	\$3,000,000
Castle Hills Access Road Improvements		
<i>Land acquisition, design and construction for the widening of Castle Hills Access Road (Pookela Street) from Keaahala Road to Kupohu Street</i>	\$1,100,000	\$3,000,000

Other Capital Improvement Projects

Hawaii State Hospital		
<i>Design and construction for a patient care facility</i>	\$160,517,000	
<i>Design and construction for improvements to Hawaii State Hospital</i>	\$1,332,000	
Windward Health Center		
<i>Design and construction for re-roofing</i>		\$1,565,000
Kawainui Environmental Restoration		
<i>Design and construction of environmental cleanup, wildlife habitat restoration, and management facility enhancements</i>	\$1,500,000	\$1,200,000