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Having just completed my 6th legislative session at the State Capitol, I'm filled with the satisfaction of accomplishing so much for both Kaua'i and the State. This newsletter highlights our successes and allows me to keep in touch with you, my constituents in House District 16.

It was a rough start prior to the legislative session, due to a diagnosis of thyroid cancer in November 2015. However, under the excellent care of Wilcox physicians and staff, I was able to return to work in time for the session opening. Thankfully, surgery and treatment were successful. What amazes me most is how technology and medicine have made possible our survival of many illnesses. We must be appreciative of everyone who is committed to the professions of science, health care, human services, education, agriculture and public safety.

On the issue of funding, KVMH and Mahelona Medical Center have received more funding and continue to work as efficiently as possible. Waimea Canyon Middle School will receive additional funding to construct a covered play court similar to Kapa'a and Chiefess Kamakahelei middle schools. In addition, the Pe'ekaua'i Ditch (Menehune Ditch) will also receive funding for repairs, as well as funding for improvements to our Hanapepe Veteran's Cemetery Pavilion. Also, an additional \$500,000 has been

added to the Department of Agriculture's budget for pesticide regulation. Details of some of these projects are highlighted in the newsletter.

I was pleased to have been a part of the team to secure pre-school funding of \$10 million for early education for many more of our keiki in Hawai'i. Addressing our dire homeless situation, we were able to infuse \$12 million to help the homeless population obtain outreach services, shelter and ultimately permanent housing with wrap-around services. And most importantly, our schools will be funded for heat abatement, so our children will not need to suffer in hot classrooms.

There were, however, bills that did not make it. For example, the pilot project for free tuition at Kaua'i Community College did not pass, but the conversation has begun about the possibility of it becoming a reality in the future.

I look forward to meeting many of you in the community and encourage you to reach out and share your views, opinions and concerns with me. All of you are the eyes and ears of our community and I need you to help me to help you. We can all contribute to making our lives happier, healthier and safer.



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HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

I have learned a lot and have become more comfortable as Chair of the House Human Services Committee. Having completed my second session as chair, my overall knowledge of the State Human Services Department have expanded tremendously as myself and my committee members met and deliberated the issues facing the State and the department.

As bills progressed into the final days of the session, the process and responsibilities of the Conference Committees I convened as co-chair have made me more aware of the need and importance of human services related programs and services. Below are some of the bills that have passed as a result of Conference Committee negotiations.

HB 900, HD2, SD1, CD1 Relating to Medical Assistance Fraud

Provides that a person commits medical assistance fraud if the person knowingly makes or causes to be made a false statement or representation of a material fact relative to the medical assistance program. Clarifies that fraudulently applying for or renewing medical assistance benefits is a class C felony and specifies the restitution amount chargeable for a violation. Applies extended statute of limitations for felonies involving fraud or deception to medical assistance fraud.

HB1585, HD2, SD1, CD1 Relating to Guardianship

Prohibits guardians of an adult ward from restricting the ward's right to communicate, unless it is deemed by the guardian to pose a risk to the safety or well-being of the ward.

HB 1907, 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 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, and related information. Appropriates funds for testing of at least 500 kits by December 31, 2016.

HB2343, HD2, SD1, CD1

Brings state law into alignment with changes to the federal Child Care and Development Block Grant, P.L. 113-186. Requires DHS to conduct background checks, including sex offender registry checks, on household members and all employees of child care facilities and providers that are licensed or registered by or receive subsidies from the State, to set health and safety standards, and enforce requirements.

SB 2559, HD1, SD1, CD1 Relating to Homelessness

Establishes minimum requirements for emergency shelters. Requires homeless shelter stipends to be paid for achievement of performance measures. Repeals the automatic annual adjustment of homeless shelter stipend amounts. Revises existing provisions on the establishment and collection of shelter and service payments from homeless families and individuals. Requires homeless service provider agencies to submit a financial audit to the Department of Human Services at least annually.



House colleagues with Congressman K. Mark Takai, member of the U.S. House of Representatives.



Capitol Flu Shot Drive! Sponsored by the Human Services Committee, Health Committee (Chair Della Au Belatti pictured) and Representatives from HMSA.



During a House Floor Presentation, I had the privilege of introducing the Kruse 'Ohana during National Donate Life Month, honoring their late daughter, Lokelani Martha Yoshimi Kruse. Lokelani gave new life because of her organ donation.

The Budget – HB 1700, CD1

Each year, the Legislature is tasked with working on the State Budget. It is a very difficult task to undertake, as each state department requires funding to carry out their operations and responsibilities. In addition, funding for Capital Improvements Projects (CIPs) are becoming more limited due to the state's financial situation. However, I was fortunate to secure meaningful CIP funding for District 16. My commitment to working towards a better quality of life for the residents on Kaua'i has always remained in the forefront of my duties as a legislator. Below are Capital Improvement Projects (CIPs) for the 16th District only.

District 16 Capital Improvement Projects approved by the 2016 Legislature

Waimea Canyon Middle School FY17 \$1,390,000

Design and construction for installation of an outdoor covered play court, ground and site improvements; equipment and appurtenances. \$1,500,000 was appropriated in FY16. These additional funds are needed due to higher construction costs for materials, etc.

Kaua'i Veterans Cemetery in Hanapepe FY17 \$700,000

Construction for improvements for structural, electrical and architectural repairs for the communal hall.

Pe'ekaua'i Ditch Maintenance FY17 \$200,000

Construction for ditch maintenance at Pe'ekaua'i Ditch (Menehune Ditch).

Kekaha Irrigation System, Kaua'i FY 17 \$5,000,000

Construction for upgrades and improvements to the Kekaha Irrigation System.

Kaumuali'i Highway Bridge No. 7E FY17 \$2,680,000

Land acquisition for rehabilitation and/or replacement of Bridge 7E along Kaumuali'i Highway (Route 50). This project is deemed necessary to qualify for federal aid financing and/or reimbursement. (N Funds)

Kaumuali'i Highway Bridge No. 7E FY17 \$720,000

Land acquisition for rehabilitation and/or replacement of Bridge 7E along Kaumuali'i Highway (Route 50). This project is deemed necessary to qualify for federal aid financing and/or reimbursement. (E Funds)

Other notable Kaua'i CIP's approved for the Island of Kaua'i

Adolescent Treatment and Healing Center (County of Kaua'i) FY17 \$5,000,000

Plans, design and construction for an adolescent treatment and healing center on Kaua'i.

Kaua'i Community Correctional Center (KCCC) FY17 \$12,500,000

Design and construction for new housing and associated support offices at KCCC.

Lihu'e Airport Ahukini Landfill Restoration FY17 \$425,000

Design for the restoration of the Ahukini Landfill at Lihu'e Airport.

Kaua'i Commnity College (KCC) Culinary Arts Program FY17 \$2,000,000

Design, construction and equipment for improvements for KCC's culinary arts program, project to include ground and site improvements, development of an underground oven, equipment and appurtenances, and all project related costs.

Grant-In-Aid

Grant-In-Aid (GIA) as defined in §42F-101 of the Hawai'i Revised Statutes means "an award of state funds by the legislature, by an appropriation to a specified recipient, to support the activities of the recipient and permit the community to benefit from those activities." Below are GIAs that were awarded to organizations for the benefit of all Kaua'i's communities.

Aha Hui E Kala \$500,000

Construction for the Education Center at Lawai International Center.

Kumano I Ke Ala O Makaweli \$100,000

Project goals are to re-establish 3,800 feet of traditional Hawaiian auwai (irrigation ditch) system, and restore four acres of traditional loi kalo in Makaweli Valley, Kaua'i.



Stopping in for a visit was Captain Bruce Hay, Commanding Officer of the Pacific Missile Range Facility at Barking Sands, Kekaha. Thank you for your service and wishing you a wonderful retirement!



Honored to have a picture taken with one of my role models, Governor George Ariyoshi. He is one of the main reasons why I am in public service today.



Aloha Representative Derek Kawakami. It has been an honor and a privilege serving with you in the House of Representatives!

2016 Session Highlights – Bills Introduced by Rep. Morikawa

The measures below provide a snapshot of bills that have passed the legislature. In order for a bill to pass out of the Legislature, it must be approved by both the Senate and the House. While numerous bills have passed, the measures I introduced listed below are consistent with what I have been advocating for, and what I believe is important to my district, all of Kaua'i, and everyone in this state. If you are interested in learning more about the many other bills that have passed this session, please feel free to contact my office.

HB 2639 Relating to Wireless Telecommunication Services *(Rep. Morikawa First Primary Introducer, Signed by Governor Ige on 04/22/2016 into law – Act 9, SLH 2016)*

Requires a wireless telecommunications service provider, upon request by a domestic abuse victim, to: (1) transfer billing authority and all rights to a wireless telephone number to the victim; or (2) remove or release the victim from a shared wireless plan and assign the victim a substitute telephone number without charge, penalty, or fee. Provides that there is no cause of action against a wireless telecommunications service provider, its officers, employees, or agents for transferring billing authority and all rights to a wireless telephone number to a domestic abuse victim.

HB 2252, HD1, SD2, CD1 Relating to Discharge Planning *(Rep. Morikawa Primary Introducer)*

Requires hospitals to adopt and maintain written discharge policies consistent with recent updates to federal regulations to support families by enabling patients in inpatient hospitals to designate a caregiver prior to discharge or transfer from the facility.

HB 1943, HD1, SD1, CD1 Relating to Long Term Care Facilities *(Primary Introducer)*

Provides an inflationary adjustment to the methodology used to reimburse facilities for the long-term care of Medicaid recipients for fiscal year 2016-2017. Makes an appropriation.

HB 2169, HD2, SD1 Relating to Social Workers *(Co-Introducer)*

Clarifies the supervision requirements for licensure of clinical social workers, including permitting the option to fulfill all or part of the face-to-face supervision requirements through supervision via a video conference service that is compliant with all federal and state privacy, security, and confidentiality laws, including the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996.

HR 172 *(First Primary Introducer)*

Recognizing Legacy of Life Hawai'i and honoring Steven "Steve" Mitsuo Ginoza, Lokelani Martha Yoshimi Kruse, Jonathan Pons and his mother, Elisa Dannels, and their respective families who have selflessly given the gift of life during national donate life month. Adopted on 04/04/2016.



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Photo-op with my House colleagues - Energy & Environmental Protection Committee Chair Chris Lee, Finance Committee Chair Sylvia Luke, and Legislative Management Committee Chair Scott Nishimoto. I am so fortunate to work with these Representatives.