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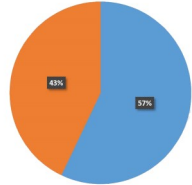
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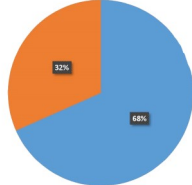
2016-2017 Survey Results

Thank you to everyone who participated in my first constituent survey. Your responses give me a better understanding of your views and ultimately helps me to better represent the people of Puna. When reading the results of the survey, we see that there are varying views on some of the issues. Please keep in mind that the percentages are based on the number of answers and not the number of surveys returned (many of the responses contained multiple answers to the same question). **Information based on 468 responses.*

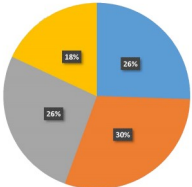
To view the full version of the results, please visit my [legislative website \(Click Here\)](#)



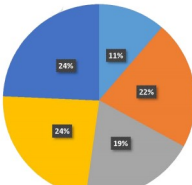
Should the County take over the maintenance and repair of subdivision roads by collecting homeowner association fees as part of property taxes?



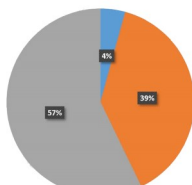
Should homeowner associations solicit cell tower or broadband internet towers?



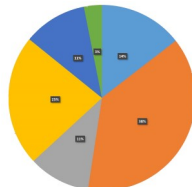
Geothermal Development expansion on Hawaii Island?



How shall we pay for education?



Do you support taxing pensions?



Should an alternate route be built between Hilo and Puna?

House Budget: 4th District Capital Improvement Projects

Pohoiki Swimming Area, Hawaii

Plans and design to construct a swimming area at Pohoiki.....\$250,000



Pahoa Elementary School, Hawaii

Plans for master plan for a new cafeteria and administration building; ground and site improvements; equipment and Appurtenances.....\$500,000



Keaau-Pahoa Road Improvements, Keaau to Pahoa, Hawaii (Federal Funds)

Construction for widening the two lane highway to four lanes or alternate alignments in this corridor.....32,000,000



Keaau-Pahoa Road Improvements, Keaau to Pahoa, Hawaii (Revenue Bond Funds)

Construction for widening the two lane highway to four lanes or alternate alignments in this corridor.....\$8,000,000

We were also able to get funds for a construction of an acceleration lane for Highway 11 and \$40,000,000 for Keaau-Pahoa road improvements, which, include the widening of the highway. We hope that the Senate agrees with these provisions in the House budget.

To view a full version of HB100, please [click here](#)

Highway 130 Update

In the February edition of my e-newsletter we shared that the DOT is looking at the possibility of adding additional lanes to areas of highway 130 using the existing infrastructure. Ideally, this will help ease congestion by making 4 lanes available for use, with no time restrictions.

Highways Division – Hawaii
Keaau-Pahoa Road
Intersection Improvements at Old Government Road

SCOPE
Operational and safety improvements.

EST. CON COST
\$4.9 Million

SCHEDULE
Work substantially completed in July 2016

Highways Division – Hawaii
Keaau-Pahoa Road
Shoulder Lane Conversion (Phases I & II)

SCOPE
Provide northbound shoulder lane conversion and paved shoulder. Provide new southbound afternoon shoulder lane in the Pahoa bound direction and paved shoulder. Traffic signal at intersection of Keaau-Pahoa Road and Shower Drive.

Phase II:
Cost: \$4.72 Million
Work began: January 2017

Highways Division – Hawaii
Keaau-Pahoa Road
Keaau to Pahoa Improvements

SCOPE
Improve traffic capacity, circulation & safety along Route 130. Improve travel for alternative modes of transportation including bicycles and pedestrians.

EST. COST
\$140 Million

EST. SCHEDULE
Projects vary

Please visit the March 2017 edition of my e-newsletter to see the full sized pictures of planned Highway 130 projects. Previous editions of my e-newsletter can be viewed on my legislative website ([Click Here](#)).



**BBC WORLD NEWS
INTERVIEW:**

***“HE FAILS TO UNDERSTAND
BRANCHES OF GOVERNMENT”***

Follow the link to hear my interview with BBC World News where I discuss President Trump’s comments regarding Judge Watson’s ruling:

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-politics-39289427>



Statewide Attention: Pohoiki



03/13/2017-Hawaii News Now doing a segment on HB1200. HB1200 would appropriate funds to the Department of Land and Natural Resources to conduct a feasibility study to determine the best means to provide a Pohoiki swimming area. Segments like this bring more exposure to this issue, which, will help more lawmakers understand the urgency of the situation and ultimately help the chances of this bill passing. On 03/16, HB 1200 was passed by a Water & Land and Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs joint committee hearing and will be heard next by the Senate Ways & Means committee.

Olelo’s “Whats on your Wall?” filming



April 7th is Art at the Capitol and for my featured art filming, I chose a piece by Puna artist Ira Ono entitled ‘Keawe.’ For this piece, Ono was inspired by the Hawaiian rainforest and his experiences living in nature. All of the artwork in my Capitol office features art/artist that have ties to Hawai’i island and/or are works created by female artists. To view the entire video, please visit my legislative website page [here](#).

Around the Capitol 2017



Kick Butts Day with Sally Ancheta (Hawaii Pacific Public Health Institute), Kash Laeda, Alohalyn Espejo, and Jenny Ucol. Mahalo for coming all the way from the Big Island to participate!



With fellow Representatives: Cachola, Hashem, Yamashita, Takumi, Speaker Souki, Morikawa, Evans, Mizuno, Takayama, and Kobayashi.



Recognizing special guests in the gallery as Vice Speaker Mizuno, Majority Leader Saiki, and Rep. Nishimoto applaud.



Meeting at my office with Brandon Kimura, Administrative Director Rod Maile, and Chief Justice Mark Recktenwald, .

Forest Restoration Project

Kahuku Visitor Contact Station

Friday, April 14th

9:00am-3:00pm

Help protect native ecosystems while enjoying our national park. Volunteers will help plant native seedlings and learn about native forest recovery.

- Volunteers must be at least 12 years old.
- Volunteers must be able to hike at least one mile over rough and uneven ground.
- Sturdy footwear and long pants are required.
- Along with a hat and sunscreen, volunteers are also recommended to bring a raincoat in the chance that it does rain.
- Volunteers should also bring drinking water and lunch.



For more information and future project dates, please visit: <http://www.fhvn.org/>. Or contact Patty Kupchak at forest@fhvn.org / (808) 352-1402. Pre-registration is required. Deadline to sign up is April 10th,



Townhall Meeting with U.S. Senator Brian Schatz

Date: **April 18th**, Tuesday

Time: **1:00pm-2:30pm**

Location: **UH Hilo Sciences & Technology Building—Room 108**

Attendees are encouraged to RSVP here:

<https://www.schatz.senate.gov/townhall>

(RSVP is requested but not required)



Townhall Meeting with U.S. Congresswoman Tulsi Gabbard

Date: **April 18th**, Tuesday

Time: **7:30pm-9:00pm**

Location: **Waiakea High School**

Attendees can RSVP here:

<https://gabbard.house.gov/>

League of Women Voters of Hawaii County Annual Meeting

Date: **April 22nd**, Saturday

Time: **Keynote speaker Councilwoman Jen Ruggles at 11:00am**; Business meeting from **10:00am-11:00am**

Place: **Tex Drive In, 45-690 Pakalani Street, Honoka'a, HI**

Open to the Public. **RSVP by April 14th.**

Voicemail: (808) 967-7295

Email: rcmuller27@hotmail.com

For more info visit: <http://www.lwv-hawaii.com/hawaii.htm>



2017 Pahoa Blood Bank

The Blood Bank of Hawaii has plans for a Blood Drive at the Pahoa Community Center this Fall. The date has not yet been set, but organizers are looking sometime in September.

Donors must be 16 years of age or older. To find out if you are eligible to donate, please call:

(808) 848-4745

or visit:

<http://www.bbh.org/become-a-donor/content.html>

2017 Hilo March for Babies Walk

Date: **May 6, Saturday**

Time: **7:00am-11:00am** (registration begins at 7:00am. Walk starts at 8:00am)

Place: **Liliuokalani Park and Gardens**

*The walk will be about 2.25 miles

Join this event and help raise funds to bring awareness for birth defects and infant mortality.

To join this event, or to make a donation, please visit the click [here](#).

Hawaii Volcanoes National Park April 2017 free admission days

The April 2017 entrance fee-free days are:

April 15-16: National Park Week Weekend

April 22-23: National Park Week Weekend

For more information check out:

https://www.nps.gov/havo/learn/news/20161130_pr_2017feefree.htm





The Pahoa Music & Art Walk will be taking place from 5pm - 10pm every second Saturday on Main street in Pahoa.
 This event will feature local artists, live music, and lots of fun!! For more information about Second Saturdays Art & Music Walk or how you can help Pahoa, email LaulimaPahoa@gmail.com .

Mauna Kea Forest Restoration Project: Spring 2017 Volunteer Dates

The Mauna Kea Forest Restoration Project is looking for volunteers to help plant native dry land forest species on the Southwestern slopes of Mauna Kea



Day Trips

- Monday—April 10th
- Tuesday—April 11th
- Wednesday—April 12th
- Saturday—April 15th

Camp Trips:

- Monday—April 17th—Thursday—April 20th
- Monday—April 24th—Thursday—April 27th

Start times and meeting sites vary depending volunteers' preference (options are listed in the registration form). To see more information/register for this event, please visit:

<http://dlnr.hawaii.gov/restoremaunakea/volunteer-event-registration/>

If you have any questions, please call (808) 974-4221 or visit: www.facebook.com/MKFRP



Looking for live volcano updates? Check out: <https://hvo.wr.usgs.gov/> for recent Kilauea status reports, updates, and information releases.

If you have a community event that you want featured in my newsletter/e-newsletter e-mail us at b.iwasaki@capitol.hawaii.gov. No guarantee that it will be included; however, we will do our best.

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Committee Member: Housing and Transportation

Contact Information:

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Telephone: (808)586-6530

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