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**2018 Community Update
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Aloha,

*Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to serve you.
Please enjoy this newsletter that explains some initiatives we
will be working on this year. The newsletter also provides an
update on some community products in the works.*

Mahalo,

Justin Woodson

What's to Come in 2018...

Housing Voucher for Teachers

This bill would provide a \$500/month housing voucher for full-time public and charter school teachers to use toward their rent or mortgage.

Hawaii Promise Program—Free College

Last year I introduced a bill to establish the Hawaii Promise Program (HPP). HPP provides scholarships for the unmet direct cost needs of qualified students. The bill was ultimately inserted into the budget and now provides scholarships to qualifying students attending a community college in the state. This year I am introducing a bill to expand the program to students enrolled at any 4-year University of Hawaii campus.

Innovation Grant

This bill would appropriate funds to the Department of Education to provide competitive grants to schools that demonstrate innovative practices aimed to improve student learning, student performance, and college career readiness.

Heat Abatement in Schools

The need for air conditioning in our public schools is a necessity as classroom temperatures can reach into uncomfortable highs. High temperatures in classrooms can lead to health and learning disadvantages for our keiki. This year I will be introducing a bill that would appropriate funds to the Department of Education to install air conditioning units in the remaining uncooled classrooms across the rest of the state.

Film Tax Credit

Offers tax credit to production crews who hire locally and accrue production costs in neighbor island counties.



Rep. Woodson on Opening Day with members of the ILWU Maui Division



Senator Keith-Agaran and Rep. Woodson at the Maui Waena Intermediate School fan donation

Suicide Prevention

Appropriates \$25,000 to support youth suicide intervention, prevention, and education initiatives in Maui County.

Kupuna Care

This year I cosponsored two bills; one that will provide funding for the Kupuna Care Program and another that will provide funding for the Healthy Aging Partnership Program, all in an effort to further support the health and well-being of our Kupuna.

Safety Inspection Station Penalties

Per the request of our business community, I am introducing a bill that changes the penalty for improper conduct of motor vehicle inspections at a safety inspection. The new penalty would impose a fine, instead of revoking or suspending the station's operating permit. This penalty continues to enforce safety standards but also doesn't negatively impact business operations.



Maui Regional Sports Complex

Community Updates

Kahului Elementary School Fire Update

Following the devastating fire at Kahului Elementary School, myself and others have been working with the Department of Education to expedite the repair and replacement of damaged structures. In addition, happening immediately, is the installation of lighting on the walkway, high definition security cameras, and four modulares to compensate for lost space on the campus.

Affordable Housing/Homelessness

Ka Hale A Ke Ola (KHAKO) Homeless Resource Centers, Inc. was awarded \$705,000 through grant-in-aids (GIA) last year. The GIA will go toward developing micro-unit housing to increase their service capacity. Micro-unit homes can be developed at one-third the cost of traditional housing. If successful, these micro-units can serve as a model for future affordable housing designs. This year I also will be supporting a GIA for Nā Hale O Maui, a non-profit whose mission is to create affordable housing alternatives for low and moderate income households in Maui County.

Kupuna Care

Last year we cosponsored a bill that appropriated \$600,000 for kupuna care. Through this appropriation, the Hawaii Executive Office on Aging launched the Kupuna Caregivers Program, which offers financial assistance of up to \$70 per day to eligible working caregivers. Caregivers can contact the Aging and Disability Resource Center at (808) 643-2372 to apply for the program.

Missile Alert False Alarm

The most recent “incoming missile” alert has further sharpened focus on an issue we do not like to think about—a potential incoming nuclear armed international missile. However, we must attempt to prepare ourselves in all forms, the best we can. To me, this means preventing any incoming missiles from reaching our land or surrounding ocean. PMRF is a missile defense system designed to prevent incoming missiles from reaching Hawaii and other western states. In 2016, as a member of the Veterans, Military, and International Affairs committee, I visited the site to learn more about the facility on the island of Kauai. Since then, I have stayed in contact with our Congressional delegation on the issue and have communicated my support for additional federal funding to enhance the systems capabilities. This technology and others are not fool proof, but can potentially provide some protection if Heaven forbid, we are attacked. Please know that I am actively engaged in this important issue.



Rep. Woodson with Superintendent Dr. Christina Kishimoto and fellow Department of Education Leadership



Rep. Woodson partook in a site visit to one of our state's pre-k programs in Waiialua, Oahu



Rep. Woodson visited the West Hawaii Voyager Academy (WHEA) on Hawaii Island



Rep. Woodson spent a week last September visiting preschool programs with the Executive Office on Early Learning

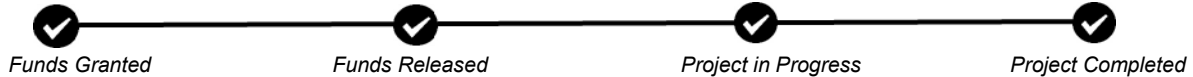
Central Maui Capital Improvement Projects Update

It can be challenging to keep up with various projects that are happening in the community. It's important for our office to keep track and collaborate with key figures to make sure projects ultimately become a reality. Here are some we are actively engaging. I also will be requesting funding for the following CIP requests this year:

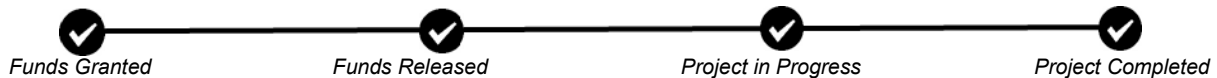
\$10 million for Maui High School STEM building

\$100 million for Central Maui Middle School (NEW)

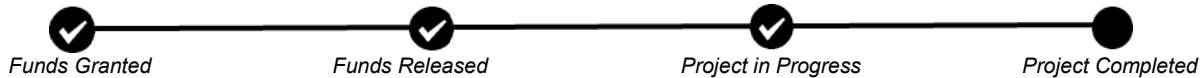
\$22.7 Million for Maui Memorial Medical Center: Equipment upgrades to the Imaging Laboratory and the Oncology Department



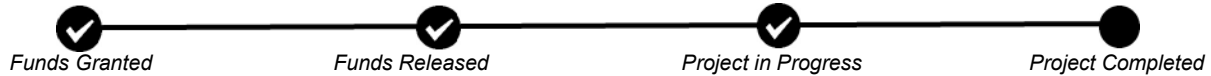
\$950,000 for Easter Seals, Maui: Construction of Phase 2 to meet increased demands



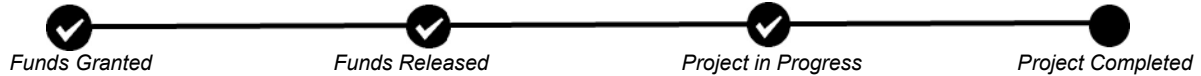
\$50 Million for Kahului Airport: Overall renovations, enhancements, and necessary land acquisition



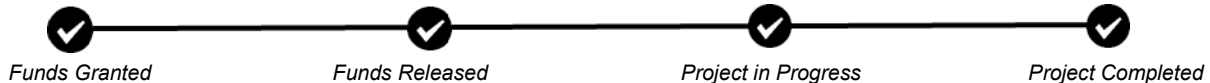
\$1 Million for Central Maui Regional Sport Complex, Final Phase: Funds for Phase 5, the final phase, for the installation of lighting and netting to improve overall safety



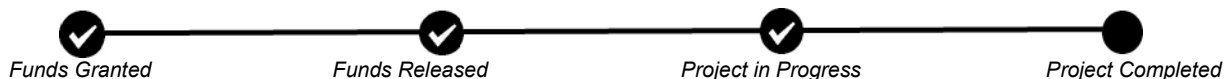
\$4.9 Million for Maui High School: Construction, renovations, and expansion of the Band/Choir room, gymnasium floor, and the weight training and wrestling rooms



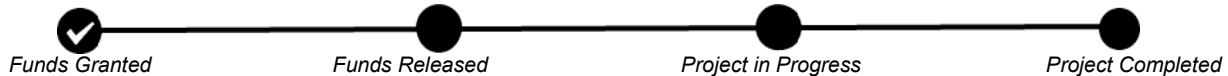
\$140,000 for Maui Economic Opportunity, Inc.: Construction of various facilities



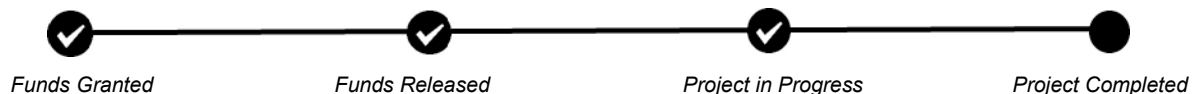
\$1.5 Million for Kahului Elementary, Maui Waena Intermediate, Lihikai Elementary, and Maui High School: Implementation of air conditioning/cooling systems



\$1 Million for Maui Arts & Cultural Center: Completion of a community stage and lawn area



\$7 Million for UH Maui: Food Innovation Center: Renovation of the kitchen for the Maui Food Innovation Center program



\$705,000 for Ka Hale A Ke Ola Homeless Resource Centers, Inc.: Construction of microunits housing for the homeless

