



People First

A Newsletter from State Representative Ryan Yamane

House District 37 • Mililani • Waipi'o Gentry • Waikele

2019 Session

REP. YAMANE'S 2019 BILLS BECOME LAW Legislative Accomplishments

I am happy to share with our community some of the many accomplishments we achieved this year:

Act 203 - Protected Agriculture, supports the growth of protected agriculture to help farmers transform their business into modern agricultural operations.

Act 202 - Non-Potable Water Reuse Systems, a bill introduced on my behalf to require the Department of Health to adopt rules for on-site non-potable water reuse systems by January 1, 2021.

Act 146 - Sustainability, finances \$150,000 to require the Office of Planning to update the Hawaii 2050 Sustainability Plan, using goals and priority guidelines of the Hawaii State Planning Act and the Hawaii Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Initiative as guiding principles.

Act 040 - Capital Improvement Projects, appropriates \$1,000,000 for plans to conduct environmental studies for various lands under the jurisdiction of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Act 040 - Capital Improvement Projects, which funds \$1,000,000 toward plans for design, construction, and equipment for an exploratory well in Kunia this will help lower water rates for farmers in the Kunia area.

Act 113 - State Budget, \$500,000 appropriated for the Hawaii Association of Conservation Districts to fight against invasive species.

Act 252 - Ray Protection, a bill that expands the existing prohibition on knowingly capturing or killing a manta ray in state marine waters.

Act 080 - Affordable Housing on Hawaiian Homelands, this bill extends the sunset date and allows each county to issue housing credits to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to increase affordable housing to Native Hawaiians.

Our House Committee on Water, Land, and Hawaiian Affairs worked diligently to preserve Hawaii's unique and scarce natural resources this year to malama our 'aina for future generations to enjoy Hawaii's special beauty.

Aloha,

May this newsletter find you and your family well.

Please accept my heartfelt gratitude for allowing me to serve our community. My family and I are truly honored to be able to work on behalf of our community.

This year proved to be very challenging as our House Committee of Water and Land increased to include Ocean and Hawaiian Affairs.

This year, I serve as the House Chair of the **Water, Land, and Hawaiian Affairs Committee**, and I was asked to serve on the House Committees of **Judiciary and Energy and Environmental Protection**.

My top priorities as the Chair of Water, Land, and Hawaiian Affairs was to pass legislation to protect our precious water and land resources, ensure our homes are protected during a disaster and support the development of sustainable food production in our State. As Chair, I also focused on balancing urban development for affordable housing while conserving our rural, agricultural, and natural resources for our future generations.

As our area Representative, I continue to focus on exploring job growth, improving public safety, addressing our increasing traffic concerns, and investing in our community schools. I am proud to announce that our community will receive over \$25 Million in repair and maintenance projects for our schools, roadways, neighborhood infrastructure and other community projects.

Thank you for all your support and willingness to work together to make our community a better place to live, work, and play.

If you have any questions or ideas, please feel free to contact me by phone 808-586-6150 or email repyamane@capitol.hawaii.gov.

With my warmest aloha,



Fred Murphy, Mililani High School and Stacie Kunihsa, Kanoelani Elementary School. Honoring two of our District's exemplary public-school principals who were nominated for their efforts in providing high-quality learning opportunities for their students, at the Island Insurance Foundation 15th, Annual Masayuki Tokioka Excellence in School Leadership Awards Ceremony.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 2019 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BUDGET SOLUTIONS

Hawaii's 2019-2021 State Budget

The economy is still the number one concern for many of our residents. The Legislature crafted a responsible budget (**HB 2**) that addresses the state's long-term obligations while taking care of its immediate social services needs and improving critical infrastructure. Together with our long-term strategic financial plan, this budget will help direct and shape a healthy and sustainable economy.

This year's State Budget responds to the pressing needs of Hawaii's people, while carefully scrutinizing expenses by appropriating funds to ensure that significant priorities are met and improving our infrastructure.

2019 BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

This year's State Budget addressed the various needs of Hawaii's people, while being mindful of our spending.

Family Services

Funds \$750,000 for family health services for family planning.

Lifeguard

Appropriates \$480,000 for lifeguard services at Kua Bay on Hawaii Island.

Community Youth Program

Appropriates \$450,000 for in-community youth programs to fund existing juvenile justice reform programs.

Technology Services

Appropriates \$1,038,240 for cybersecurity capability enhancements.

Watershed Protection

Appropriates \$6,583,000 for plans to protect and restore forested watersheds and other water supplies statewide.

Juvenile Justice

Funds \$450,000 for in-community youth programs to fund existing juvenile justice reform programs.

Conservation Districts

Appropriates \$500,000 for water and land development.

EDUCATING OUR KEIKI

Act 054 - Healthy and Ready to Learn Program

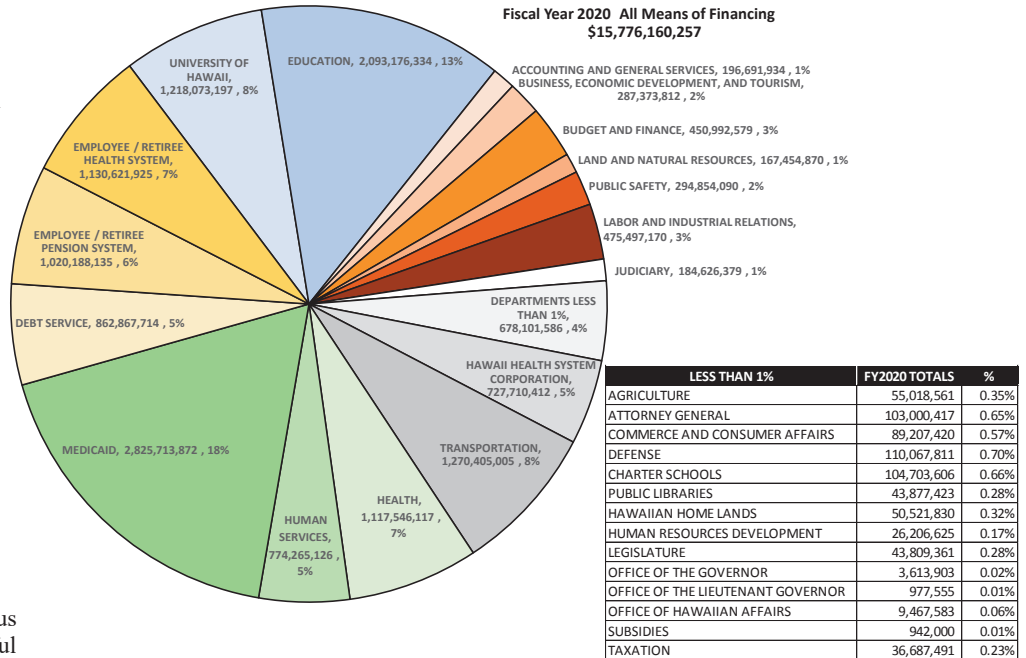
Provides over \$752,000 to implement, expand, and sustain the Hawaii Keiki: Healthy and Ready to Learn Program.

Act 270 - Youth Suicide Prevention

Establishes a mandatory youth suicide awareness and prevention training program and model risk referral protocol.

Act 116 - Relating to Education

Provides \$600,000 to teacher's stipends for the Grow Our Own Teachers Initiative to help further educate certain Department of Education employees.



Act 276 - Executive Office on Early Learning

Establishes a state-funded prekindergarten program and private partnership-funded prekindergarten programs in the public school.

CARING FOR OUR 'AINA

Act 104 - Food Safety

Provides \$150,000 for the Hawaii Department of Agriculture to partner with the State's agricultural community to establish a Food Safety Certification Training Program.

Act 151 - Increasing Food Exports

Appropriates \$100,000 to establish a strategic plan to achieve the goal of doubling food production and increasing food exports out of Hawaii by 2030.

Act 153 - Healthy Food Incentive Program

Appropriates \$50,000 to the Hawaii Healthy Food Incentive Program, matching dollar-for-dollar for beneficiaries of the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) to purchase Hawaii-grown produce.

IMPROVING HEALTHCARE FOR HAWAII

Act 123 - Relating to Aging

Appropriates \$4,145,695 for the kupuna care program.

Act 124 - Healthy Aging Partnership Program

Appropriates \$550,000 for the healthy aging partnership program.

Act 183 - Prescription Drugs

Authorizes pharmacies to accept prescription drugs for disposal.

Act 173 - Hospital Sustainability Program

Ensures financing of \$88,000,000 to continue to treat the most vulnerable patients in the State.

Act 089 - Nursing Facility Sustainability Program

Appropriates \$1,443,000 for services for kupuna and individuals with disabilities who need long-term services and support.



Met with Mililani High School Future Farmers of America students who participated in the 2019 Hawaii State Future Farmers of America Convention.

Act 182 - Palliative Care Pilot Program

Finances \$250,000 to establish a culturally competent palliative care pilot program to promote palliative care, gather health care utilization data, and conduct bidding for home or community-based palliative care.

STRENGTHENING OUR ECONOMY

Act 136 - Mail-in Ballots

Establishes all elections statewide to be conducted by mail beginning with the 2022 primary election.

Act 248 - Fireworks

Establishes criminal liability for a person who is responsible for real property and intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly allows others, while on property to possess, set off, or ignite any illegal aerial device.

Act 236 - Gift Certificates

Requires a certificate issuer to redeem the remaining value of a gift certificate for cash if the balance is less than \$5.

Act 268 - Stadium Authority

Appropriates \$200,000,000 to revitalize certain lands under the jurisdiction of the Stadium Authority.

Act 035 - Disaster Relief

Provides continuation of recovery efforts to address the significant damage caused by the flooding events of April 2018.

Act 009 - Natural Disaster

Appropriates \$60,000,000 for disaster relief, recovery, mitigation, and remediation activities for the County of Hawaii.

Act 189 - Rental Housing

Authorizes \$50,000,000 into the Rental Housing Revolving Fund and to create permanent supportive housing units for people who are chronically homeless.

CELEBRATING OUR DIVERSITY

Act 113 - Festival of Pacific Arts

Appropriates \$1,000,000 to the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism to continue bringing together a delegation of at least 2,500 artists, performers, and cultural practitioners from different nations in Oceania to preserve and perpetuate the arts and cultures of their indigenous peoples.



Supporting International Humanitarian efforts by meeting with Philippine Red Cross Chairman and CEO Senator Richard J. Gordon.



Supporting our first responders in our community by visiting our new Waipio Emergency Medical Services Station and ambulance blessing.

Act 266 - Hawaii Pamantasan Council

Finances \$195,000 to the University of Hawaii Pamantasan Council to promote access, diversity and workforce development, including programs and policies related to Philippine courses and Filipino students.

Act 042 - Bishop Museum

Appropriates \$874,000 to support the State of Hawaii Museum of Natural and Cultural History.

Act 121 - Filipino Veterans Burial Assistance

Finances \$50,000 for burial grants for qualifying Filipino-American World War II veterans for funeral and burial costs and costs of transporting remains to the Philippines.

SAFER ROADS

Act 188 - Registration Fees

Repeals the requirement that disabled veterans pay from a branch of the uniformed armed forces in order to be exempt from payment of annual vehicle registration.

Act 077 - Servicemembers Civil Relief Act

Extends the civil relief available to state military forces to cover persons serving on full time National Guard Duty.

Act 134 - Vision Zero

Requires the Department of Transportation and County transportation department to adopt Vision Zero policies to prevent and eliminate traffic fatalities.

Act 132 - Crosswalk Safety

Clarifies that a driver of a motor vehicle yield or stop for a pedestrian in a crosswalk.



Honored to speak at the celebration of 50 years of life-saving transplant surgeries in Hawaii and National Donate Life Month. Act 001 of 2012, a bill I championed, appropriated funds for The Queen's Medical Center to perform over 2,300 kidney and liver transplants.



Rep. Yamane honored the Waipahu High School Marauders Football team for winning their first ever HHSAA Division I State Championship title. Matthew Fiesta (on the right), a senior at Waipahu High School and proud constituent of District 37, was recognized as a member of the Division I State Second Team.

Act 142 - Electric Vehicle Charging System

Establishes a rebate program for the installation of electric vehicle charging systems.

Act 131 - Red Light Running

Establishes a Red Light Running Committee to develop policies for pilot programs in each county to promote public safety and reduce pedestrian fatalities.

Governor's Vetoes that Impact our Community

Senate Bill 301 - Real Estate Investment Trusts

Repeals the deduction for dividends paid taken by Real Estate Investment Trust ("REIT") that is subject to Hawaii income taxes.

Senate Bill 1292 - Transient Accommodations

Requires hosting platforms that collect fees for booking services to register as tax collection agents and collect general excise and transient accommodation taxes for transient accommodation bookings from operators and plan managers.

House Bill 748 - Property Forfeiture

Prohibits civil asset forfeiture except when the owner of the asset has been convicted of a felony.

To see the full list of bills that Governor Ige has vetoed please visit:

<https://governor.hawaii.gov/2019-bills/2019-vetoes/>



Rep. Yamane worked first hand to help restore Kaho'olawe Island by helping to plant Native Hawaiian dryland shrubs and installing water irrigation.



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Over \$36 Million in Projects Supporting Our Community

I am proud to announce that our community will receive over **\$25 Million** in repair and maintenance projects for our schools, roadways, and community infrastructure. These projects are vital to support our children’s education, our families’ safety and maintain the special beauty of our Central and West Oahu communities.

Mililani, Waipi’o, and Waikele Projects in the State Budget

Kanoelani Elementary School \$3,000,000
Plan, design, and construction to increase the cafeteria capacity to accommodate the growing student population

Mililani Uka Elementary School \$1,200,000
Construction to stabilize eroding slope fronting Kamehameha Highway next to school buildings

Highlands Intermediate School \$5,500,000
Design and construction of campus-wide electrical upgrades

Mililani Middle School \$490,000
Plan, design, construction, and equipment for expansion and widening of sidewalks campus-wide

Mililani High School \$650,000
Design and construction for the girls’ athletic locker room

Mililani High School \$1,680,000
Design and construction for softball field improvements

Mililani High School \$250,000
Plan, design, and construction of a new gymnasium building and refurbishment of current gymnasium into a performing arts facility

Pearl City High School Baseball Complex \$2,500,000
Construction for a baseball complex in Pearl City

Pearl City High School \$400,000
Construction to resurface parking lot driveway

Waipahu High School \$5,500,000
Design, construction, and equipment for phase one of a new classroom building

Waipahu High School \$4,700,000
Design and construction for the girls’ athletic locker room

Total Funds for our communities in this year’s State Budget: \$25,870,000