



State Senator

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Aloha Friends and Neighbors,

As we move into the final month of the 2024 Legislative Session, hundreds of bills are still alive as they work their way through the complicated legislative process. The Senate is in the midst of hearing house bills and resolutions that crossed over in March. We will be voting on these measures when they come up on the April 11th floor agenda.

I am excited to report that three of my bills have passed out of the Senate and the House and will go to the Senate for third reading.

In other news, Governor Green has just released \$7M in CIP funds for the 'Aiea High School track and athletic field. I am proud of the efforts of those who came together to support this funding for these much needed facilities.

I have also been fervently working on the establishment of an emergency access route and emergency sirens for Pacific Palisades by making them a priority which has brought numerous stakeholders together in support of these safety measures.

As always, I remain open to your feedback on any way that I may address the issues that mean the most to you.

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\$7M RELEASED FOR 'AIEA ATHLETIC FIELD & TRACK

Governor Josh Green has released \$7 million in CIP funds to finance the design and construction of a new synthetic football field and track for 'Aiea High School. These projects are critical components of the public infrastructure and contribute to building a better home for all residents of Hawai'i. Mahalo to Governor Josh Green - **GO NA ALI'!**

In other legislative news, three of my bills are still alive and have passed both the House and Senate and will go on to Conference Committee



hearings. The measures are **SB2305 RELATING TO MISSING PERSONS**, this bill establishes a Silver Alert system to assist law enforcement and the public in locating persons who are 65 years of age or older, cognitively impaired, or developmentally disabled.

Due to the overwhelming concerns about speeding and pedestrian safety from constituents, I introduced **SB2308 - RELATING TO SPEEDING** which authorizes enhanced fines and penalties for speeding in a school zone. **SB2443 - RELATING TO HIGHWAY**

SAFETY establishes an automated speed enforcement program.

Additionally, the Senate has been holding a flurry of hearings for House bills, resolutions, and Advise and Consent for the Governor's nominations to various boards and



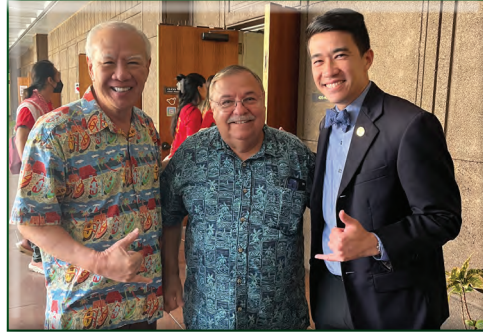
commissions. I have been honored to preside over the Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs committee to consider resolutions referred to the committee, thanks to Chair Glen Wakai. I am looking forward to the remainder of this session and continuing to serve our community!



Mahalo to our own Legislative Assistant **Taylor Sayles**, for sharing an inspiring and heartfelt Moment of Contemplation to open the Senate session on the Senate Chamber floor, March 20th, 2024.

SENATOR ON THE MOVE...

It's been a very busy legislative session with numerous bills and resolutions still alive directly affecting our district. Mahalo to all of you for taking the time to be personally active in the legislative process by submitting testimonies and appearing in person before the various committees.



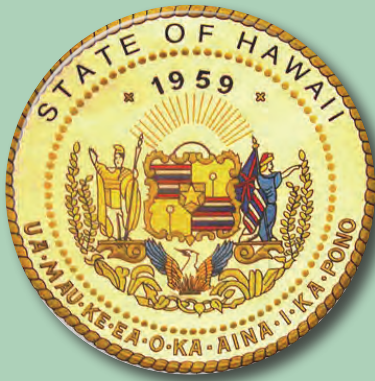
With Rep. Takayama and Pearl City NB Chair Larry Veray in support of our measures for an emergency access route and sirens for Pacific Palisades.



I was moved by the impressive number of participants at the Education Week celebration at the State Capitol. I would like to thank the students from 'Aiea High School and Palisades Elementary spending part of their Spring Break educating me about their concerns along with Complex Area Superintendent John Erickson and 'Aiea Interim Principal Wayne Guevara.



An on-site meeting with 'Aiea residents regarding the growing homeless issues on City properties and surrounding areas of the Newtown Neighborhood Park comfort station as well as an update on the City signage and comfort station locks.



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I was honored to speak at a rally supporting the amazing efforts of the students, faculty, and parents who came to make their voices known, and to rally in support at the Take Down Tobacco Day at the Hawai'i State Capitol.



Meeting with Executive Director Michael Nahoopili of Kahoolawe Island Reserve Commission (KIRC) to discuss of KIRC's future plans for an Education and Operations Center in Kihei, Maui.



We celebrated Ocean Awareness and Action Day at the Capitol and I was able to speak with various community groups, government agencies, students, and other advocates about ocean conservation and protection. Included were an impressive number of displays and active organizations joining together to address implications of keeping our oceans healthy. Now more than ever we must take action to protect our oceans, communities, and environments from the adverse effects of climate change and pollution.