

The Legislature funded many projects for the leeward coast, addressing health care, transportation, education, and the military. Capital improvement appropriations will provide for plans, designs, land acquisition, construction, equipment, and ground and site improvements for many facilities.

HEALTH CARE. The closure of Hawaii Medical Center led leeward residents to head to the next nearest facilities for emergency medical care. Wahiawa General Hospital will get \$1.25 million to modernize and expand its emergency department. The Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center will get \$2 million to upgrade its emergency services building. **HB1953, Emergency Medical Care**, funds \$1 million for on-call availability of emergency care and ambulance services to Ewa Beach (up to 16 hours/day) and Nanakuli (24 hours).

TRANSPORTATION. The Department of Transportation was given \$200,000 to study the feasibility of extending the zipper lane to Kapolei, west of the Kunia on-ramp, **HB2684 Zipper Lane**. Kualakai Parkway will be extended to Roosevelt Avenue, \$15 million. Mayor Mufi Hanneman advocated living and working in the same area (transit-oriented development or TOD) to reduce fuel consumption and traffic congestion. **SB2927 Community Planning** establishes TOD and authorizes incentives for qualified projects.

Airports. A consolidated rental car facility will be built for Honolulu International Airport, \$493 million. Kalaeloa Airport, \$9 million, will get many improvements: lease lots, aprons, runways, taxiways, control tower, rescue fire fighting building, T-hanger, aviation fuel systems, and utility corridor. Energy savings retrofits will be made at airports statewide, \$150,000.

UH & SCHOOLS. The **University of Hawaii's** new **West Oahu** campus will get \$5.6 million for two new facilities, the Academy of Creative Media and an allied health building, along with various campus improvements and equipment. Funding was also given for plans, design, and/or construction of three new public schools: **East Kapolei High**, \$2,300,000; **Kapolei II Elementary**, \$40,000; **Royal Kunia Elementary**, \$150,000.

Several public schools will receive funds for facilities, equipment, improvements, upgrades, and other needs: **Ewa Elementary** - \$9,600,000 (8-classroom building); **Ewa Beach Elementary** - \$1,480,000; **Honowai Elementary** - \$190,000; **Kaleiopuu Elementary** - \$1,175,000; **Kapolei High** - \$4,665,00 (locker room/shower); **Waikele Elementary** - \$969,000 (performing arts stage in cafeteria; resurfacing basketball court; playground); **Waipahu High** - \$1,200,000 (athletic field and retaining wall).

MILITARY. An Army National Guard consolidated facility at Kalaeloa will be renovated, \$709,000 (utilities, access road, parking area, security fencing, renovations and others). The 29th Brigade will receive \$483,000 for a new combat team readiness center. Army Guard facilities will be renovated, \$516,500. Various upgrades and improvements will be made at veterans cemeteries statewide, \$3,544,000.

TOURISM. Former Governor George Ariyoshi championed international collaboration for space exploration. This year the Legislature gave \$1.8 million for the construction of a ***Pacific International Space Center for Explorations Systems (PISCES)*** facility. Thanks to the hard work of Jim Crisafulli, Director of the Office of Aerospace Development, Hawaii will apply for a spaceport license, \$250,000, opening space as a new sector in the tourism industry, ***SB112***. An advisory group for creating a WWII Honouliuli educational center was funded, \$100,000, ***SB2678***.

LEEWARD COMMUNITY. The **Hawaiian Home Lands Trust Fund** was given \$30 million for construction and other obligations. An electrical distribution system between Roosevelt Road and Tripoli Road, the ***Kalaeloa East Energy Corridor*** will be built, \$3.5 million. ***Kunia Agricultural Park*** will undergo utility, road, grading, drainage, and other improvements with possible subdivision, \$1 million. The Legislature appropriated \$10 million to mitigate the arrival of debris from Japan's March 11, 2011 tsunami. The Weed and Seed program, ***SB2261***, \$336,000, pairs police and citizens to reduce violent crime, drug abuse, and gang activity through prevention, intervention, treatment, and neighborhood revitalization projects, programs, and activities.