



# Senator Kurt Fevella



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'Ewa Beach, Ocean Pointe,  
'Ewa by Gentry, Iroquois  
Point, and portion of  
'Ewa Villages

Aloha Family and Friends,

Happy New Year! Mahalo to everyone for your support for over 5 years now. I will continue to work hard to represent our community as your senator and to convey our district needs at the state level. Please visit my social media posts for upcoming town hall meetings, community events, and legislative updates. I look forward to working with everyone for the greater good of our community and the State of Hawaii. I can assure you that my staff and I are working year-round to address your needs through various means, whether it be through phone calls, emails, community and neighborhood board meetings, and town halls.

As the State Senator of District 20, it is my sincere honor to represent and serve you. Please know that I remain committed to improving our community and will do what I can to make Ewa Beach a safer place. Please note if you or anyone you know has suggestions for proposed legislation, please feel free to contact my office before January 17th. Stay safe and God Bless.

Sincerely,

## Filipino Chamber of Commerce Breakfast Meet and Greet

January 6, 2024



Senator Fevella and other elected officials at the Legislative Breakfast

Other elected officials and I kicked off the new year at the Filipino Community Center Ballroom. Many other elected officials were in attendance, including but not limited to, Lieutenant Governor Sylvia Luke, Mayor Rick Blangiardi, and State House Speaker Scott Saiki. This meet and greet served as a way for the Filipino business community to share concerns or just to talk story with State and City legislators.

## Ways and Means Committee Maui Site Visit

January 5, 2024



Members of the Ways and Means Committee, including myself, along with area Senator Angus McKelvey, visited Maui. Our visit to Maui included a drive through of the burn zone and updates from the community. This Maui site visit allowed us to see firsthand the devastation of the wildfire, and put into perspective what needs to be done at the state level to remedy the situation.



# 2024 Legislative Priorities

## EDUCATION



- Funding for improvement and construction of school facilities
- Addressing teacher shortages through programs such as dedicated affordable housing
- Incorporate cradle to career pathways for students to secure a job after high school/college graduation
- Introducing legislation to make Hawaiian language a requirement for students graduating from a DOE high school

## PROTECTING NATURAL RESOURCES



- Prevent overuse of potable fresh water by tracking developments in the community and recreational water use
- Supporting legislation to limit water usage during water shortages
- Advocate for bills preventing deep sea mining of minerals
- Monitor and track possible threats to the environment such as treatment plant leaks and the Red Hill shut down

## CLEAN & SAFE COMMUNITY

- Supporting programs to prevent recidivism, promoting re-entry and second chance assistance
- Investing in training to address the mentally ill and homeless
- Advocate for and introduce legislation to prevent aerial fireworks from entering the state through a complete ban
- Continue to participate in community cleanups



# 2024 Legislative Priorities

## SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESSES

- Support local agricultural productions to move towards food sustainability and economic diversification
- Endorse legislation supporting Made in Hawaii initiatives
- Continuing to support local mom and pop shops

## HEALTH

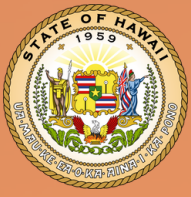


- Ensure students/children have the appropriate mental health resources
- Assisting persons with mental illness and destigmatizing mental illness
- Addressing shortage of health care workers, including doctors, physicians assistants, nurses, and social workers

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND ENERGY



- Introduce and advocate for waste to energy technology to increase the State's production of energy and decrease the use of landfills
- Develop technological infrastructure to support economic diversification
- Advocating for and supporting career pathways into rising economic sectors for sustainable economic growth



# Important Dates & Contacts

## **'Ewa Neighborhood Board**

January 11, 2023 @ 7pm

Visit: <https://www.honolulu.gov/nco/boards.html>

## **2024 Legislative Session**

January 17 - May 3

## **32nd Legislature Opening Day**

January 17, 2024 at 10AM

## **Olelo Mini Studio Update**

[Violence in the Community -  
November](#)

## **Connecting our Community**

### **Emergency Services**

Ambulance/Fire/Police: 911

State Emergency Management Division: 808-733-4300

State Highway Safety Hotline: 808-831-6714

### **Utilities**

Hawaiian Electric Co. (trouble only): 808-548-7311

Hawaiian Telcom (customer care): 611

Board of Water Supply (report leaks): 808-748-5000 ext. 1

The Gas Company (trouble only): 808-526-0066

### **Community Concerns**

City Refuse & Bulky Item Collection: 808-768-3200

(Missed) Pickup in 'Ewa Beach: 808-768-9732

Graffiti Hotline (HPD): 808-723-3475

Damaged Sidewalks: 808-768-8159

Public Trees: 808-971-7151

Clean Stream Hotline: 808-768-7890

Medicare Call Center: 800-633-4227

Social Security: 800-772-1213

Potholes (City): 808-768-7777

Potholes (State): 808-536-7852

## **City & State Departments**

Education ('Ewa)  
808-692-8000

Handi-Van Operations  
808-456-5555

Hawaiian Home Lands  
808-620-9531

Health  
808-586-4400

Mental Health Hotline  
DOH Hawaii CARES  
808-832-3100 or  
1-800-753-6879

Labor & Industrial Relations  
808-586-8844

Land and Natural Resources  
808-587-0401

Neighborhood Board Commission  
808-768-3710

Parks & Recreation  
808-768-3003

Public Safety  
808-587-1288

Transportation Services  
808-768-3053

Transportation  
808-587-2150