



Senator Kurt Fevella

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Newsletter



Senate District 20:
'Ewa Beach, Ocean
Pointe, 'Ewa by Gentry,
Iroquois Point, and
portion of
'Ewa Villages

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Aloha Family and Friends,

As we continue our work in the state legislature, we are excited to share some important updates with you. Recently, we saw two of our key bills, SB964 and SB614, successfully cross over to the House. These bills represent waste-to-energy and Hawaiian independence day respectively - two subjects we have started the conversation about a while back.

The end of February brought with it a much needed recess, providing a valuable opportunity for us to meet with constituents and hear directly about the challenges and opportunities you face. It's important for people to know their decision makers have an ear out for them so invitations are always appreciated.

Beyond the bills we've passed, it's vital we get a head start on future policies through resolutions. The conversations sparked lets us know how we can better serve our neighborhoods and ultimately level the playing field for all. Neglected and underserved communities have used this time to voice their concerns so we can bring attention to issues early. If you have a concern, you know what to do.

Mahalo and God bless,

JCHS Athletic Complex Groundbreaking March 6, 2024

For those unfamiliar, the journey to get Campbell High School an athletic complex students deserve began long before my career in the square building. For years now, student athletes at Campbell were forced to practice on a deteriorating track & field and many female athletes lacked a proper locker room. Despite these challenges, Campbell has still been able to produce top talent able to compete at the national level. Funding for Campbell's athletic facilities became my top priority after my election in 2018. Millions of dollars and conversations later, Campbell broke ground this month for a new boys and girls locker room, concession stand, and bleachers to seat up to 3000 people. In 2019, the school was sued for Title IX violations due to female athletes not having a suitable girls locker room. We cannot expect our athletes to put their utmost into competing, if these are the issues they have to deal with. Sports aren't just for students either - they bring the community together, which is why it is crucial we have facilities that invite people and show them there is love for sports.



Sen. Fevella participating in the groundbreaking ceremony.



Sen. Fevella giving a speech



In the Community

James Campbell High School Pause For Paws February 22, 2025



Students hosting a booth having a conversation with Sen. Fevella

Where else can you get free microchipping, custom name tags, and learn from fellow pet owners all in the same place? Campbell put together a one of a kind event in collaboration with the Hawaiian Humane Society to bring all of these services to the Ewa community. The number of booths the event brought together was one of the most exciting parts because it demonstrated the magnetic power of events for a good cause. Seeing also the displays made by participating students reminded me the passion that Campbell has instilled in these young leaders.



Sen. Fevella with a group of volunteers at the event

US Marine Corps. Base Visit March 3, 2025

The US Marine Corps extended an invitation to tour MCBH to commemorate the flying of the Hawaiian flag and to tour the gun range. MCBH is the first base in Hawaii to fly the Hawaiian flag as a result of a resolution proposed last year. Since May of 2024, our state flag has been up out of respect for and as a reminder of the military's responsibility to our lands. This same flag was presented to me during



Sen. Fevella shaking hands with Sgt. Major Caputo and Col. Beaven

my visit. In addition, residents near MCBH have commented on the noise produced by use of the gun range. During the tour, the Marines allowed me to see what they have done to mitigate impact on nearby residents as well as compare it to the Pu'uloa Range Training Facility in Ewa.



Sen. Fevella paying respect to the flag with others on base

Kāko'o 'Ōiwi Site Visit March 3, 2025

Currently, our state is struggling to produce enough taro to sustain poi production. Rocky Kaluhiwa, a Hawaiian rights advocate for the East side extended an invitation for us to tour Kāko'o 'Ōiwi where the owners of the land showed us how land can be efficiently used for food production. The people working on Kāko'o 'Ōiwi are some of the most knowledgeable on the island when it comes to growing kalo and using traditional Hawaiian irrigation systems. That's why they should not have offered me a kulolo sampler because you know there was no refusing from me. On top of kalo production, one of the most important things they do is involve students from local schools and from UH in the farming process - providing education to our future farmers. After learning myself how knowledgeable these experts are, it's clear these students are in good hands.



Sen. Fevella inspecting a kalo stem



Capitol Update

MADD Press Conference - February 12, 2025



Senator Fevella with other members at the conference.

Alcohol is degenerative to the population of Hawaii and the unfortunate reality is that many continue to suffer because of its accessibility. Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) invited us to a press conference to relay stories regarding the historic damage alcohol has done to our state. Measures to combat alcoholism in this session alone include SB1643, our bill to lower the blood alcohol threshold for driving under the influence and other bills to raise taxes on liquor. Many of our speakers at the conference came out previously to show support for these bills. Any step we can take to deter the purchase and consumption of alcohol is a positive step for everyone in our community.

Sign Waving for A'ole Casinos - February 13, 2025

While we are on the topic of harmful substances, we should mention our fight against SB893, which would introduce casinos at the Aloha Stadium district and the Hawaii Convention Center. The message needed to be loud and clear so the tent and the speakers had to come out for this sign waving. A huge mahalo to everyone who showed up to sign wave - the louder the opposition to gambling, the better. Later that afternoon, we were so glad to hear that SB893 was deferred. Gambling is destructive to families, plain and simple. If the new stadium project needs to be funded by the introduction of casinos into our communities, then the project was questionable to begin with. Testifiers made this very clear to our Senators and ultimately, the right decision was made.



Sen. Fevella sign waving in front of the capitol.

Lunar New Year Celebration - February 18, 2025



Legislators taking photos with special guests.

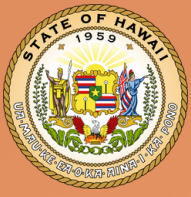
Hawaii is home to a massive population of Chinese immigrants and you don't need me to tell you how important the Lunar New Year is to them. Mahalo to Senator Chang and Representative Quinlan for putting together such a packed event, showcasing aspects of the annual celebration like the lion dance, the delicious food, and auspicious calligraphy. It also gave me an excuse to wear my red shirt which never got the chance to be pulled out of the closet yet. Although this is a celebration that happens every year, many people including myself do not know its story and significance which puts this event in the perfect position to educate our decision makers.

Day at The Capitol - March 5, 2025

This year's Day at the Capitol event was hosted by The Hawai'i State Council on Developmental Disabilities. The event includes discussions with legislators, mock hearings, a Capitol tour, and educational presentations on the legislative process. Ultimately, the goal is to foster the greater understanding necessary to support our people with developmental disabilities. The great folks over at Goodwill Hawaii stopped by my office to speak with me about pressing matters like the availability of universal changing tables in public accommodations. In collaboration with these organizations, we successfully submitted a resolution to address the issue.



Goodwill and SAAC members posing with Senator Fevella.



Important Dates & Contacts

Ewa Beach

Neighborhood Board

Thursday, March 13

DOE Schools Spring Break

March 17-21



Kuhio Day

March 26, 2025

Second Lateral

March 21, 2025

SPREAD ALOHA Everyday

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

City Dept. of Facility Maintenance

808-768-3343

Handi-Van Operations

808-456-5555

Dept. of Hawaiian Home Lands

808-620-9531

Dept. of Health

808-586-4400

Mental Health Hotline

DOH Hawaii CARES

808-832-3100 or

1-800-753-6879

Dept. of Labor & Industrial Relations

808-586-8844

Unemployment Insurance Claims

808-762-5751

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