

Senator Kurt Fevella

May 2025 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,

With the legislative session coming to an end, thank you to everyone for trusting in me to get the work down for our community. This is just another reminder that your advocacy does make a difference, and alerts me of issues in the community.

This session had a particularly busy conference week. Some bills were unfortunately not able to make it to the final vote but many that will make positive change have made it through. Among these great bills are SB1300, expanding eligibility for free school meals, and HB700, standardizing cognitive assessments for qualified Medicare beneficiaries.

As the school year wraps up for our keiki, we hope you were all able to achieve the goals you set for yourself and we wish you the best on your academic journey. A quick shoutout to Campbell High School who just had their annual Saber Showcase. Loved the event and looking forward to next year!

Mahalo and God bless,

Kurt Fevella

Campbell High School CIP Approval April 21, 2024

For anyone who has been to a Campbell game, and wished you were sitting on nicer bleachers, we have good news for you. Campbell has recently received \$9,000,000 in funds for capital improvements to their athletic complex which includes a new stadium, new girls locker room for the female athletes, an improved track, and new bleachers as well. The student athletes at Campbell are some of the hardest working competitors in the state, as we've already seen with the OIA JV Boys Basketball team so seeing them get this much deserved upgrade feels incredibly satisfying. After all, it is the least we can do to support the community for coming to the games and also keep our athletes motivated and prepared to do their best work on the court. Having spoken to some of the OIA champions and Principal -



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The Honorable Kurt Fevella The Senate Thirty-Third State Legislature State Capitol Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Aloha Senator Fevella:

SH GREEN, M.D. GOVERNOR KE KIA'ÄINA

I am pleased to let you know that my administration has released funding for the following Capital Improvement Project (CIP):

Name: Campbell High School, Athletic Complex Facilities, Phase 2, O'ahu

Description: To finance the design and construction for an athletic complex, including locker room under bleachers, fitness and weight room, relocated play courts and alternatives; concession stand, restroom, and visitors' bleachers.

Amount Released: \$2,000,000.00

Mahalo for your work on behalf of the residents of your district to secure these funds. Projects such as these are critical components of the public infrastructure and contribute to building a better home for our kūpuna, kekik, and all the residents of Hawai'i.

By working together, we can solve the great challenges of our time, create a more sustainable Hawai'i, and establish the Hawaiian Islands as a place that future generations will choose to call home.

Mahalo Zola Josh Green, M.D. overnor, State of Hawai'i

Jon Henry Lee, the ambitious athletic complex revamp is expected to take millions more dollars but regardless, this is a substantial step towards improving quality of life. Besides Campbell, schools in Ewa such as Iroquois Point and Ewa Beach Elementary have also received CIP approval for much needed development so congratulations to them!



In the Community

Child Abuse Press Conference April 7, 2025





Mayor Blangiardi with Senator Fevella prior to Press Conference

On April 7, the community and I took to the streets to sign wave and raise awareness about child abuse amongst our homeless population. in this particular case, a baby was taken to the hospital and was found to have drugs such as methamphetamines and ecstasy in her system. During the press conference, Mayor Blangiatdi and his staff came down to discuss ways forward, and how we can prevent future incidents from occurring.

Guest Speaker at Honouliuli Middle School April 16, 2025



Senator Fevella speaking to Social Studies class at Honouliuli Middle School

At Honouliuli Middle School, Senator Fevella spoke to 4 different social studies classes about *Wahi Pana*, or storied places. The students learned about the history of Honouliuli, with emphasis on the Honouliuli Ahupua'a being the largest on the island. Following the presentation, students asked insightful questions about legislation and the history of Hawaii, and it was a blessing to share our mana'o and be a part of their educational journey. Pu'uloa Baseball Field Dedication to Peter Wokoun April 10, 2025



Peter Wokoun's Family at Pu'uloa Baseball Field

Following Peter Wokoun's Celebration of Life on April 10, his family went to the visit the Pu'uloa Baseball Field where he spent most of his time with the community. Peter Wokoun was an umpire for both major and minor leagues, and the games were often held at this baseball field. For well over 10 years, Peter personally maintained the field in preparation for the games, and always secured the park. Mahalo Peter Wokoun for your service to the community.

> Elementary National Honor Society Induction at Ewa Beach Elementary April 17, 2025



26 Ewa Beach Elementary Students at the NHS Ceremony

It is always an honor to be invited to recognize the accomplishments of our keiki in Ewa Beach. This time, 19 students were recognized for their induction into the National Elementary Honor Society (NEHS), with 7 of the current NEHS members present to congratulate and welcome them. It was a night of festivities, with family and friends present at the ceremony to celebrate. Congratulations to the new and current members of NEHS!



Capitol Update

• Women's Caucus Easter Basket Drive - April 11, 2025

On April 11, about a week prior to the Easter Weekend, the Womens Legislative Caucus got together to host their annual Easter Basket Drive to donate it to various organizations such as the Domestic Violence Action Center, Parents and Children Together, and the Salvation army. This is the 26th year the drive



Senator Fevella with Legislators from the Women's Caucus

has been held, and each basket includes household and hygiene items donated from many of the offices and staff members at the State Capitol. Items include pillows, blankets, mouthwash, toothpaste, etc., and there was also an option to donate virtually to each of the partner organizations. To add a little bit of fun to it, each year the legislature votes for a freshman legislator to put into the bunny suit. Mahalo to the Women's Legislative Caucus for hosting this event every year, and we look forward to even more baskets being donated next year!



Conference Period - April 14 - 25, 2025

As the session drew to a close, legislators go through conference, a period to finalize any disagreements between differences between Senate and House drafts. This session, there were over 400 bills being put up for conference, but only 235 made it out in time to be voted on for final reading on the floor session. Of those 235 bills includes the State Budget, where we finalize funding for each of the executive branch departments, capital improvement projects for our districts, and state grant funding for non profits. Other key bills for our office this session included SB897, HECO's securitization bill; SB1571, HTA bill; SB1300, Free school lunch for DOE students; and HB606, Funding for DHHL to build more homes. Unfortunately, HB606 to provide funding to DHHL to build homes through ACT279 did not pass through committee, but our other priority legislation did. Mahalo to all of our hardworking committee chairs and staff who helped us get through conference!

Sen. Fevella with other Senators during the State Budget Hearing

Adjournment Sine Die - May 2, 2025

After 60 days in session and 9 recess days, the Thirty Third Legislature now draws to a close. MAHALO to all of my colleagues, staff, and community for working with us to advance legislation to help our community. Of the ~3000 bills introduced this session, 28 bills have already been signed into law, with 293 bills pending approval from the governor. We have had the opportunity this session to meet with many non profits as they advocate for their GIA, Judges and Governors nominees as they are confirmed on the floor, and community advocates who want to see positive change in the community. Although Session ends, we know there is still much work needed to improve the lives in our community.



Sen. Fevella introducing members in the gallery



Important Dates & Contacts

<u>Ewa Beach</u> <u>Neighborhood Board</u>

Thursday, May 8

<u>Memorial Day</u>

Monday, May 11

<u>Connecting our Community</u> 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

<u>James Campbell High School</u> <u>Graduation Ceremony</u>

Saturday, May 17



SPREAD ALOHA Everyday

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