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## THE LEGISLATURE HITS FIRST CROSSOVER

Since opening day, the Legislature has introduced over 2,000 bills to be considered during the 2016 Legislative Session. In preparation for First Crossover, the Senate passed 265 bills on Third Reading. I am happy to report that many of these bills are in line with the Senate Majority's 2016 Legislative Program which seeks to provide for our families, protect our environment, create sustainable communities, and promote good governance.

One of my legislative priorities for this session is to make further progress in the area of education. During the interim I worked with Sen. Kidani, Chair of the Senate Committee on Education, the Department of Education, and afterschool program providers to introduce [SB3099](#) which would establish the Hawaii 3-to-6 Program and the Hawaii 3-to-6 Special Fund in the Department of Education to fund out-of-school programs for grades kindergarten through twelve.

"Afterschool and out-of-school services can provide extended learning opportunities to help students meet and exceed academic standards and at the same time develop social, personal, and vocational skills."

- Office of Youth Services

Currently, Hawaii is the fourth least affordable state for the cost of before-school or afterschool care for school-aged in a child care center (\$8,919 in 2014). However, the Afterschool Alliance reports that thirty-nine percent, or 59,057, of all Hawaii children who are not enrolled would be likely to participate in a program if one were available in the community. Creating the Hawaii 3-to-6 Special Fund would allow the Department of Education to fund out-of-school programs through a dedicated funding mechanism.

Studies have shown that out-of-school programs provide quality care and a quality learning experience while preventing Hawaii's youth from engaging in risky behaviors. In order to ensure the protection of our youth, the State should act on its responsibility to provide a variety of education out-of-school activities that build character and self-esteem.

**SB3099** was recently transmitted to the House of Representatives and is scheduled to be heard by the House Committee on Education on Wednesday, March 16. I ask for your support through the remainder of this session by submitting testimony on **SB3099** at [capitol.hawaii.gov](http://capitol.hawaii.gov) and forwarding this information to your family and friends.

## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

## MILILANI COMPLEX REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE PRIORITY LIST FOR FY 2016-2017

SCHOOL	PROJECT	(\$)
Mililani Ike Elementary	Replace A/C Chiller Lines	\$104,000
	Recoat/Restripe Playcourt	\$130,000
Mililani Mauka Elementary	A Repair A/C Chiller	\$50,000
	B Replace A/C Units	\$300,000
	C Replace A/C Units	\$300,000
	D Replace A/C Units	\$540,000
	A Replace Access Lift	\$34,000
	D Reroof	\$720,000
Mililani Middle	D Replace Folding Doors	\$130,000
	F Replace Folding Doors	\$130,000
	C Replace Folding Doors	\$130,000
	C Replace Exterior Softits	\$180,000
	E Replace Exterior Softits	\$180,000
	P1 to P4 Replace Flooring	\$36,000
	G, E, & A Concrete Walkway Repairs	\$165,000
	P-1 Replace A/C Units	\$42,000
	P-2 Replace A/C Units	\$42,000
	P-3 Replace A/C Units	\$42,000
	P-4 Replace A/C Units	\$42,000
	Mililani High	D Computer Lab Upgrades
B Reroof		\$198,000
P-1 & P-2 Reroof (P0505 & P0506)		\$36,000
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$3,651,000</b>



I recently updated a group on the Whitmore Project from the Hawaii Community Foundation, Office of Environmental Quality Control, and the Hawaii Community Foundation. Long-term leases, food safety, and scale of production are all big issues when it comes to providing local produce for local markets. Currently, over 80% of food is imported from the mainland. Local farmers need to be able to scale product so they can justify a large investment for a food safety certified facility.