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## Legislature Sine Dies for 2018 Session

During this past session, as Chair of the Committee on Ways and Means, I worked with my Senate and House colleagues to pass a balanced budget which addresses issues the Legislature prioritized relating to agriculture, homelessness, health, education and higher education.

One of my priorities this session was to support our Alternative Learning Centers. The Central District's **High Core/Storefront program** serves at-risk teens from the **Leilehua and Mililani Complexes** who require additional attention. Statistics show students from the ages of 12-16 have the highest chances of participating in risky behavior. Alternative teaching methods have proven to positively affect their outcome.



Believing in the program's effectiveness, the Legislature appropriated **\$4.5 million** for new and existing Alternative Learning Centers. By providing direct funding, the current weighted student formula funds are able to remain with the complexes.

The state budget also includes key projects for Mililani and Launani Valley. The projects below will go a long way to benefit our community:

- **\$6.5 million** to grade and prepare lands in **Mililani Tech Park** for the **First Responders Tech Campus & Cyber Security Data Center**
- **\$5 million** for female locker rooms at **Mililani High School**
- **\$4.7 million** to acquire agricultural lands in **Central Oahu** and add water access for irrigation
- **\$3.2 million** for a covered play court at **Mililani Mauka Elementary School**
- **\$800,000** for repair and maintenance at **Wahiawa General Hospital**
- **\$325,000** to install a new bell and public address system at **Mililani Ike Elementary School**
- **\$200,000** for **ALEA Bridge** to conduct homeless outreach services in **Central Oahu**

The State made significant progress on ongoing projects in the district. The Department of Education received funds to construct additional classrooms at Mililani Middle and expects to break ground next year. This will transition the school to a single-track calendar.

It has been a rewarding session and an honor to represent Senate District 22. Mahalo for your support!

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## *Working for You*



The Senate had the honor of recognizing Colette Kajiwara, a Mililani Mauka resident, for being selected as the 2017 Outstanding Educator for the Central District. (left)

Rep. Learnmont and I hosted a joint town hall meeting on emergency preparedness. The Hawaii Emergency Management Agency, Department of Education, and Department of Emergency Management were present to inform Wahiawa and Whitmore Village residents about how to be prepared for various hazards. (right)



We recognized Mililani Town Association's (MTA) 50th anniversary. Acknowledgements go to the MTA Board of Directors; President Bob Barrett, Vice President Michelle Kidani, Secretary Josie Hart Ka'anehe, General Manager David O'Neal, and Board Members Will Kane, Neil Takeda, Michael Magaoay, Val Okimoto, Noriko Salangdron, and Glenn Yoshimori. (left)

## *Projects for the District*

I am pleased to announce the following projects in the district will be moving forward soon:

- Mililani Middle School: \$ 21.375 million - Classroom Building

Please bear in mind that there will be some disruption and disturbance during the construction period. For more information, please feel free to contact my office.