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A Newsletter from State Representative Ryan Yamane

House District 37 · Mililani · Waipi'o Gentry

2011 Session

Thank you for allowing me to serve you and our community for another legislative session. I hope you and your family are healthy and happy. Your comments and feedback have truly assisted our efforts in addressing the concerns and needs of our families and neighborhoods.

This legislative session was a very challenging one as we faced another \$1.3 Billion budget shortfall. My top priorities this session were to focus on the improvement of our State's economy, increase job growth, and reduce duplicative governmental spending. This year, we ended school furloughs and recovered from natural disasters; I am proud of our community for working together showing that we can bounce back quickly from these obstacles.

During these very difficult fiscal times, I am proud to announce that our community will receive over \$4 Million in repairs and maintenance projects to our schools, neighborhood infrastructure, and other community projects. We have several construction projects currently being completed, and designed to enhance our schools and community. These projects are the direct result of our requests to meet the needs of our schools and students. I am grateful to see these results in our community and am confident that they will help us thrive. These projects are vital to support our children and our special way of life in Waipi'o Gentry and Mililani.

I continue to volunteer in disaster preparedness and work directly with our military; and I am humbled by our neighboring military community's active involvement in Hawaii's culture and economy. Thank you for your continued support, I am looking forward to continuing our goals to make our community a better place to live, play, and work. If you have any questions or ideas, please feel free to contact me via phone or email.

With my warmest aloha,

Ambulance Services Extended for Central Oahu

Four years ago, in 2007 we were successful in securing one City and County EMS Ambulance servicing the Central Oahu community including: Waipi'o Gentry, Crestview, Seaview, Mililani, Mililani Mauka, and Waikele. I was very pleased to see the ambulance stationed in our community. The addition of this ambulance decreased the emergency response time to our Central Oahu communities, saving lives.



The Waipi'o Gentry-Mililani EMS Ambulance I advocated for will be extended to serve our community for 24 hours and 7 days a week.

The Central Oahu ambulance has been so successful in decreasing the emergency response time in our area that the Honolulu EMS notified me recently that they will extend the EMS Ambulance Service time to serve our community for 24 hours and seven days a week.

Installing Bikeways to Connect Our Community

While a member of the Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OMPO) committee, I asked our district residents for ideas to further develop our community. Many responded requesting the installation of bikeways along Meheula Parkway.

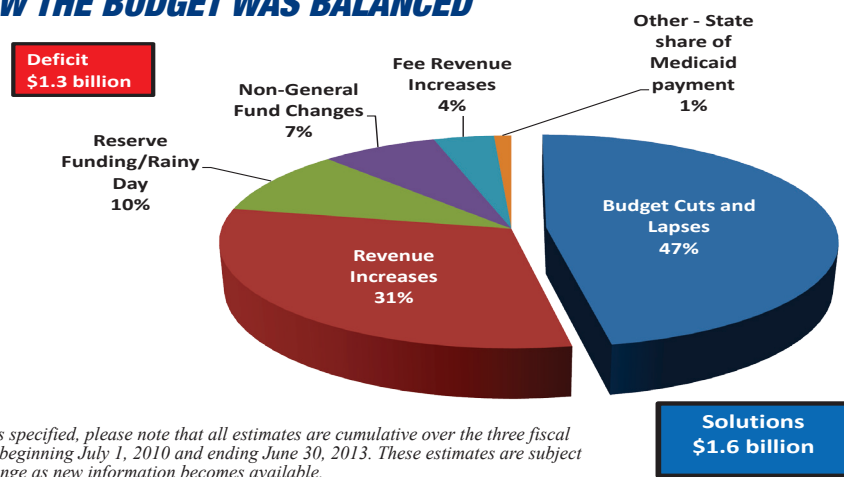
I am very happy to inform you that the Meheula Parkway Bikeways have been created throughout Mililani. My office received calls from residents pleased with the bikeways to use with their families to bike through the town safely.



Mililani's new Bikeways, which I advocated for while serving on the OMPO committee.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 2011 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

HOW THE BUDGET WAS BALANCED



Unless specified, please note that all estimates are cumulative over the three fiscal years beginning July 1, 2010 and ending June 30, 2013. These estimates are subject to change as new information becomes available.

At the start of the session, the primary challenge of the legislature was how to rectify a \$1.3 Billion deficit. About half of the deficit was closed by making cuts to the state budget, and we avoided having to raise the general excise tax (GET) which would have seriously impacted every resident and business in the state.

BUDGET SOLUTIONS

Act 162-State Budget

This year's state budget will fund a total of \$10.9 Billion over the next two years for the general operation of the State of Hawaii. The legislature made over \$600 Million in cuts and passed revenue generating bills totaling over \$600 Million to create a healthy surplus to hopefully deal with any additional revenue decline.

I also co-sponsored a measure, which the legislature passed, **Act 57 Extending Salary Cuts** that extended a 5% pay cut for state legislators, judges, the governor, lieutenant governor, and department heads and deputies to match the 5% cuts made by state employees.

REFORMING GOVERNMENT

Act 163 – Revising the Employee Retirement System for Future Employees

Decreases employee benefits and increases contribution rates in order to maintain the Employee Retirement System and reduces the state's unfunded liability for future Hawaii State and County Employees who are hired after June 30, 2012.

EDUCATING OUR KEIKI

Act 162-Repairing and Maintaining Our Schools

Included in the state budget is the funding of the repair and maintenance of our schools through Capital Improvement Projects. At right is a chart of the appropriations made in the state budget to benefit our community schools.

Act 52- Minimum School Year and Instructional Hours for Students

Implements the minimum school year and student instructional hours' requirement

in a feasible and fiscally responsible way to support multi-track schools, including Mililani Middle School.

Act 82-Ensuring Educational Stability for our Military Students

Supports our military children by ensuring that the transfer of school records for children of our military service members remains stable between states. This will avoid transfer delay of school documents for the military child during a stressful family move and change of duty-station. This law will also allow military representation on the Hawaii State Council on Educational Opportunity within the Board of Education.

PUBLIC PROTECTION

Act 48- Protecting Homeowners, Reforming the Mortgage Foreclosure Process

Hawaii now has one of the strongest mortgage foreclosure laws in the country. The new law will help homeowners who risk losing their homes by implementing a comprehensive strategy to reform the mortgage foreclosure process. This law establishes a 3-year Mortgage Foreclosure Dispute Resolution Program for non-judicial fore-closures beginning in October of this year.

This new Mortgage Foreclosure Dispute Resolution (MFDR) program provides an opportunity for owners in non-judicial foreclosure to meet face-to-face with their lenders to modify their loans or to work out a payment plan within three months. The program is established and administered by the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (DCCA). For more information, please visit: <http://hawaii.gov/dcca/oah/mfdr/mortgage-foreclosure-dispute-resolution-mfdr-program>.

Act 189- Supporting the Hawaii State Fire Council

I introduced this measure to support our state's firefighters. This law creates the Reduced Ignition Propensity Cigarette program and hires two people to support the State Fire Council in their mission to reduce cigarette-related fires, household fires, and brush fires statewide.

CARING FOR OUR 'AINA

Act 199- Expanding Biofuels

Expands the renewable energy process to include local biofuel production facilities with the capacity to produce and distribute 100,000 gallons of biofuel annually within the state. This new law will also support the creation of more local business and jobs within the renewable energy industry.

Act 36 –Controlling Invasive Species

The state will increase its ability to detect, quarantine, and eradicate invasive species by increasing the fee to 75 cents for every 1,000 pounds of imported freight brought into the State.

SUPPORTING HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS

As the Chair of the Committee on Health, I have sought to diversify our professional healthcare system by supporting local health care professionals with innovative new laws to develop our workforce.

Act 110- Encouraging Advanced Practice Registered Nurses

Ensures that advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs) are supported to their full potential by allowing licensed APRNs to practice within their full scope; including serving as a primary care provider and allowing qualified APRNs with prescriptive authority to dispense medication to patients under their care.

KEEPING HAWAII HEALTHY

Act 175- Upholding Disability Rights and Protecting Service Animals

Supports man's best friend, especially when pets are trained to help people. This bill rewards our state's hardworking guide dogs by amending local laws to support the American Disability Act in the licensing requirements of service animals, and by protecting service animals and their owners from discriminatory practices.

Act 177- Protecting Patients from Health Care-Associated Infections

With the diverse amount of patients in hospitals and clinics with various ailments, this law will reduce hospital and clinic

2011-2013 Capital Improvement Projects for Our Community

Kanoelani Elementary School, Waipio Gentry	\$950,000
<i>School-wide electrical system upgrade</i>	
Highlands Intermediate School	\$480,000
<i>Asbestos removal and renovation of chorus classroom</i>	
Mililani Uka Elementary School	\$50,000
<i>Safety upgrade to school stage</i>	
Mililani Uka Elementary School	\$75,000
<i>Upgrade and installation of safe, playground equipment</i>	
Kipapa Elementary School	\$200,000
<i>Air Conditioning system replacement</i>	
Mililani Middle School	\$750,000
<i>Roof Repair for classroom buildings</i>	
Mililani Middle School	\$501,000
<i>Cover for outdoor play court</i>	
Mililani High School	\$470,000
<i>Tennis court, parking lot, and driveway resurfacing</i>	
Mililani High School	\$1,000,000
<i>Upgrade and replacement of Fiber-optic network system</i>	
Leeward Community College	\$19,013,000
<i>Construction for a new education and innovation instructional facility</i>	
University of Hawaii- West Oahu	\$2,500,000
<i>Construction of photovoltaic panel to generate campus power</i>	

TOTAL CIP FUNDING TO OUR COMMUNITY (excluding UH funding)\$4, 476,000

infection by allowing the Department of Health to access and disclose hospital infection reports and monitor infection rates in Hawaii.

UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII WEST OAHU'S NEW CAMPUS

For thirty years University of Hawaii's West Oahu campus has been a long-standing vision of a local, higher education alternative for our families in Central O'ahu. After decades of discussion, we are finally moving forward to creating this new state-of-the-art, baccalaureate campus. In 2010, I strongly supported the construction funding to begin the first phase of the campus.

This year, construction began to build the new UH-West Oahu campus in Kapolei. This new campus is expected to serve 2,000 students when it opens for the fall 2012 semester. The architectural design for UH-West Oahu will strive

to meet national certification standards in energy and environmental design and U.S. Green Building Council standards. For more information on the development of UH-West Oahu, please visit: <http://www.uhwo.hawaii.edu/newcampus/>



Recognizing Central Oahu's Abunai Soccer Team for their achievement in the House Chamber.



At the signing ceremony for my bill, **Act 189**, supporting the Hawaii State Fire Council with Hawaii's four Fire Chiefs and Representatives Derek Kawakami, Ty Cullen, and Henry Aquino.



Participating in the Hawaii Salvation Army KROC Center's and Target Back to School Shopping Spree.



Examining the construction of the new University of Hawaii-West Oahu campus for our future students. This new campus is expected to open for classes beginning in the fall 2012 semester.

Preparing for an Emergency

As an avid volunteer with the Red Cross, Community Emergency Response Teams, and Civil Air Patrol; I strive for opportunities to learn disaster and emergency preparedness to implement in our community.

Over this past year, I recently studied with our nation's leaders at Harvard University's National Preparedness Leadership Initiative. This study program was compiled by the Harvard Kennedy School of Government and School of Public Health. As the only student from Hawaii, I was able to provide a unique perspective of emergency preparedness from an island-state in the center of the Pacific Ocean. I studied with many federal emergency responders and learned new response techniques, should our community fall victim to an emergency or disaster. While I represented Hawaii's perspective, many participants became directly involved with the security and health planning of the APEC Conference in Hawaii.

This year I was also invited to return to the U.S. Army War College to study national security strategies and community preparedness. As our community collaborates with neighboring military installations, it is important to maintain and understand our goals and

direction. I worked with many military officers in the War College's educational program and expressed the need for cultural sensitivity to our state; while focusing on the strategic role our state plays in national security; and honoring our servicemen, servicewomen, and their families.



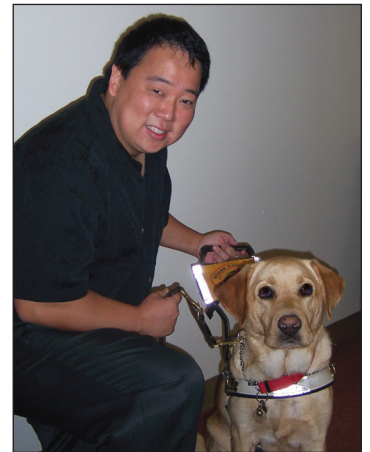
Recognizing Harvard University's administration for their community collaboration through the National Preparedness Leadership Initiative.

Kamehameha Highway Roosevelt Bridge Improvement

At the request of many district residents, I introduced **House Resolution 39** this legislative session, to request that the Department of Transportation study ways to improve Kamehameha Highway's Roosevelt Bridge in Kipapa gulch.

Kamehameha Highway is a major thoroughfare between Waipio and Mililani. The Kipapa gulch bridge was built over 78 years ago to facilitate military access through Central Oahu and is well-worn in the year 2011.

The State Department of Transportation will finish providing an Environmental Assessment to identify capacity enhancement and safety improvements for Mililani and Waipio's Roosevelt Bridge and recommended alternatives by December of this year. My office will continue to fight for much needed improvements in our community.



With a guide dog whose owner testified before my committee to urge protective legislation, now Act 175, for service animals and to strengthen the rights of the disabled.



Attending the US Army War College National Security seminar.

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Rebuilding Our Community

So far the Governor released 7 major projects rebuilding our schools, public library, and community as a whole. This funding was secured over the last two legislative sessions and was finally released to rebuild our community infrastructure.

Mililani Uka Elementary	\$600,000
<i>Slope stabilization</i>	
Mililani Waena Elementary Parking lot Expansion	\$100,000
<i>Parking lot expansion</i>	
Mililani High School	\$2,700,000
<i>Stadium improvements</i>	
Mililani Library	\$526,000
<i>Parking lot expansion</i>	
Mililani Middle School	\$2,500,000
<i>Covered play courts</i>	
Mililani High School	\$312,000
<i>Parking lot expansion</i>	
Mililani Uka Elementary	\$36,000
<i>Cafeteria stage improvements</i>	

I will continue to request the Governor to release the remaining funds in the budget for our Waipio community.