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Aloha Friends!

With the 2013 legislative session ending on May 2nd, I hope this newsletter will be a helpful summary of what the legislature accomplished the session. As in the past several sessions, our most difficult task was passing a balanced budget

Fortunately, we were able to avoid increasing taxes. Finally, I am pleased to share that the budget also included more than \$111M in capital improvement project (CIP) funding for several important projects in our area (see chart on page 2).

As always, I am extremely grateful for the opportunity to serve you and to work together to make our community a better place to live. If I can ever be of assistance, please feel free to contact me at 586-8500 or rephar@capitol.hawaii.gov.

Aloha,

Sharon Har
Representative, District 42
Kapolei, Makakilo



Talk Story with Rep. Har
NEW DATE:
Saturday, May 25, 2013
9:00-10:00 a.m.
Kapolei High School
Teachers' Lounge

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Session Highlights

Emergency Compassionate Care for Sexual Assault Victims (HB411 HD2) – HB411 ensures that female sexual assault victims are provided with medically and factually accurate and unbiased information about and access to emergency contraception when receiving emergency medical care at Hawaii's hospitals. This bill was signed by the Governor on April 22, 2013 as Act 027.

Relating to Animals (SB9 SD1 HD2 CD1) – SB9 ensures that any person convicted of cruelty to animals in the first degree cannot possess or own any pet animal or equine animal for a minimum period of five years from the date of conviction. This bill is has been transmitted to the Governor to be signed into law.

Simulated Firearms (SB2 HD1) – This bill amends the offenses of terroristic threatening in the first degree and robbery in the first degree to include the use of simulated firearms. This measure has been transmitted to the Governor for his signature.

Medical Marijuana (HB668 HD2 SD2 CD1 and SB642 HD2 CD1) – HB668 transfers the medical marijuana program from the Department of Public Safety to the Department of Health. SB642 amends the definitions of "adequate supply", "medical use", "primary caregiver", "usable marijuana", and "written certification" and allows the medical use of marijuana if the amount of marijuana possessed by the qualifying patient does not exceed an adequate supply. This measure also amends registration requirements and allows inquiries by law enforcement agencies regarding registration status to be made 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Both bills have been transmitted to the Governor for signature. Several other marijuana bills that were introduced to legalize the use of marijuana did not pass.

Public Land Development Corporation (HB1133 SD2) – This measure repeals Act 55 which created the public land development corporation (PLDC) as a vehicle to administer and coordinate programs to make optimal use of public land while ensuring that the public land is maintained for the people of Hawaii. Act 55 was repealed on April 22, 2013 after HB1133 SD2 was signed into law as Act 38.

Domestic Worker's Bill of Rights (SB535 SD1 HD2 CD1) - SB535 simultaneously granted domestic workers protections while eroding parental liberties. Protections prevent discharge or discrimination based on race, sexual orientation, religion etc., also preventing families from selecting domestic workers that may be consistent with their beliefs. While families can choose the religious affiliation of their child's elementary education, they are not afforded the same choice if they were to hire a tutor or a private teacher.

Ka Makana Ali'i developers hiding details

Many of you might have noticed an article about my thoughts on the Ka Makana Alii project in [a recent, front page article in the Pacific Business News](http://www.bizjournals.com/pacific/print-edition/2013/04/19/harwants-answers-from-debartolo.html) (<http://www.bizjournals.com/pacific/print-edition/2013/04/19/harwants-answers-from-debartolo.html>), and I would like to clarify some of those thoughts.

The Ka Makana Ali'i project has raised a lot of concerns in Kapolei and Makakilo because it affects the extension of the North/South Road to Roosevelt Ave. and will also affect the historic OR&L railway that is still actively-used. This Legislative session, I authored a resolution to hold the Dept. of Hawaiian Homelands (DHHL), and the developer, DeBartolo, accountable by requesting a report to the Legislature about the progress of this project. To-date, the developer has not communicated plans to the community despite offering plans that indicate this shopping center is 'full-steam ahead'. Kapolei and Makakilo deserve a higher quality of life that Ka Makana Ali'i could offer, however, there has been no transparency in the planning process. Therefore, the actual impact to the community, and the historically valuable railway remain unclear at best.

While there is an opportunity for development to improve our quality of life in West Oahu, we know all -to-well that reckless development can result in long-lasting consequences.



House Republicans perpetuate bad government

Reform of bad government practices should have been a shoe-in this Legislative session, especially with Republican support for the House of Representatives controlled by liberal Democrats. I was disappointed, however, when bills that I authored to improve government managed to die. It is a good day for bad government. Common sense legislation that some of my colleagues blocked are listed below:

HB563/SB350: Would fix creative government accounting that forced businesses to file their monthly, quarterly or semi-annual reporting from the 20th-day to the end of the month.

HB568/SB853: In the light of the 2012 election debacle, where precincts ran out of ballots and vote-counting machines failed, oversight of the Chief Elections Officer was direly needed to prevent this from happening again. This bill would subject the Chief Elections Officer to oversight by the Elections Commission.

HB1021/SB716: The intent of this bill was to prevent waste of government funds by the Dept. of Health. A recent report by the State Auditor found rampant misreporting under the HI5 recycling program. Rather than fixing the problem through hiring, the Dept. of Health requested additional funding via an increase to the fee assessed with the purchase of any beverage container. Rather than fixing the problem, bipartisan House leadership opted to throw more money at this black hole by allocating more funding, killing this bill and perpetuating wasteful government spending.

\$115-million in improvements slated for West Oahu in FY14-15

Residents of West Oahu can expect to benefit from \$115-million in improvements that I helped to secure in the 2013-2015 budget to ensure that our tax dollars are spent to increase our quality of life.

	FY14	FY15
Kunia Agricultural Park	<u>\$2,500,000</u>	
<i>Design and construction for the Kunia Agricultural Park</i>		
Army Aviation Support Facility, Kalaeloa	<u>\$30,318,000</u>	<u>\$901,000</u>
<i>Plans, design, construction and equipment of a new army aviation support facility at Kalaeloa, Oahu. The facility will be built to national guard standards and will meet LEED Silver Level</i>		
East Kapolei High School		<u>\$5,000,000</u>
<i>Design, construction and equipment for a new high school; ground and site improvements; equipment and appurtenances.</i>		
East Kapolei Middle School	<u>\$3,000,000</u>	
<i>Plans, design, construction and equipment for a new middle school; ground and site improvements; equipment and appurtenances.</i>		
Makakilo Elementary School	<u>\$700,000</u>	
<i>Design and construction for campus-wide electrical upgrades; ground and site improvements; equipment and appurtenances.</i>		
Seagull Schools Childcare Center	<u>\$1,200,000</u>	
<i>Construction for a childcare center located at Kapolei Elementary School.</i>		
Kapolei Community Development Corporation	<u>\$1,150,000</u>	
<i>Construction of the Kapolei Community Development Corporation Heritage Center multi-purpose facility.</i>		
Watershed Initiative	<u>\$8,500,000</u>	<u>\$6,000,000</u>
<i>Design and construction for DLNR division of forestry and wildlife watershed initiative funding support for watershed protection, management and administration.</i>		
Fuel Pier Improvements, Kalaeloa Barbers Point Harbor	<u>\$1,000,000</u>	<u>\$2,000,000</u>
<i>Plans and design for a new fuel pier facility and other related improvements.</i>		
Kalaeloa-Barbers Point Harbor Modifications	<u>\$250,000</u>	<u>\$150,000</u>
<i>Plans and design to modify the turning basin, entrance channel, and other physical features to improve navigational safety and operational efficiencies at Kalaeloa Barbers Point Harbor, Oahu.</i>		
H-1, (PM) Contraflow	<u>\$15,000,000</u>	
<i>Construction for a PM contraflow lane on Interstate Route H-1 from the vicinity of Radford Drive to the Vicinity of Waikale.</i>		
H-1, Kunia Interchange Improvements	<u>\$780,000</u>	
<i>Plans for improvements to the Kunia Interchange and approaches.</i>		
Kualakai Parkway Extension, Kapolei Parkway to Roosevelt Avenue	<u>\$15,000,000</u>	
<i>Construction for an approximate 1/2 mile extension to Kapolei Parkway and Roosevelt Avenue.</i>		
Kunia Road	<u>\$3,000,000</u>	
<i>Plans, design, and construction to extend third lane over Farrington Highway to the H-1 Freeway southbound to the vicinity of Laulanui Street.</i>		
University of Hawaii - West Oahu	<u>\$3,500,000</u>	
<i>Design and construction of Road B on the campus of UHWO to connect to Kualakai Parkway; project to include necessary intersection improvements.</i>		
University of Hawaii - West Oahu	<u>\$11,800,000</u>	
<i>Design and construction for the Allied Health Building, including ground and site improvements; equipment and appurtenances, and all project related costs.</i>		
Univ. of Hawaii - Academy of Creative Media	<u>\$2,086,000</u>	
<i>Additional funds for new positions to expand the Academy of Creative Media to better serve island students.</i>		
'Ulu'ulu: Henry Ku'ualoha Giugni Moving Image Archive of Hawaii	<u>\$400,000</u>	
<i>Positions and operating funds for the 'Ulu'ulu: Henry Ku'ualoha Giugni Moving Image Archive of Hawaii to preserve film and videotape related to Hawaiian history and culture.</i>		
Challenger Center Hawaii	<u>\$249,000</u>	
<i>Operating funds for the Challenger Center Hawaii and Pacific International Space Center for Exploration Systems</i>		
Nisei Veterans Legacy Center	<u>\$150,000</u>	
<i>Planning and design of the Nisei Veterans Legacy Center at UH-West Oahu</i>		