

REPRESENTATIVE KEN ITO

49TH DISTRICT - Maunawili, Kaneohe, Olomana

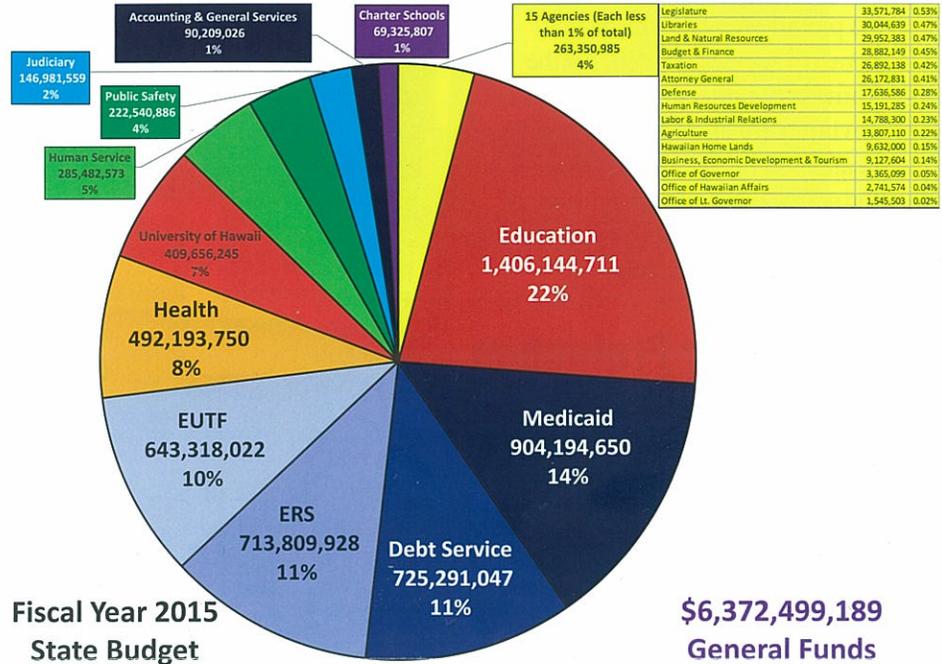
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The State Budget

The 2014 Legislature passed a two year supplemental state budget that responds to the pressing needs of Hawaii's people, while carefully scrutinizing expenses in the context of current Council on Revenue projections.

This measure sets the Executive Branch budget at \$11,726,810,661 for FY 2013-2014 and \$12,147,239,877 for FY 2014-2015. Of this total amount, \$5,944,324,439 for FY 2013-2014 and \$6,189,204,272 for FY 2014-2015 comes from anticipated general fund moneys. This measure also provides for \$955,256,000 for FY 2013-2014 and \$1,372,592,000 for FY 2014-2015 for capital improvement projects funded by general obligation bonds and \$5,094,070,000 in fiscal biennium 2013-2015 for projects funded by all means of financing. Additionally, more than \$10,000,000 has been set aside for Grants-In-Aid for non-profit organizations.



Dear Friends,

Once again I want to thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as your Representative for the 49th District comprised of the mauka side of Kaneohe, as well as Maunawili and Olomana. Since last year's redistricting, I have had the pleasure of meeting with many of you to discuss community concerns and look forward to continuing the dialogue.

This session I was part of leadership as Majority Whip and served as co-chair of the Veterans, Military, and International Affairs, and Culture and the Arts Committee (VMI). As co-chair of VMI, I focused on legislation that benefits our veterans and their dependents, and strengthens our security. I was also a member of the Judiciary Committee, Consumer Protection & Commerce Committee, and Economic Development & Business Committee.

Although Hawaii's economy remains stable, we still have some challenging work ahead of us to ensure that the state's economy continues to grow, while our social services remain intact. Given the lower than expected growth in revenues this year, the Legislature took a cautious approach to budgetary spending while still addressing key state issues. Lawmakers supported legislation that protects seniors and the most vulnerable, safeguards the environment, addresses climate change and invasive species and promotes sustainability. Other priorities included education, economic development, renewable energy, and minimum wage.

On a personal level, I will continue to back legislation that protects the elderly, helps veterans and their families, improves education, protects our natural resources and ensures the well-being of our communities. This session I supported legislation that clarifies the duties of the Kaneohe Bay Regional Council, requires transition homes to register with state agencies, and appropriates funds for restoration work at Kawainui Marsh. I will also continue to work with the Department of Land and Natural Resources and other stakeholders to find a viable solution to the disturbances at the entrance of Maunawili Falls Trail. Toward that goal, the Legislature has appropriated \$200,000 for plans and design of a parking lot to serve hikers.

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Agriculture

HB1716 Making An Appropriation For Invasive Species Prevention, Control, Outreach, Research, and Planning:

To provide funds to the Hawaii invasive species council, for the immediate protection of Hawaii's environment and economy and the health and lifestyle of its people through the support of invasive 16 species prevention, control, research, outreach, and planning.



Sheena Aliasa & Wendy Matsuzaki, Principals, receiving award during Educator's Week

Consumer Protection & Commerce

SB2345 SD1 HD1 CD1 Relating to the Investor

Education Program: Appropriated funding to the office of the securities commissioner to support and protect Hawaii's kupuna for educational outreach, particularly in the areas of indexed annuities, life-settlement annuities, variable annuities, and Ponzi schemes.

Economic Development and Business

HB2151 HD1 SD2 CD1 Relating to the Pacific International Space Center For Exploration Systems:

Appropriated funds to the Pacific International Space Center for Exploration Systems for general and administrative tasks and to assist in the execution of strategic program initiatives.

SB2583 SD1 HD1 CD1 Relating to The Pacific International Space Center For Exploration Systems and National Aeronautics and Space Administration Laser Communications

Ground Station Initiative: Appropriated funding for an engineering assessment of the proposal to establish a laser optical communications ground station in the State.

Education

SB2768 SD2 HD2 CD1 Relating to

Kindergarten: To enhance the educational achievement of Hawaii's youth by making kindergarten attendance mandatory for those who will be at least 5 years of age on July 31 of the school year.

SB2134 SD1 HD1 CD1 Relating To

Education: To bring Hawaii's law into compliance with the requirements of the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

HB1796 HD2 SD1 CD1 Relating To

Education: To prohibit the use of seclusion, chemical restraint, and mechanical restraint in public schools under any circumstances, and regardless of the consent of any person. To limit the use of physical restraint to circumstances where a student's behavior poses an imminent danger of property damage or physical injury to the student, school personnel, or others. To prohibit any physical restraint that may be life-threatening.

Energy and Environmental Protection

HB1714 HD1 SD2 CD1 Relating to Climate Change:

To address the effects of climate change through 2050 to protect the State's economy, health, environment, and way of life.

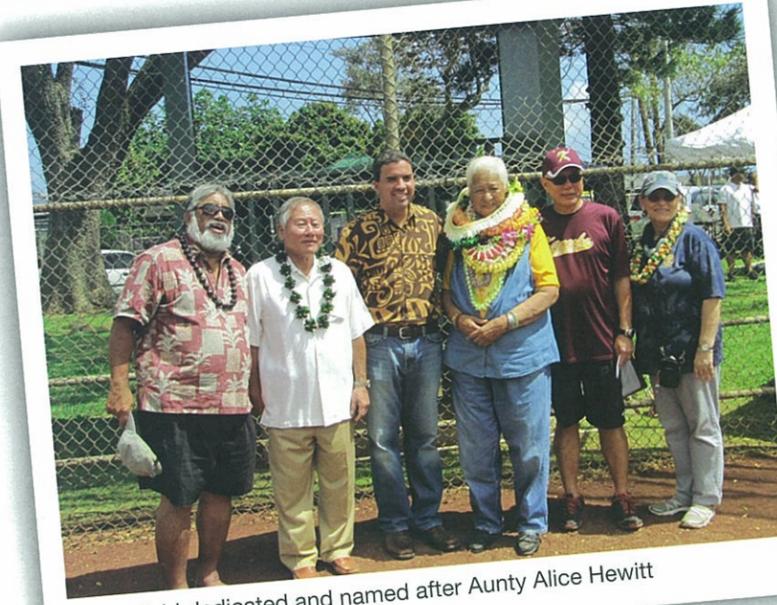
HB1943 HD2 SD2 CD1 Relating to The Modernization of The Hawaii Electric Grid: To establish guiding principles and outline a timely regulatory process to address modernization of the Hawaii electric system.



Le Jardin class enjoying their visit to State Capitol

SB2196 SD2

HD1 CDI: Relating to Energy: To re-establish the Energy Systems Development Special Fund, which was repealed. Extends the repeal of various allocations of the environmental response, energy, and food security tax from 2015 to 2030.



Heeia field dedicated and named after Aunty Alice Hewitt

Health

SB2346 SD1 HD2 CD1: Relating to Aging: To appropriate general funds for community-based services and programs for older persons. Requires the Department of Health Executive Office on Aging to conduct a public education and awareness campaign on long-term care.

SB2224 HD2 SD2 CD1: Relating to Group Homes: To establish a registry for clean and sober homes within the Department of Health. To appropriate funds. To amend the county zoning statute to better align functions of state and county jurisdictions with federal law.

Human Services

HB1993 SD2 CD1: Relating to Domestic Violence: To require a police officer to make reasonable inquiry of witnesses and the family or household member upon whom physical abuse or harm is believed to have been inflicted and order a no-contact period of forty-eight hours. To make the commission of an act of physical abuse in the presence of a family or household member who is a minor under the age of fourteen a class C felony.

HB2034 HD2 SD1 CD1: Relating to Sexual Assault: To remove the statute of limitations for criminal actions arising from sexual assault in the first and second degrees and continuous sexual assault of a minor under the age of fourteen years.

SB2687 SD1 HD2 CD1: Relating to Limitations of Actions: To extend the period during which a victim of child sexual abuse may bring an otherwise time-barred

civil action against the victim's abuser or any entity with a duty of care, including the State and counties.

Judiciary

HB2205 HD1 SD1 CD1: Relating to Crime:

To impose a mandatory minimum term of one year imprisonment upon conviction for the offense of habitual property crime. To authorize probation only for a first conviction of the offense of habitual property crime.

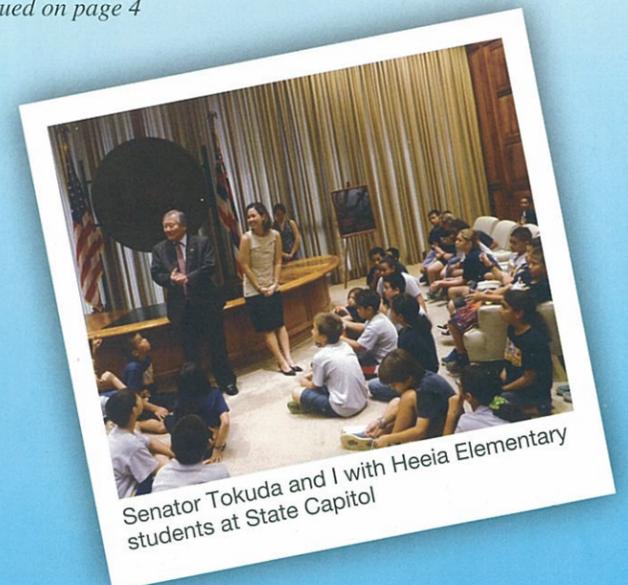
HB2490 HD2 SD2 CD2:

Relating to Juvenile Justice: To adopt recommendations of the Hawaii Juvenile Justice Working Group to enhance the juvenile justice system. To strengthen disposition, adjustment, diversion and services available for juvenile offenders to ensure family court judges, court staff, departmental staff, and service providers have the tools needed to keep youth safely and effectively in their communities. To establish a temporary Juvenile Justice Oversight Advisory Council to oversee implementation.

Labor & Public Employment

SB2609 SD1 HD2 CD1: Relating to Minimum Wage: To increase the minimum wage rate to \$7.75 per hour beginning on January 1, 2015, \$8.50 per hour beginning on January 1,

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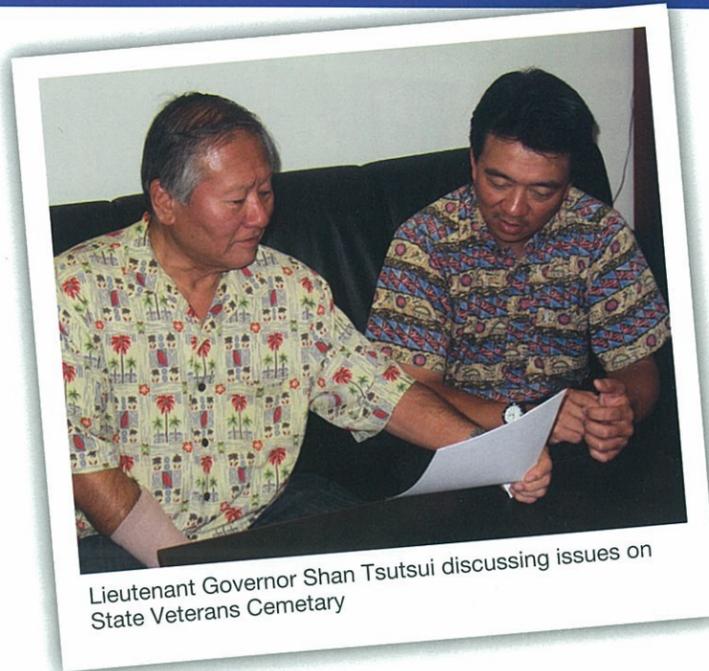
Senator Tokuda and I with Heeia Elementary students at State Capitol

Representative Ken Ito and Senator Jill Tokuda will be hosting a town hall meeting to discuss the outcomes of the 2014 Legislative Session and provide you with an opportunity to share your thoughts and concerns about our community. Senator David Ige, chair of the Ways and Means Committee, will be attending to discuss the State Budget.

Please join us for light refreshments and good conversation between friends and neighbors.

Thursday, June 26, 2014
7:00pm-8:30pm
Windward Community College
45-720 Kea'ahala Road
Hale 'Ākoakoa 105
Kāne'ohe, Hawai'i 96744

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Lieutenant Governor Shan Tsutsui discussing issues on State Veterans Cemetery

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2016, \$9.25 per hour beginning on January 1, 2017, and \$10.10 per hour beginning on January 1, 2018. To increase the tip credit to 50 cents per hour beginning on January 1, 2015, and 75 cents per hour beginning on January 1, 2016; provided that beginning January 1, 2015, the combined amount the employee receives in wages and tips is at least \$7 more than the applicable minimum wage.

Ocean, Marine Resources & Hawaiian Affairs

SB2330 SD1 HD1 CD1: Relating to Kaneohe Bay Regional Council: To amend membership and leadership of the Kaneohe Bay Regional Council. To require the Council to hold quarterly meetings on the status of the implementation of its Master Plan. To require the Council to review and report on its own continued relevance and any need for changes in its powers, duties, and functions.

Tourism

HB2434 HD2 SD2 CD1: Relating to Transient Accommodations Tax: To establish a method to leverage Transient Accommodations Tax revenues to generate income necessary to acquire a conservation easement that will protect land and coastlines at Turtle Bay containing critical green sea turtle and Hawaiian Monk Seal habitat as well as important cultural, fishing, subsistence, and burial sites.

Veterans, Military & International Affairs & Culture and the Arts

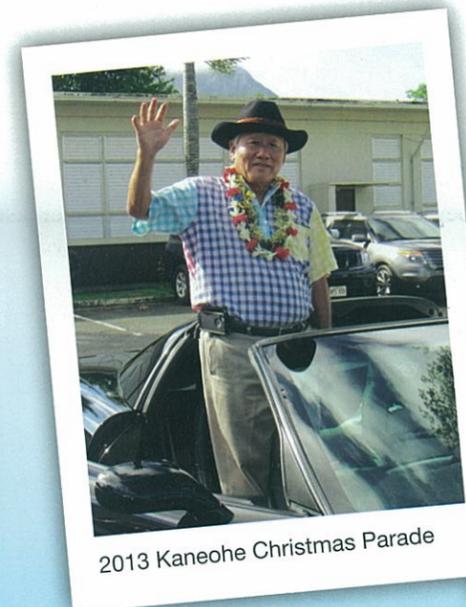
HB2051 HD1 SD2 CD1: Relating to Public Works of Art: To amend the criteria for the works of art to be commissioned to honor the late U.S. Senator Daniel K. Inouye and the late U.S. Representative Patsy T. Mink.

HB1564 HD1 SD1 CD1: Relating to Veterans: To require counties to obtain approval from the Office of Veterans' Services prior to any action that may jeopardize federal funding or negatively impact the State's ability to fulfill its financial obligation to establish and maintain veterans' cemeteries.

HB2071 HD1: Relating to Gold Star Family Day: To designate the last Sunday in September as "Gold Star Family Day".



Congratulatory Certificate presented to Mildred Sakai on her 100th birthday



2013 Kaneohe Christmas Parade



Elementary School track meet at Castle High School track with Kaneohe Elementary students

NCSL Military and Veterans' Affairs Task Force

Rep. Ken Ito is one of four legislators from Hawaii who are members of the National Conference of State Legislatures. Each summer, the NCSL brings thousands of legislators together for its Legislative Summit, which arranges more than 100 sessions and presents nationally renowned experts on the most critical state issues. Rep. Ito serves in the Military and Veterans' Affairs Task Force, which examines issues affecting the military and its community, and the well-being of veterans. He is also chair of the Economic Development Committee for the National Asian Pacific American Caucus.

At the caucus' most recent annual meeting, Rep. Ito sponsored a resolution encouraging the federal government to provide additional wireless spectrum, which would benefit Asian-American businesses as well as improve tele-medicine and education distance learning. That resolution has been shared with the Federal Communications Commission and members of Congress. In addition, Rep Ito is as a member of the Quad Caucus that focus on improving the health, education and economic opportunities of ethnic minorities.

49th District Capital Improvement Projects

EDUCATION

- James B. Castle High School** \$900,000
Plans and design for the expansion of school cafeteria.
- Kapunahala Elementary School** \$750,000
Plans, design and construction for covered walkways.
- Kailua High School** \$150,000
Design, construction and equipment for a performing arts and media presentation center.

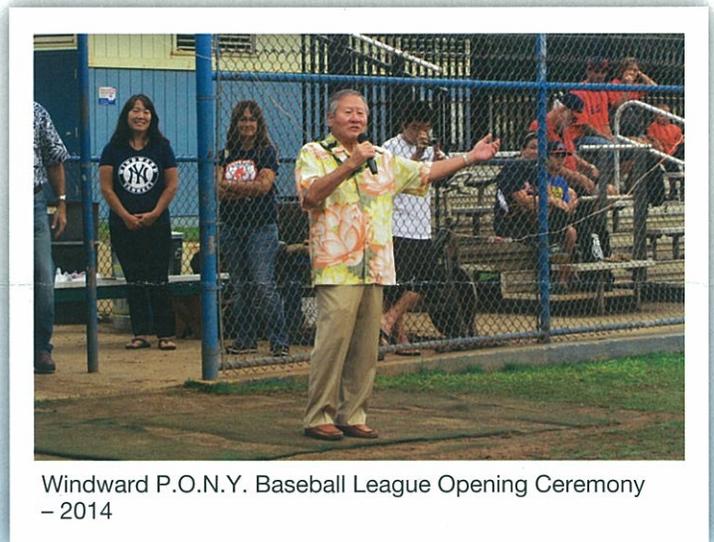
COMMUNITY

- Hawaii State Hospital** \$4,534,000
Plans, design and construction to remove hazardous materials and the demolition of Goddard building and design and construction of a new building.
- Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery** .. \$6,354,000
Plans, design and construction and improvements deemed necessary to qualify for federal aid and/or reimbursement.
- Maunawili Trails** \$200,000
Plans, design and construction for a parking area and trailhead improvements
- Kawainui Marsh** \$2,225,000
Plans, design, construction and equipment for environmental clean-up and the restoration of endangered habitat and wetlands.
- Hamakua Marsh and Kaelepulu And Kawainui Stream** \$800,000
Plans, design, construction and equipment for mangrove eradication.
- Hina Mauka Facility (Grant-in-Aid)** \$1,500,000
Construction for the expansion of the Hina Mauka facility.
- Pacific American Foundation (Grant-in-Aid)** \$1,500,000
Plans, design and construction for a new facility for education, research, and employment programs.
- ROADWAYS**
- Kahekili Highway** \$1,500,000
Plans and design for road widening improvements from Heeia Street to the intersection of Kamehameha and Kahekili Highway.
- H-3** \$5,105,000
Design and construction for a divided highway from Junction H-1 to Kaneohe Marine Corps Air Station.

TOTAL **\$25,518,000**

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including a brief summary of the FY 2014-2015 Supplemental Budget, as well as CIP appropriations for our district.

As always, please don't hesitate to contact me through e-mail at repito@capitol.hawaii.gov or at 586-8470 with any of your concerns. Your participation is essential in crafting legislation that reflects the needs of our communities.

Sincerely,

Rep. Ken Ito
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