



Representative Justin Woodson

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2014 Community Update Kahului - Pu'unene - Old Sand Hills - Maui Lani

Moving Forward! *2014 Legislative Session*

Last year the Maui delegation proved we were not afraid to take up tough issues. We passed many bold and long overdue measures. Working with my colleagues, I was able to secure \$172 Million in the 2013 Hawaii State Budget for the Kahului area!

This year I will continue to use fresh approaches and ideas to diversify our local economy, lower energy costs over time, improve healthcare, further protect worker benefits, and increase the minimum wage for the State of Hawaii.

I am grateful for the opportunity to be your Representative. In fulfilling my number one responsibility of being accessible to you, I hope to visit everyone in our community as I continue to walk our district and meet with you to touch basis. I have been doing so for a year now and will continue to as long as I have the privilege to serve you.

If you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions, please feel free to contact myself or my staff at any time. We will be happy to assist you.

Mahalo,

Justin Woodson

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Gospel of Alpha Omega International, *Vice President*
Kings Cathedral Young Ministries, *Volunteer*
Maui High School SCC, *Member*
Friends of Maui Waena, *Member*
Filipino Chamber of Commerce, *Member*
Japanese Cultural Society of Maui, *Member*

2013 Accomplishments at a Glance

\$172 Million for Central Maui

\$50 Million for Kahului Airport

\$22.7 Million for Maui Memorial Medical Center

\$6 Million for Kahului Harbor

\$4.7 Million for Central Maui Region Sports Complex

\$950,000 for Maui Economic Opportunity

\$210,000 for Hale Mahaolu



Rep. Woodson, a member of the House Committee on Health, addresses concerns during a joint informational briefing to better understand and to further develop the State's role in the *Affordable Healthcare Act*.



Rep. Woodson and Mayor Alan Arakawa meet to discuss county and state efforts.



Rep. Woodson presented Maui's very own Shane Victorino with a congratulatory proclamation on behalf of the House of Representatives for his decade of athletic excellence and for his substantial contributions of time and financial resources to the community.



Representative Justin Woodson had a great turnout on Maui for the Lawmakers Listen community meeting. The event provided the public an opportunity to discuss important issues prior to the start of the 2014 Legislative Session directly with their State Representatives. The entire core leadership team and a majority of the subject matter chairs were present in Kahului to address the specific concerns of Maui.

Lawmakers Listen

Representative Justin Woodson was able to coordinate members of the House Leadership to participate in Central Maui's Lawmakers Listen.



If you missed the event,
you may watch the meeting at:
<http://www.youtube.com/hawaiihouseblog>

Pu'unene Shopping Center Breaks Ground on Maui



Rep. Woodson attends the ground breaking ceremony for the new Pu'unene Shopping Center.

Look back at 2013 Legislative Achievements

Hawaii Growth Initiative ACT 274 is a program that provides funding, incubation, and logistical support for small businesses that focus on bringing new technological advancements to the islands. This will generate new economic opportunities for all of the people of Hawai'i as well as their industries. This initiative promotes sustainability and progressive industries, grows our local economy and provides jobs for our communities.

Green Energy Market Securitization ACT 211 is an innovative new method of providing funds to middle and low income households interested in obtaining photovoltaic solar panels for their homes.

Kupuna Health Programs ACT 214 Establishes and funds an Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia Services Coordinator, Kupuna Care Program, Aging and Disability Resource Centers, Senior Centers, and Healthy Aging Partnerships. It also appropriates funds for programs and services that support our Kupuna and established the Task Force on Mobility Management.

Homelessness ACT 222 Assists individuals facing or experiencing homelessness by funding various homeless and housing programs. Also provides substance abuse treatment and mental health support services. These programs are scheduled to start soon.

Rep. Woodson Helps Coordinate Finance Committee Members to Visit Maui



House Committee on Finance Members met with Chancellor Clyde Sakamoto at the University of Hawaii Maui College.



Maui High School Principal Bruce Anderson, Band Director Kerry Wasano, Athletic Director Michael Ban and Department of Accounting and General Services Maui Director, Wade Shimabukuro.



Maui Film Studios CEO Socrates Buenger and Actor Richmond Branscombe.

In preparation for the 2014 Legislative Session, Representative Justin Woodson was able to bring members of the House Committee on Finance to visit Maui to see firsthand some of the necessary funding needs for our community. The members were able to visit many sites on Maui. They were also given a personal tour of the [University of Hawaii Maui College](#) by [Chancellor Clyde Sakamoto](#). The members were able to better understand the necessary operational funding needs for the campus.

The Finance members were also able to visit the [Maui Film Studios](#) where they met with CEO [Socrates Buenger](#) and Maui actor [Richmond Branscombe](#). The film tax credit passed last session is already helping attract new potential film production to the island of Maui. This will mean good paying local jobs and a more diversified economy. This industry is estimated to bring in an additional \$200 million to our local Maui economy every year.

Rep. Woodson also took the members to [Maui High School](#) to see how desperately the students need a new wrestling, weightlifting, and band room facilities. Due to the tremendous success of the Maui High School Band in their many endeavors, the program has successfully increased in the number of musicians. This year Rep. Woodson will be fighting to accommodate this growth by providing funds to expand the existing band room at its current location, or building an entirely new band room, and will be negotiating funds for a new weightlifting and wrestling room for the school.



Rep. Woodson speaking with Hawaii State Film Commissioner Donne Dawson who flew over specifically for the visit.

CONGRATULATIONS!

The Maui High School Band was invited to march in the *2015 Tournament of Roses Parade*.

MHS will be the first Maui County school to attend this event.



"Rep. Woodson was instrumental in our selection to the 126th Rose Parade in Pasadena, CA by providing a letter of recommendation for us. Through his support we are able to continue to provide wonderful and unique opportunities for the band students of Maui High School." - Kerry Wasano, Band Director MHS

From the Desk of Representative Woodson

Representative Justin Woodson introduced the following measures that will improve education, health-care, environmental protections, energy costs, worker's wages, and benefits.

HB 2410 - In order to prepare Hawai'i's keiki for a prosperous and fulfilling future, it is imperative that we make sure our children can effectively compete with students around the world. HB2410 creates a pilot program to better support students, helping them to reach new internationally benchmarked standards. It also requires the Board of Education to provide web-based data to improve student outcomes and information aimed to provide more support for teachers.

HB 2411 - Modern advances in technology have made it possible for healthcare professionals to provide services for patients remotely over long distances. For families and individuals living with disabilities and or in remote areas, these new advancements in healthcare are extremely beneficial. In order to promote and sustain these programs HB2411 promotes proper market value reimbursement for services provided through the telehealth program to be equivalent to reimbursement for the same services provided via face-to-face contact between health care providers and patients.

HB 2412 - We have a responsibility to care for and protect our aina in order to foster a healthy and vibrant Hawai'i for the future. HB2412 establishes environmental courts as a separate division within the circuit court to hear all cases arising from environmental laws. This bill will stream-line the court process for environmental cases and issues.

HB 2413 - In order to help Hawai'i's working families HB2413 expands the current prevailing wage law to all labor related public-private partnerships. This bill will promote fairness, safety and higher wages for all workers involved with public-private partnerships within the construction industries.

Additional Legislative Priorities

HB 745 - It is crucial for parents to be involved in their child's education, but sometimes work can interfere. This measure will authorize family school leave (provided certain requirements are met) so that working families may participate in their children's school activities. This will prohibit employers from discharging or otherwise discriminating against an employee for taking family school leave.

HB 916 - The time is now to help our minimum wage workers, but wages must increase responsibly so that small businesses, the job providers, are not harmed. This bill gradually increases the minimum wage over a period of several years, promoting a higher standard of living for minimum wage earners.

HB 1752 - This bill funds to provide primary medical, dental, and behavioral healthcare to uninsured and underinsured patients and restores basic adult dental benefits to medicaid enrollees. It also appropriates moneys to community health centers to provide outreach and eligibility services as well as behavioral services and establishes health care homes for medicaid enrollees.

HB 2053 - Establishes a fall prevention and early detection coordinator within the Department of Health's Emergency Medical Services and Injury Prevention Branch.

Opening Day Gallery

1. Maui County Councilman Michael Victorino
2. Maui County Councilman Don Guzman
3. Members of the Maui and Oahu Union Public Workers (UPW)
4. Members of the Maui International Longshore and Warehouse Union (ILWU) Steve Castro and Donna Domingo
5. Board Members of James Walker Cameron Center including Executive Director, Cesar Gaxiola and Tom Blackburn-Rodriguez
6. Department of Education Superintendent Kathryn Matayoshi and Legislative Aide

