

FROM THE OFFICE OF

SENATOR STANLEY CHANG

East Honolulu Community Newsletter

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Aloha friends,

The 2017 legislative session is officially over. Once again, I am humbled by the opportunity to represent you in the Hawaii State Senate.

I am proud of many of the actions we took, including funding for conserving Paiko Ridge in East Honolulu, Housing First for homelessness—a working group for innovative new shelters—new bathrooms at Aina Haina Elementary School, and a tax credit for working people. Many other issues will have to wait until next year. I was disappointed by the rail standoff, the failure of bills for automatic voter registration and a Youth Commission, deleting funding for Legal Aid Society and other nonprofit legal groups, and not raising the minimum wage.

I am even more determined to fight for you and our state. I look forward to hearing your feedback on the 2017 session, your ideas for next year, and to seeing how we can work together to improve our communities.

Very truly yours,



Senator Stanley Chang



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Abandoned Vehicles
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Building Permit
808-768-5555

Trash Collection
808-768-3200

Street Light Repair
808-768-5300

► **BILL DATABASE**

capitol.hawaii.gov
Search current bill status from the homepage.

IN THE COMMUNITY



International Workers' Day

► On May 1st, International Workers' Day, Senator Chang joined over 700 private and public sector workers at the State Capitol to listen to their concerns and priorities.



Kalani High School Seniors

► On May 17th, Kalani High School held its annual Awards Ceremony honoring graduating seniors for their outstanding hard work. Senator Chang joined Speaker Emeritus Calvin Say, Representative Mark Hashem, Principal Mitchell Otani, and students Brandon Stone and Koby Yoshimi.



Kalama Valley Roads

► On April 24th, Senator Chang met with residents and community leaders to discuss road conditions in Kalama Valley and the start of Phase 11C repavement.



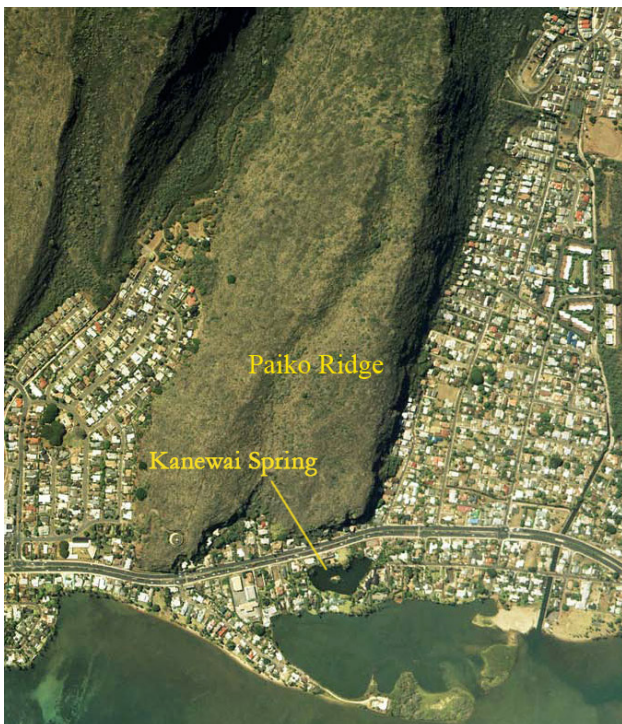
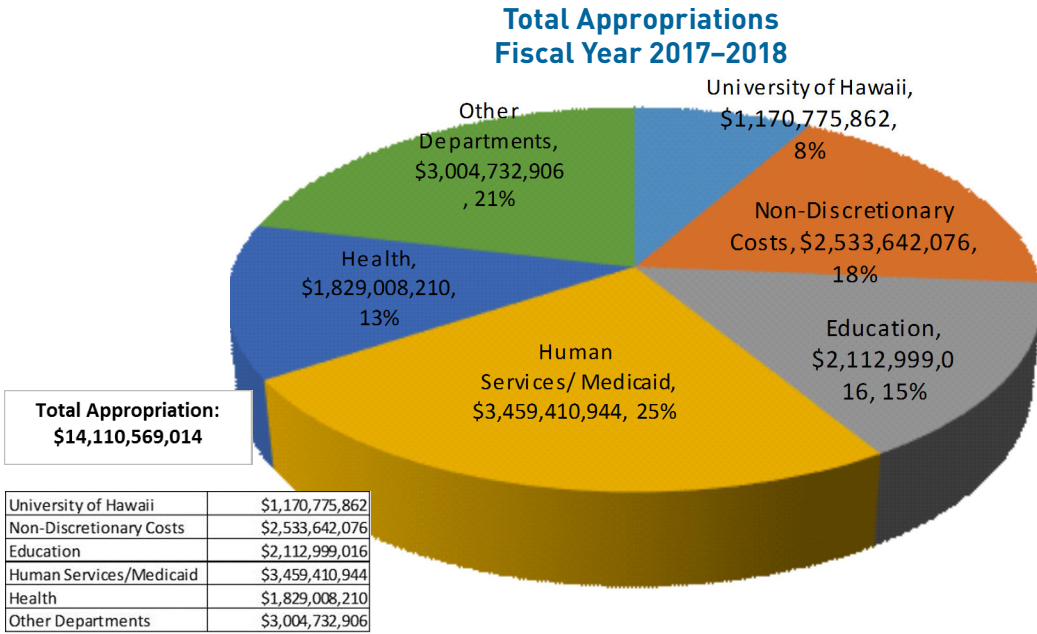
Kanewai Spring Preservation

► On May 17th, Senator Chang took a tour of Kanewai Spring (see image on opposite page) to learn about efforts to preserve and protect it.

YOUR CONCERNS

Fiscal Biennium 2017–2019

The Senate has passed a State Budget that appropriates \$14.1 billion in total operating funds for fiscal year 2018 and \$14.3 billion for fiscal year 2019. The budget includes \$2.9 billion for critical capital improvement projects (CIPs) in every county across the state. CIPs increase safety and improve, expand and maintain transportation, education and healthcare infrastructure.



Some 2018 highlights for District 9:

- ▶ **Paiko Ridge Conservation Zone**
\$1,000,000
To purchase a portion of Paiko Ridge, between Kuliouou and Hawaii Kai, for conservation purposes
- ▶ **Kapiolani Community College**
\$15,000,000
For constructing Phase II of the Culinary Institute of the Pacific
- ▶ **Waikiki Elementary School**
\$815,000
To cover electrical system upgrades, stage curtains, and other improvements
- ▶ **Aina Haina Elementary School**
\$500,000
To provide disability-compliant restrooms and other improvements

LEGISLATIVE TRACKER

2017 Session Highlights

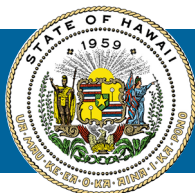
During the 29th Legislative Session, State lawmakers passed 230 bills that address the top concerns of residents statewide, ensure funding for the basic needs of our communities, and take steps to move the state forward toward being fiscally prepared and sustainable.

Here are some highlights of the bills passed this legislative session. These bills have been sent to Governor David Ige who has the option of signing them into law, vetoing the bills or he can allow them to become law without his signature.

To view the full text of these bills, go to capitol.hawaii.gov.



- **HB 290:** Establishes a state earned non-refundable income tax credit for low-income working people worth up to 20 percent of the federal earned income tax credit.
- **SB 718:** Establishes a community court outreach project in Honolulu to resolve cases involving non-violent, non-felony offenses, facilitating cases involving homeless persons.
- **SB 895:** Prohibits trespassing onto state highway property, such as underneath the HI at Waialae Avenue.
- **SB 559:** Requires reduction in greenhouse gas emissions statewide in alignment with the Paris Agreement.
- **HB 83:** Establishes a working group to examine safe zones for homeless persons.
- **HB 607:** Establishes the Kupuna Caregivers Program to assist community members in obtaining care for elderly family members while remaining in the workforce.
- **HB 552:** Establishes the Affordable Health Insurance Working Group to plan for and mitigate adverse effects of the potential repeal of the federal Affordable Care Act by Congress.
- **HB 115:** Requires the City and County of Honolulu to take ownership over roads with disputed ownership.



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