



# Representative Feki Pouha

Waialua - Kahuku - Waiāhole (*House District 47*)

House Minority Floor Leader

## 2016 State Legislative Overview

### *Aloha Neighbor,*

First and foremost, I would like to thank you for allowing me to serve as your State Representative. I am proud of the fact that through community input and also through the spirit of collaboration with my colleagues at the legislature and the Governor’s Office, our district has met significant success this year, even in light of last year’s accomplishments.

This legislature’s impact on key issues facing Hawai‘i is encouraging—but there are still many issues to address. A few of the advances from this session include:

- HB2317 appropriating \$150 million for the state’s Emergency Fund
- HB2086 appropriating \$37 million into the state’s Highway Fund
- HB1878 \$1.7 million for the Aging and Disability Resource Center
- HB1943 \$1.5 million Medicaid increase for Long-term care patients
- SB2618 Inter and Intra-island ferry feasibility study by the HIDOT
- HB1689 Organic Foods Production credit lasting from 2017 to 2022
- \$100 million to cool Public School Classrooms
- \$108 million for the University of Hawai‘i system
- \$160 million for a new high-security State Hospital facility
- \$80 million towards the State’s Unfunded Liabilities
- \$16 million increase to the Weighted Student Formula
- \$10 million to Preschool Open Doors program
- \$12 million for Homelessness Support Services
- \$35 million for repairs and maintenance to Public Housing
- \$24 million for the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL)
- \$14 million in CIP funds to DHHL
- \$31 million purchasing 900 acres on O‘ahu from Dole Food Company
- \$26 million to improve Farm Irrigation Systems
- \$7 million for Business Development programs
- \$3 million for Kupuna Care

Our work is far from over, but I am thankful to our community and my colleagues once again for the input and hard work put into this legislative session, especially in the spirit of collaboration. Without your help, we could not have accomplished this much. I look forward to continuing to work for our district and state, thank you for your continued support!

Mahalo nui loa,

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Rep. Pouha listens to a North Shore resident about community projects between Waialua and Sunset.



In the Governor’s Chambers with Kahuku Football Champs, KFAST, Keep Laie Cool & Rep. Pouha.



Rep. Pouha discussing leadership, goal achievement and civic engagement with school students.

# DISTRICT 47 UPDATE



## **\$3,000,000 Secured for Kahuku's Athletic Facilities!**

I would like to thank House Finance Chair Rep. Sylvia Luke and Senate Ways and Means Chair Sen. Jill Tokuda, as well as Rep. Kyle Yamashita and Sen. Donovan Dela Cruz for working with me to appropriate \$3 million dollars for much needed improvements and repairs to facilities at Kahuku High & Intermediate School!

The planned bleachers and handicapped accessible restroom are welcomed improvements!

This appropriation is great news and I will continue working hard to advocate for the improvement of school facilities throughout our district.

A special Mahalo to the House Finance Committee (*pictured left*) who kindly journeyed to Kahuku to see first-hand Kahuku's facilities needs.

As our community continues collaborating effectively, we can potentially realize results like this appropriation!

Left to Right: A.D. Gillian Yamagata, Rep. Cachola, Rep. Yamashita, Rep. Luke, Rep. Kobayashi, Rep. Pouha, VP Ikaika Plunket, Rep. DeCoite, Rep. Keohokalole, Principal Masaniai, Rep. Onishi, Rep. Cullen, Rep. Jordan, former CAS Lea Albert, VP Uila Vendiola

## **Funding for Kamehameha Highway!**

I would like to thank Governor Ige and the legislature for working with our district and considering the request for a budget change that would seek to obtain \$11 million in revenue bonds and \$1000 in federal funds for much needed improvements to Kamehameha Highway.

A total of \$10,001,000 would be dedicated to the repair and maintenance of Kamehameha Highway between Kualoa and Kaaawa. The remaining \$1 million would be used for a statewide shoreline study.



## **\$2,500,000 Secured for Wahiawa General Hospital!**

I am proud to support the emergency appropriation of \$2.5 million for Wahiawa General Hospital. This appropriation is meant to keep emergency medical services open for North Shore residents and visitors. Thank you to my colleagues at the legislature who made this happen for country medical services.

After several meetings, hearings and testimony from hospital supporters and other community members the legislature successfully passed a bill that provided this emergency funding as sustainable plans are executed by the leaders at Wahiawa General Hospital.

[Photo Courtesy: voalte.com]



## **Water Quality Testing in Waialua!**

Over the course of this past session, I obtained an agreement with the Department of Agriculture to conduct water quality testing in the Waialua/Haleiwa area. I am concerned about runoff potentially causing negative impacts to marine life in the area, including our protected green sea turtle population.

It is my hope that this study will help shed light on any problems with our coastline or runoff water quality that may be negatively impacting marine and human life along our coast. [Photo Courtesy: sandislehawaii.com]



## **Continued Turtle Bay Collaborative Success!**

Turtle Bay Resort completed the second phase of a "win-win-win" conservation easement to preserve 468 acres of its mauka land for farming on April 4th, 2016. On the heels of the 2015 conservation easement/purchase, this partnership is a prime model of what can be accomplished by collaboration.

Pictured left, on a site visit to the Kulima area is (*from right to left*): Finance Chair Rep. Sylvia Luke, Rep. Ty Cullen, Rep. Richard Onishi, Rep. Jarrett Keohokalole, Rep. Feki Pouha, VP Scott McCormick, Rep. Burt Kobayashi, Rep. Kyle Yamashita, Rep. Romy Cachola, Rep. Lynn DeCoite, ED Doug Cole, Rep. Jo Jordan and Mr. Ralph Makaiau.



# EDUCATION

*This session was successful for Education related issues in District 47. Education improvement is a top priority for Rep. Pouha. Here are a few accomplishments:*

## Vocational Training Legislation Passed!



Rep. Pouha and his staff discuss HCR103 with Assistant Superintendent Dann Carlson, of the Department of Education.

### HCR103: REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO ESTABLISH A TASK FORCE TO REINTRODUCE VOCATIONAL PROGRAMS AT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

This session, Rep. Pouha introduced legislation (HCR103) with the intent of reestablishing vocational training programs in public schools. This measure PASSED in both the House and Senate with broad support! Mahalo to the Committee Chairs that helped to pass this Resolution!

This Concurrent Resolution aims to bolster the vocational career pathway program in public schools, providing a more well-rounded curriculum for high school students. The curriculum would allow students to get hands on, real world experience in preparing them for a potential career right out of high school, with an added benefit of addressing some of our schools' facilities needs.

Rep. Pouha looks forward to working with the Department of Education and teachers association during the interim to work on feasibility and curriculum development.

## Hau'ula Elementary Task Force



After Rep. Pouha met with Hau'ula Elem. Admin., the school decided to organize their own task force to help improve their facilities, like KFAST did. It was not long be-

fore their efforts resulted in an improved parking area at the front of campus. Hau'ula partnered with a company that donated the material needed to prevent muddy parking due to heavy rains. Rep. Pouha encourages district schools to utilize these types of collaborative efforts.

## Cooling our Classrooms



Rep. Pouha joins Gov. Ige in recognizing Keep Laie Cool for their efforts

On March 11, 2016, The Hawai'i House of Representatives recognized "Keep Laie Cool" (KLC), for its campaign efforts aimed at cooling Laie Elem. Classrooms through donations and volunteerism. KLC began August 2015 as Rep. Pouha collaborated with a founding

member of KLC on successful strategies in partnering with state government. In a few months, over \$20,000 dollars was donated to KLC to cool classrooms with Solar Air Conditioning and other cooling methods.

KLC also saved the state hundreds of thousands of dollars through it's work. These accomplishments earned Laie Elem. the designation of "pilot school" with the DOE to study various cooling methods. KLC's recognition served as a precursor to Governor Ige's signing of Act 47 on May 6, 2016.

Act 47 gives \$100 million to the "Cool the Schools" initiative. This initiative provides funding to cool 1,000 classrooms statewide. This funding also provides for necessary electrical upgrades to provide adequate cooling to those classrooms in need.



Rep. Pouha with other legislators at the bill-signing ceremony for Act 47

## Alaka'i Mālama Award



KIANI, the 2016 Hale'iwa Alaka'i Mālama awardee and her 'Ohana with Rep. Pouha

The Alaka'i Mālama (Service Leadership) award is given to those who Lead and Selflessly Serve their respective community, whether it be at an elementary school or in other community efforts. Rep. Pouha began this award two years ago to honor those selected by their teachers and peers.

Thank you to the teachers, families and other supporters of all our excellent students as they learn, lead and serve into the future!

# EDUCATION, continued

*In the summer of 2015, Rep. Pouha co-founded a partnership called KFAST, which stands for KAHUKU FACILITIES ADVANCEMENT SUPPORT TEAM. KFAST's mission is to support facility improvements at Kahuku High & Intermediate School (KHIS) with the hope to help other district schools. Rep. Pouha collaborated with KHIS & DOE administrators, community & labor leaders, contractors, construction companies, leaders from other local businesses and private institutions, Legislative Leadership and Governor Ige's Office. KFAST continues to Collaborate and Advocate for the improvement of KHIS! MAHALO TO ALL THOSE WHO SUPPORT KFAST and KHIS! GO BIG RED!*



## Kahuku Facilities Advancement Support Team

**Below:** Shortly after KFAST was formed, we were able to partner with a company that resurfaced streets in surrounding communities. This company graciously agreed to donate Recycled Asphalt Product (RAP), which was utilized for: (1) creating additional parking at the front of campus; and (2) covering dirt walkways, which increased pedestrian safety on campus. Hau'ula Elem. also improved their front parking area with donated RAP.



**Above:** Rep. Pouha with KFAST and community volunteers as they remove unneeded concrete & cinder-block structures on Kahuku's campus.



**Above & Left:** KFAST members Dave Lewis, Lea Albert, Pauline Masaniai and Rep. Pouha discuss the KFAST project list and talk about the need for a new athletic field with Gov. Ige's Chief of Staff Mike McCartney.



**Above:** Rep. Pouha addresses the audience at a KFAST Community Meeting held in December of 2015.

**Below:** KFAST member Dave Lewis discusses potential projects with community members.



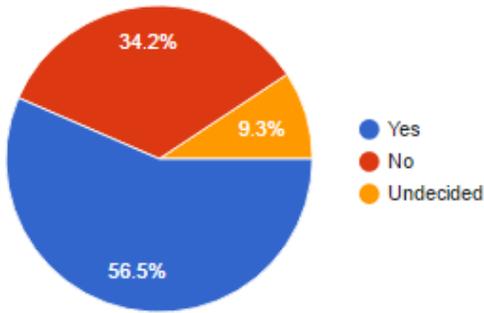
### COMPLETED PROJECTS:

- Front of Campus Parking Lot
- Back Campus Road Paving/Widening
- Campus Pothole Repair
- Debris Cleared from Rooftops
- Speed Bumps Painted
- Stage Demo & Removal
- Track Curb Patched & Painted
- Framing, Painting & Windows added to Press Box
- Track Grading & Drainage Improvements
- 500 ft. of Stadium Fencing Replaced
- Aerating, Fertilizing, Weeding and Mowing of Athletic Field
- Varsity Football Locker Room Beautification
- Legacy Pictures & Memorabilia Posted
- Tennis Court Area Cleaning
- Gym Upstairs Storage Room Organizing
- Gym Concession Room Cleaning
- Power Wash Walkway Cleaning
- Gym Upstairs Locker Room Cleaning
- Safety Striping Painting around Campus
- Portable Step Painting

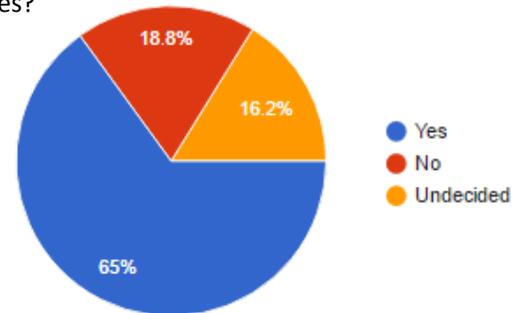


# 2016 Community Survey Results *(377 responses)*

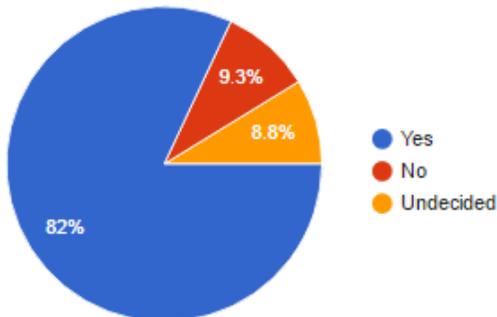
1. Should physician assisted suicide be allowed?



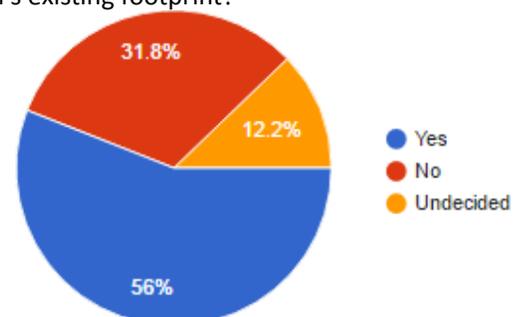
2. Should the State create a 3-year program for houseless individuals that would house, educate and provide them with work opportunities?



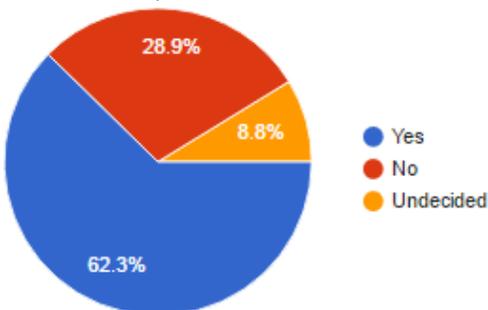
3. Is rental housing needed for working families and individuals?



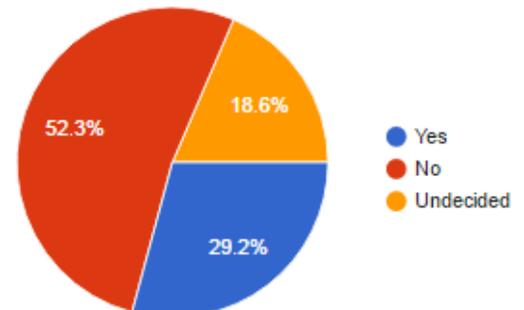
4. Should the State be allowed to relocate O'ahu Community Correctional Center (OCC) to the Halawa Prison site without a new Environmental Impact Study (EIS) if it is built within the prison's existing footprint?



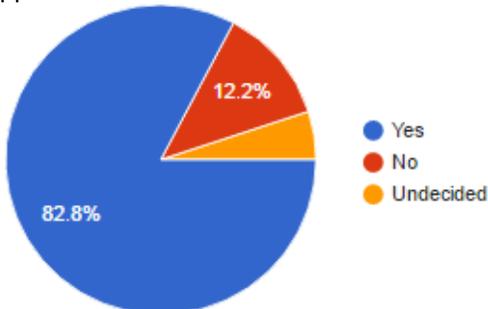
5. Should vacation rentals be subject to the same rules and regulations as other businesses who provide accommodations to the visitor industry?



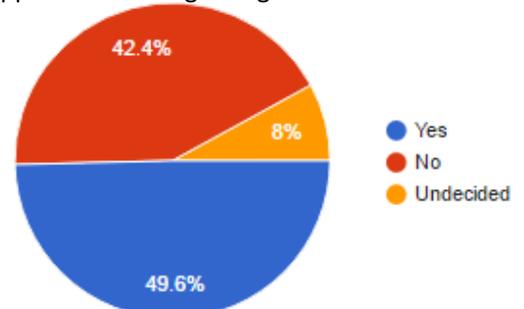
6. Should HPV (Human-Papilloma-Virus) vaccinations be mandatory for students entering 7th grade?



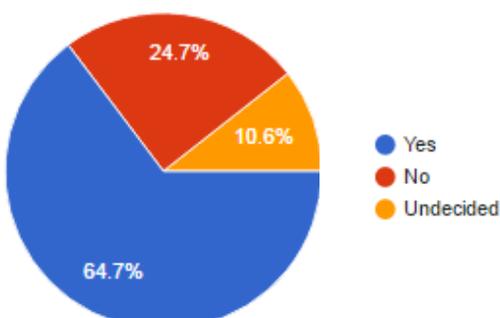
7. Do you support the re-establishment of an Inter-Island Ferry?



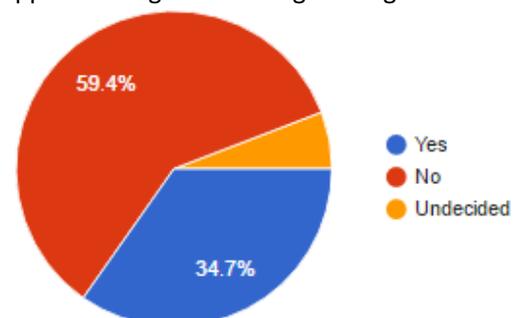
8. Do you support increased gun regulations in Hawaii?



9. Should the State extend the sit-lie ban to sidewalks statewide?



10. Do you support the legalization of gambling in Hawai'i?



# Selected 2016 Legislation

## HEALTH CARE & KUPUNA CARE

<b>Mental Health Treatment</b>	SB2560: Requires and appropriates funds for the department of health to provide treatment and care for homeless individuals with serious and persistent mental health challenges as a part of its comprehensive mental health system.
<b>Long Term Health Facilities</b>	HB1943: Provides an inflationary adjustment to the methodology used to reimburse facilities for the long-term care of Medicaid recipients for fiscal year 2016-2017.
<b>Licensing Inspections</b>	SB2384: Requires the department of health to conduct unannounced visits and inspections, including inspections for relicensing and recertification, for certain state-licensed or state-certified care facilities, including medical marijuana production centers and dispensaries.
<b>Youth Mental Health</b>	SB2886: Lowers the age of consent from 18 years to 14 years of age to receive mental health treatment and services. Excludes prescription medication and out-of-home or residential treatment.

## FIREARMS

<b>Mental Health</b>	HB2632: Requires firearms owners who have been disqualified from owning a firearm and ammunition due to a mental illness or due to emergency or involuntary hospitalization to a psychiatric facility, to immediately surrender their firearms and ammunition to the police.
<b>Stalking</b>	HB625: Specifies that harassment by stalking and sexual assault disqualifies a person from owning a firearm.

## TRANSPORTATION

<b>Moped Registration</b>	HB1753: Requires registration, inspections, and number plates for mopeds.
<b>Interisland &amp; Intra-Island Ferry</b>	SB2618: Requires the department of transportation to conduct a feasibility study of establishing an interisland and intra-island ferry system.

## EDUCATION & HOUSING

<b>Cooling Schools</b>	SB3126: Provides for air conditioning, heat abatement, and related energy efficiency measures at public schools.
<b>Energy Efficient AC</b>	HB2569: Requires the department of education to establish a goal of becoming net-zero with respect to energy use by January 1, 2035 and expedites the cooling of all public school classrooms.
<b>Rental Assistance</b>	SB2566: Transfers excess moneys from the rental assistance revolving fund to the rental housing revolving fund.
<b>Low Income Credit</b>	SB2833: Increases funding for affordable rental housing development by making the state Low-Income Housing Tax Credit more valuable.
<b>Rental Housing</b>	SB2561: Establishes a goal of developing or vesting the development of at least 22,500 affordable rental housing units ready for occupancy between 01/01/17 and 12/31/26.
<b>Transient Accommodations Tax</b>	HB1850: Allows transient accommodations brokers to collect taxes on behalf of operators and plan managers using their services. Ensures the subject property is in compliance with applicable land use laws.

## LABOR

<b>Social Media</b>	HB1739: Prohibits employers from requiring, requesting, or coercing employees or potential employees to provide access to their personal social media accounts, subject to certain exemptions.
<b>Wage Enforcement</b>	SB2723: Amends the monetary penalties for contractors who violate wages and hours laws.

## HUMAN SERVICES & PUBLIC SAFETY

<b>Sexual Assault</b>	HB1907: Establishes plans and procedures for the inventory and testing of sexual assault evidence collection kits.
<b>Contraception</b>	SB2319: Requires insurance companies cover reimbursement for a twelve-month period of contraceptive supplies.
<b>Sex Trafficking</b>	HB1902: Establishes penalties and strengthens enforcement for sex trafficking crimes, especially when victim is a minor.
<b>Jury Duty</b>	SB2315: Exempts from jury duty a woman who is breastfeeding for a two year period from the time of the birth of the child.

## LAND, WATER, & WILDLIFE

<b>Hawaii Water Plan</b>	HB1749: Amends the goals of the Hawaii water plan to include the utilization of reclaimed water for uses other than drinking and for potable water needs in one hundred percent of state and county facilities by December 31, 2045.
<b>Water Rights</b>	HB2501: Requires that where an application has been made for a lease to continue a previously authorized disposition of water rights, a holdover may be authorized for up to three years or until the disposition is resolved.
<b>Ivory</b>	SB2647: Prohibits the sale or trafficking of any endangered animal or marine species. Provides heirloom exemptions.
<b>Industrial Hemp</b>	SB2659: Establishes an industrial hemp agriculture pilot program.



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## - A Message from Representative Pouha -

Aloha!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our community members, businesses, organizations, various government entities and my fellow legislators for another productive year at the Hawaii State Legislature!

There were many important matters before the legislature this session, as you have read in this report. We won some, we lost some but in the end, I feel we emerged a better community through our work to advocate and help meet our challenges.

I feel that one of the most important lessons to come from the work this session was the importance of collaboration. Without it, none of our accomplishments would be possible.

The spirit of collaboration is a driving force for getting things accomplished for our district. Without government collaborating with the private sector, the community, other government agencies, and across party lines, any efforts made by a legislator can amount to a lot of “talk” and “pontification” without very much result at all for the community.

Collaboration is not always easy or simple. It requires experience and an understanding of how, when and who to collaborate with especially within the legislature and government system.

Without the proper experience, a legislator may attempt to collaborate with those that actually makes progress for our community very difficult to attain.

Thus, my goal as your legislator is to foster the spirit of collaboration and seek out the right people to collaborate with in order to obtain effective results for our community.

Collaboration does not mean that we see “eye-to-eye” on all issues, but it does mean that we come together for great results when it is in all parties’ interests to do so. Effective collaboration means that there is mutual respect. It means that we will stand firm when we feel that something is not in our best interest after giving careful thought and fair consideration to a particular issue.

The spirit of collaboration means that our community moves forward together.

I thank you for your continued support and involvement in our community. Without you, my team and I could not accomplish what we have over this past legislative session. I look forward to your continued support and to be able to work with you, the members of our community, to help our district progress forward together!

Mahalo!

**Rep. Feki Pouha**

## Community Members Recognized at the Capitol



**Top Left:** Rep. Pouha joins Gov. Ige in recognizing Dr. Dan Kehoe of North Shore Mental Health for 20 years of service to the community.

**Top Right:** Haleiwa Elementary School Principal Malaea Wetzel is honored as a member of the 2015 Class of National Distinguished Principals. Haleiwa Elementary has also been named as a National Blue Ribbon School.

**Bottom Left:** Rep. Pouha presents a House Certificate to Aolele Taulapapa, a Kahuku High School Student, for winning 1st place in the “Hawaii: Next 50” Contest. As part of the contest, students from Grades 4-12 throughout the state submitted essays, posters, and videos with ideas about how the state can reach its 100% renewable energy goal.

**Bottom Right:** A few members of the Kahuku Varsity Football Team perform the haka on the House Floor after being recognized by the House of Representatives for winning the 2015 HHSAA Division 1 State Championship.

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