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A Newsletter from State Representative Ryan Yamane

House District 37 · Mililani · Waipi'o Gentry · Waikele

2013 Session

Thank you for allowing me to serve you and our community for another legislative session. I hope you and your family are healthy and happy. Your comments and feedback have truly assisted our efforts in addressing the concerns and needs of our families and neighborhoods.

Your State Legislature adjourned its regular session on Thursday, May 2, 2013. I would like to offer you some highlights from our regular session at the State Capitol. This legislative session I was appointed as the new Chairman of the House Committee on Transportation. I will also be serving as a Majority Whip to the House of Representatives and as an active member on the committees of Consumer Protection, Labor, and Public Safety.

My top priorities this session were to reinvest and maintain the state highways and freeways in our community, focus on the improvement of our State's economy, increase job growth, and reduce duplicative governmental spending.

I am proud to announce that our community will receive over \$20 Million in repairs and maintenance projects to our schools, roadway infrastructure, neighborhood infrastructure, and other community projects. We have several construction projects currently being completed, and designed to enhance our schools and community. These projects are the direct result of our requests to meet the needs of our schools, pedestrians, commuters, and students. These projects are vital to support our children and our special way of life in Waipio Gentry, Mililani, and Waikele.

I continue to volunteer in disaster preparedness and work directly with our military. Thank you for your continued support, I am looking forward to continuing our goals to make our community a better place to live, play, and work. If you have any questions or ideas, please feel free to contact me via phone or email.

With my warmest aloha,

Ryan Yamane

Roadway Improvements Coming to Central O'ahu

As the new Chair of the House Transportation Committee, I urged the State Department of Transportation to resurface and repave the poor roadway conditions on Kamehameha Highway between Waikele and Mililani.

Kamehameha Highway's Roosevelt Bridge in Kipapa Gulch serves as a major thoroughfare between Waipio Gentry and Mililani. The 80 year old bridge is now in sore need of improvements. The Department of Transportation is currently working on an Environmental Assessment to identify and recommend enhancements and safety improvements for the bridge. This year I advocated for the funding of \$1 Million for the design and planning of the bridge's rehabilitation.

Over the coming months and into 2014 the Department of Transportation will begin resurfacing the stretch of Kamehameha Highway from Ka Uka Blvd, including Mililani's entire portion of Kamehameha Highway, to Waihau Street in Melemanu.

The City and County of Honolulu will also be repaving many of the neighborhood streets in Mililani over the next year. City road resurfacing of Mililani thoroughfares Meheula Parkway and Anania Drive is expected to be completed by the City and County by mid-2014. The Waipio Gentry community will also receive major road resurfacing to Ka Uka Boulevard, Uke'e Street, Waipio Uka Boulevard, and Moaniani Street in early 2014. My office will continue to fight for much needed improvements in our community.



Hosting a Community Transportation Town Hall Meeting.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 2013 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BUDGET SOLUTIONS

Act 134- Hawaii's 2013-2015 State Budget

The economy is still the number one concern for many of our residents. The legislature's priority this year was funding the State's \$13.6 Billion in unfunded liabilities related to employment benefits.

The State Budget funded \$100 Million for this fiscal year, Fiscal Year 2014 and also funded \$117.4 Million for the next fiscal year, Fiscal Year 2015. By making these two payments, the Legislature responsibly paid down the liabilities to improve the State's bond rating and relieve some of the debt that will affect the State of Hawaii in the future.

The legislature further committed to paying down our large debt by passing **Act 268** which requires the State and the Counties to make a required annual payment to the Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund. This innovative law is the first in the United States to require government to annually contribute to the health benefits for our public employees.

As the House Transportation Chair, I am pleased with the funding of \$87 Million toward the renovation and modernization of our State airports, harbors, bridges, and highways. Much of these important public transportation facilities have not been modernized, renovating these facilities will not only improve our aging infrastructure but will ensure safe public facilities for the people of Hawaii.

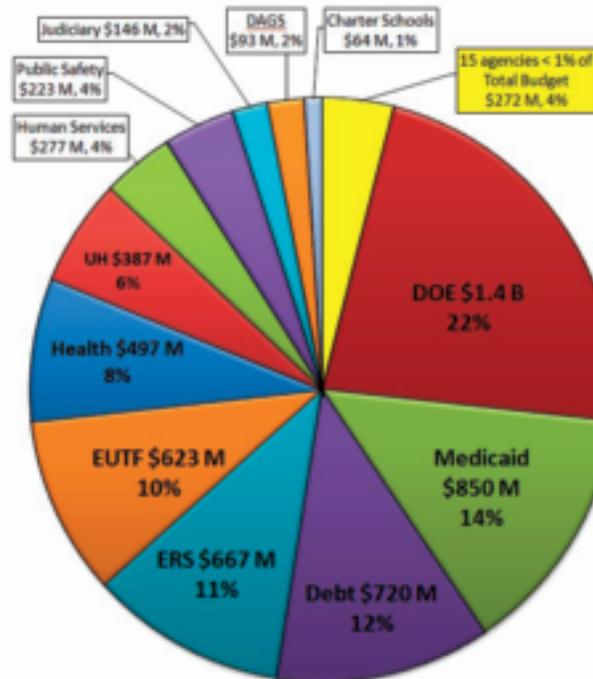
EDUCATING OUR KEIKI

Act 169- Creating Early Learning Opportunities for Preschool

Supports our preschool open doors program within the Department of Human Services as a statewide school readiness



Recognizing Mrs. Judy Taparra for her excellence in teaching and leading Mililani High School's nationally-acclaimed Advanced Placement program.



FY14 Statewide Operating Budget General Funds: \$6,218,477,282

Department	Amount	Percentage
Agriculture	\$ 14,392,759	0.23%
Attorney General	\$ 25,381,893	0.41%
Budget & Finance	\$ 42,894,487	0.69%
DBEDT	\$ 9,074,894	0.15%
Defense	\$ 15,158,256	0.24%
Libraries	\$ 28,280,613	0.47%
Governor	\$ 3,387,921	0.05%
DHHL	\$ 9,632,000	0.15%
Human Resources Development	\$ 14,986,347	0.24%
Labor	\$ 15,064,472	0.24%
Legislature	\$ 33,348,365	0.53%
U. Governor	\$ 1,895,593	0.03%
DNR	\$ 31,250,480	0.50%
Taxation	\$ 23,582,342	0.38%
DHA	\$ 3,341,574	0.05%

program for preschool-aged children. This program will begin in 2014 for children throughout our State.

Act 134- Digitally Enhancing our Schools

The State Budget this year provides many appropriations for Capital Improvement Projects to local schools, including a cutting-edge digital pilot program for select schools within the Department of Education to provide each student and teacher a digital tablet or laptop to improve classroom educational dynamics. This pilot program will begin in 2013 for eight schools, two of the eight represent Central Oahu by participating in this program, and they are:

- Mililani Waena Elementary School
- Mililani Mauka Elementary School

CARING FOR OUR 'AINA

Act 211- Promoting Clean Energy Technology

Promotes clean energy and technology by supporting business owners and residents to reduce their electricity consumption by using clean energy tools and technology. The law will allow the State Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to issue bonds, which will in turn pass savings onto the consumer through lower borrowing costs.

Act 37- Electricity Reform

Authorizes the Public Utilities Com-

mission to establish a policy to implement economic incentives and reduce cost, encouraging greater utilization of renewable energy, decreasing fossil fuel usage, and increase investments to modernize the State's electrical grids.

Act 261- Installation of Renewable Energy Systems by Landlords

Encourages the use of renewable energy by exempting landlords who install renewable energy systems on properties and provide, sell, or transmit electricity generated from those renewable energy systems to tenants or lessees on the premises. This law will also require certain disclosures with regard to rate schedules in the lease agreement for the protection of the lessees or tenants.

PUBLIC PROTECTION

Act 227- Prohibiting Minors from Smoking Electronic-Cigarettes

With the popular expansion of the electronic cigarette industry, the Legislature extended the prohibition of minors smoking regular tobacco cigarettes to also include the prohibition of minors smoking electronic- vapor cigarettes.

Act 285- Prohibiting Vehicle Wheel Booting

Prohibits predatory wheel booting practices throughout the State of Hawaii to protect our residents from rampant seizures of their personal vehicle property.



Rallying for Hawaii's teacher contracts.

STRENGTHENING OUR ECONOMY

Act 266- Replenishing the Hawaii Hurricane Reserve Trust Fund

Accelerates the replenishing of the Hurricane Reserve Trust Fund. This transferred an additional \$50 Million from general funds to the Hurricane Reserve Trust Fund.

Act 89- Promoting Hawaii through Film, Motion Pictures, and Digital Media

Encourages the growth of the film and creative media industry in Hawaii by extending the motion picture, digital media, and film production tax credit; increasing the percentage of the credit to encourage more movie productions in our islands.

Act 274- Investing in Hawaii's Businesses

Supports Hawaii's business economy by providing \$6 Million in funding to the Hawaii Strategic Development Corporation for the Hawaii Growth Initiative, an investment program designed to develop, stimulate, and support an ecosystem of high-growth entrepreneurial businesses in Hawaii.



Celebrating Pedestrian Safety Month in Waikale.



In the coming months and over the next year you may notice heightened construction in our community. I was informed by the Governor that the following projects I advocated for will become a reality quite soon in our community.

Mililani Uka Elementary School	\$72,000
<i>Reroofing of portable buildings 3, 4, 5, 11</i>	
Mililani Uka Elementary School	\$120,000
<i>Reroofing of E building</i>	
Mililani Waena Elementary School	\$239,000
<i>Reroofing of C building</i>	
Mililani Waena Elementary School	\$20,000
<i>Campus structural repair</i>	
Mililani Waena Elementary School	\$54,000
<i>Reroofing of portable buildings 7, 11, 12</i>	
Mililani Waena Elementary School	\$118,000
<i>Reroofing B building</i>	
Kipapa Elementary School	\$193,000
<i>Reroofing L building</i>	
Kipapa Elementary School	\$30,000
<i>Reroofing portable buildings 8, 9</i>	
Kipapa Elementary School	\$200,000
<i>Air conditioning replacement</i>	
Mililani Middle School	\$103,000
<i>Drainage improvements to C building</i>	
Mililani Middle School	\$28,000
<i>Campus fire alarm replacement</i>	
Mililani Middle School	\$120,000
<i>Replace gutters for G building</i>	
Mililani High School	\$1,251,000
<i>Reconstruction of tennis court, resurface lower (Gym) parking lot</i>	
Mililani High School	\$1,100,000
<i>Additional restrooms and concession stand at the Mililani High Stadium</i>	
Kanoelani Elementary School	\$750,000
<i>Covered walkway connecting classrooms</i>	
Kanoelani Elementary School	\$950,000
<i>School wide electrical upgrade</i>	
Waikale Elementary School	\$2,000,000
<i>Air conditioning system improvements</i>	
Waikale Elementary School	\$500,000
<i>Additional playground and walkways</i>	
Waikale Elementary School	\$100,000
<i>Expansion of parking lot</i>	
Waipahu Intermediate School	\$1,000,000
<i>Construction of trailer classroom</i>	
Highlands Intermediate School	\$1,700,000
<i>Renovation of choral classroom</i>	
Waipahu High School	\$60,000
<i>Electrical upgrades for H, G, Q buildings</i>	
Kamehameha Highway	\$13,000,000
<i>Resurfacing in Mililani and Waipio</i>	

Queen's Medical Center Opening Next Year in West Oahu

Last December the Queen's Health systems announced its acquisition of the former Hawaii Medical Center (HMC) West from St. Francis Healthcare System of Hawaii. I am delighted to bring you news that the new "Queen's Medical Center West Oahu" center will open in early 2014.

The new Queen's Medical Center (QMC) West Oahu will retain its position as a general medical hospital, providing general core services such as emergency, diagnostics and treatment, and also other services such as cardiac, orthopedics, and gastroenterology. Many improvements have been made to the facility, including upgrades to the ER department and updated services were also added. Critical trauma patients will still be transported to the Queen's Medical Center Punchbowl location.

When HMC-West closed in December 2011, an abundance of jobs were lost. The QMC West Oahu plans to rehire many of those skilled health care professionals affected by the closure. QMC West Oahu hopes to finish the hiring process by the end of this year and plans to seek out specialists currently practicing in West Oahu. Several West and Central Oahu residents currently working at the Queen's Punchbowl location are also being considered for their expertise. This will allow the opportunity to work closer to home, alleviating traffic congestion into Honolulu.

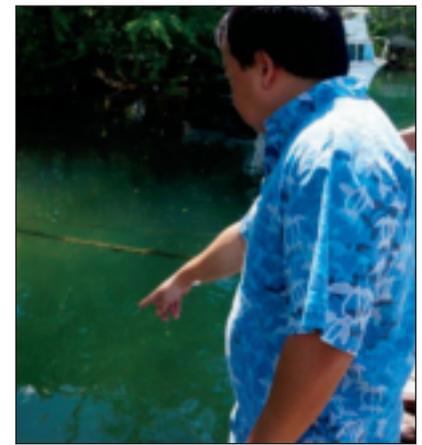
I look forward to the grand opening of our newly rebuilt regional medical center. Because of the fast growing population in the leeward area, I am thankful for the addition of QMC West Oahu as an alternative to further make emergency medical services closer to our residents here in Central Oahu.



Blessing Waipahu's newest ambulance.



Celebrating the first anniversary of Hawaii's reinstated Organ Transplant Center.



Leading an investigative site visit touring Honolulu Harbor to address the Molasses environmental disaster.

2013-2015 Future Improvement Projects for Our Community

Kanoelani Elementary School, Waipio Gentry	\$475,000
<i>New portable classroom</i>	
Waikele Elementary School	\$300,000
<i>School library and digital media expansion</i>	
Waikele Elementary School	\$500,000
<i>Cafeteria expansion for a performing arts stage</i>	
Mililani Waena Elementary School	\$325,000
<i>Air condition system for Buildings B and D</i>	
Mililani Middle School	\$300,000
<i>Parking lot resurfacing</i>	
Waipahu High School	\$800,000
<i>New school retaining wall</i>	
Waipahu High School	\$5,500,000
<i>Reconstruction of stadium, turf, and track</i>	
Kamehameha Highway, Lumiauu St. to Lanikuhana Ave. ...	\$4,000,000
<i>Resurfacing and installation of lighting</i>	
Kipapa Bridge, Kamehameha Highway, Waipio/ Mililani	\$1,000,000
<i>Design and planning for bridge rehabilitation</i>	
H-1 Freeway, Waikele On/Off Ramps	\$1,500,000
<i>Resurfacing of Waikele On and Off ramps</i>	
H-2 Freeway, Ka Uka On/Off Ramps and Meheula Pkwy On/Off Ramps	\$1,500,000
<i>Resurfacing of Waipio Gentry and Mililani H-2 On and Off Ramps</i>	
Central O'ahu Ambulance Facility	\$3,850,000
<i>Construction of a Central O'ahu Ambulance Facility in Waipio Gentry</i>	

TOTAL CIP FUNDING TO OUR COMMUNITY ... \$20 Million

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