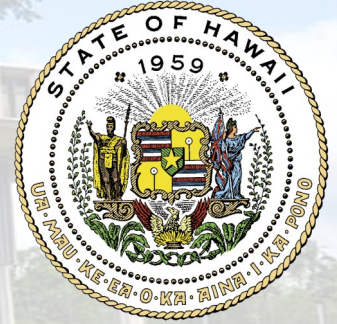


# HAWAII STATE SENATOR BREENE HARIMOTO

## 2018 LEGISLATIVE REPORT



District 16

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### **Aloha Friends and Neighbors,**

The 2018 legislative session adjourned on Thursday, May 3rd. This session the legislature tackled numerous important issues affecting our community including homelessness, affordable housing, social services, the environment, and education, just to name a few. Included in this newsletter is a summary of some significant legislative actions taken this year to create new laws and fund capital improvement projects in Aiea, Halawa, and Pearl City.

Although we accomplished much during the last legislative session there is so much more work to be done to improve the quality of life for our families.

During the interim I will be focusing on preparing for the 2019 session—researching issues and meeting with constituents, organizations, state and city agencies, and others, to discuss issues and concerns that I can assist with and may result in proposed legislation.

I welcome your input and suggestions on proposed legislation. Additionally, if you have any questions or concerns relating to state matters, please do not hesitate to contact my office at (808) 586-6230 or email me at [senharimoto@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:senharimoto@capitol.hawaii.gov).

Thank you for giving me the privilege and honor to serve as your Senator.

Mahalo and God Bless,

**Breene Harimoto**  
Senator, District 16

If you would like to be added to our email list to receive legislative and community updates, please call or email our office.

### **CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS for Senate District 16**

#### **EDUCATION**

##### **Aiea High — \$1,600,000**

Design for a new building and renovation/expansion for P.E. and athletic facilities.

##### **Momilani Elementary — \$3,050,000**

Design and construction to extend the concrete sidewalks surrounding the cafeteria. (\$550,000)

Plans, design, and construction for a new portable classroom. (\$2,500,000)

##### **Pearl City High — \$8,300,000**

Plans, design, and construction for a baseball complex in Pearl City. (\$3,000,000)

Design and construction to renovate existing classrooms and other support facilities. (\$3,300,000)

Plans, design, and construction for KLM parking lot improvements, cafeteria parking lot, and road to the band room. (\$2,000,000)

##### **Waiau Elementary — \$2,200,000**

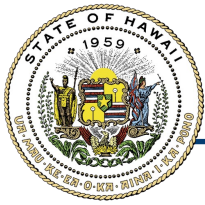
Design for a retaining wall to prevent runoff onto sidewalks.

#### **COMMUNITY**

##### **Pacific Fleet Submarine Museum & Park — \$215,000**

Plans, land acquisition, design, construction, and equipment for comfort station and walkway improvements. This grant qualifies as a grant, pursuant to Chapter 42F, HRS.

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# 2018 LEGISLATIVE SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

## HOMELESSNESS

### **Budget Appropriations (HB1900, Act 53):**

- \$15 million to fund homeless programs and services, such as Housing First, Rapid Re-Housing, and Family Assessment Centers.

### **Ohana Zones Pilot Program (SB2401):**

Appropriates \$33.2 million to improve the health and well-being of individuals experiencing homelessness by establishing the Ohana Zones Pilot Program (three sites on Oahu, on site each on the islands of Kauai, Maui, and Hawaii), the Emergency Department Homelessness Assessment Pilot Program, and the Medical Respite Pilot Program.

### **Coordinated Statewide Homeless Initiative**

**(SB2027):** Appropriates \$1.5 million to continue and improve the statewide homeless initiative to prevent homelessness and rehouse homeless people in the state.



*Senator Harimoto with Governor David Ige at the bill signing ceremony for HB2748*

## AFFORDABLE HOUSING

### **Development of Affordable Rental Housing**

**(HB2748, Act 39):** Allocates a total of \$570 million to create 25,000 affordable rental housing units by the year 2030. Includes appropriating \$200 million to the Rental Housing Revolving Fund to create about 1,600 rental units for those who are at or below 80 percent Area Median Income (AMI); extending the general excise tax exemption (valued at \$360 million over the next 12 years) for construction of rental units for families at or below 140 percent AMI, and; adding \$10 million to the Dwelling Unit Revolving Fund to construct infrastructure improvements relating to housing.

## ECONOMY

### **Budget Appropriation (HB1900, Act 53):**

- \$1.5 million for the Excelerator Program to aid development of local businesses.

## TRANSPORTATION

### **Motor Vehicle Weight Tax Exemption for Lifts and Ramps (SB2714, Act 76):**

Exempts disability access modifications on personal vehicles from state and county vehicle weight taxes.

### **Failure to Register Moped (SB2854, Act 77):**

Establishes a fine of \$100 on persons who do not register their mopeds.

### **Passing a Bicyclist (HB2215, Act 47):**

Requires the driver of a vehicle to leave at least three feet of separation when passing and overtaking a bicyclist traveling in the same direction.

### **Removal of Abandoned Vehicles (HB2442, Act 48):**

Requires the counties to remove abandoned vehicles from public property with ten business days.

For more information on bills that have passed the Legislature this year,  
please visit [www.capitol.hawaii.gov](http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov)

## **EDUCATION**

### **Budget Appropriations (HB1900, Act 53):**

- \$1.9 billion for the Department of Education.
- \$1.1 million for the Alternative Teacher Route Program to help with recruitment and certification of potential public school teachers.
- \$400,000 for the Teacher Certification Stipend Program to recruit teachers for hard-to-fill areas and subject matters.
- \$10 million for deferred maintenance at UH community colleges.
- \$10 million for capital improvement projects at UH community colleges.

## **PUBLIC SAFETY**

### **Sunset Memorial Park Cemetery (HB1626):**

Reduces liability for volunteers maintaining or repairing cemetery grounds. Requires the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs to develop plans for the upkeep of the cemetery.

**Firearm Control (SB2046):** Prohibits sale and possession of bump fire stocks and similar devices that cause semi-automatic weapons to operate as automatic weapons.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**

### **Pesticide Restrictions (SB3095, Act 45):**

Beginning January 1, 2019, restricts the use of pesticides containing chlorpyrifos and prohibits the use of a restricted use pesticide on or within 100 feet of a school during normal school hours.

**Ban on Sunscreen Containing Oxybenzone and Octinoxate (SB2571, Act 104):** To preserve marine ecosystems, beginning January 1, 2021, bans the sale or distribution in the State of any sunscreen that contains oxybenzone or octinoxate, or both, without a prescription issued by a licensed healthcare provider.

## **HEALTH CARE**

### **Budget Appropriations (HB1900, Act 53):**

- \$4.5 million for three new ambulances, one for each of the counties of Kauai and Hawaii, and the City and County of Honolulu.
- \$3.8 million for Kupuna Care.
- \$1.2 million for Kupuna Caregivers Fund.
- \$200,000 for planning of the Hawaii Early Phase Clinical Trials Program at the John A. Burns School of Medicine Hawaii Cancer Center Annex (requested by Senator Harimoto)

### **Smoking Ban—University of Hawaii (SB134):**

Institutes a ban on smoking of tobacco and use of electronic smoking devices on all UH campuses.

### **Our Care, Our Choice Act (HB2739, Act 2):**

Establishes a regulated process under which an adult resident of the State with a medically confirmed terminal disease and less than six months to live may choose to obtain a prescription for medication to end the patient's life.

### **Smoking and Electronic Smoking Devices**

**(HB1895):** Makes it unlawful for a person under the age of 21 to possess any tobacco product or electronic smoking device.



***Senator Harimoto with Student Council Members from Waimalu Elementary School***

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*Senator Harimoto during the last day of session.*



*Senator Harimoto with his family at the 2017 PurpleLight event honoring survivors and remembering those lost in the battle with pancreatic cancer.*



*Senator Harimoto and staff with Ms. Bunafsha Nuralieva, exchange student from Tajikistan.*



*Senate and House members gathered together in the Senate Chambers to sing Hawaii Aloha to adjourn the 2018 Legislative Session.*