

# 2022 End-of-Session Townhall

Senator Joy A. San Buenaventura

▶ Senate District 2: Puna - East Ka'ū



MAY 14<sup>TH</sup>, 2022

# Introduction: Notes

- Restrooms
- Refreshments
- Questions:
- If you have questions, please write them on the index cards provided by my staff. We will do our best to address them in the order received.
  - We will try to get to every question, however, if we miss your question or run out of time, please email my office ([j.honda@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:j.honda@capitol.hawaii.gov)) and we will get back to you.
- This power point presentation will be made available on my legislative website :
  - <https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/memberpage.aspx?member=sanbuenaventura&year=2021>



# Introduction

- ▶ Senate Committee on Human Services, Chair
- ▶ Senate Committee on Consumer Protection
- ▶ Senate Committee on Health
- ▶ Senate Co-convenor, Keiki Caucus
- ▶ Senate Co-convenor, Deaf Blind Task Force
- ▶ Kupuna Caucus
- ▶ Hawaiian Caucus
- ▶ Women's Legislative Caucus
- ▶ Progressive Caucus
- ▶ Hawaii Island Caucus
- ▶ Filipino Caucus





## Representative Sylvia Luke

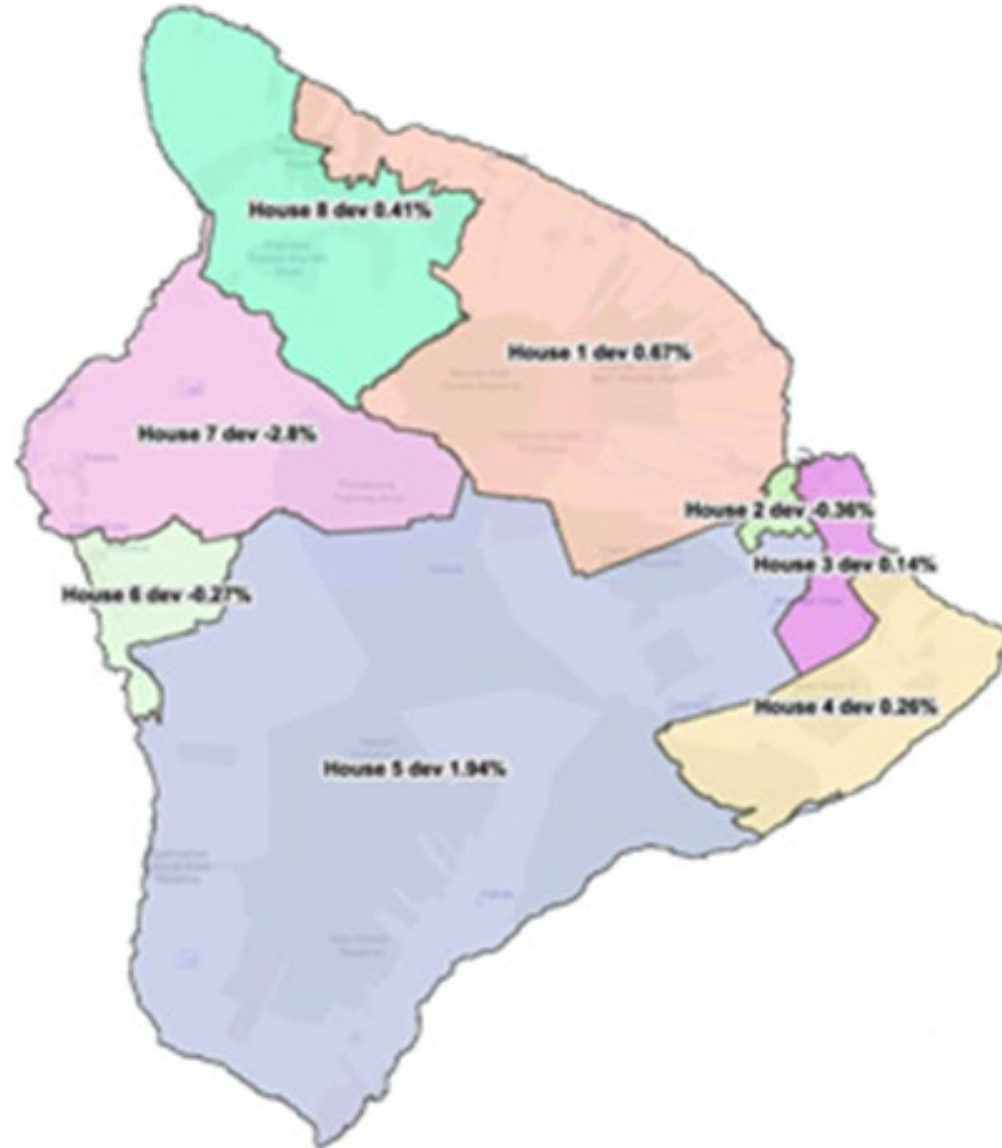
- ▶ House District 25
- ▶ Chair, House Finance Committee
- ▶ Former Vice Speaker of the House; Chair of the House Committee on Judiciary; Vice Chair of the House Committee on Economic Development and Business Concerns



## Representative Chris Todd

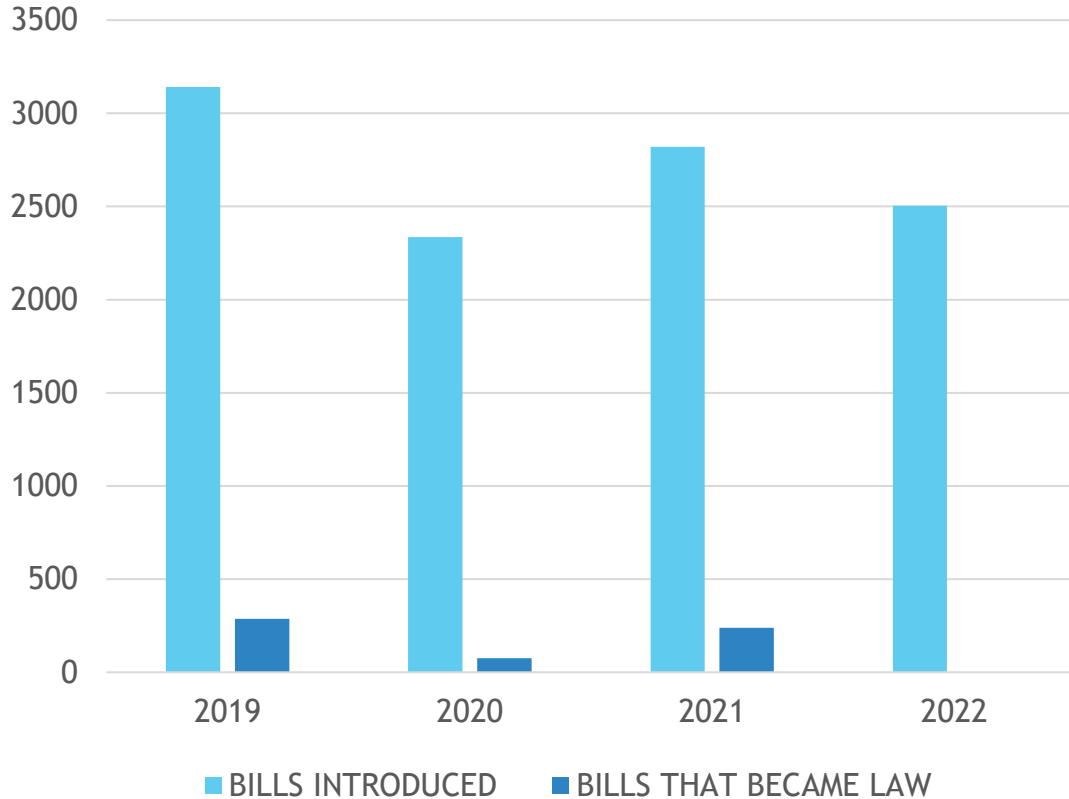
- ▶ House Committee on Agriculture
- ▶ House Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection
- ▶ House Finance Committee

# House re-districting



# 2022 Legislative Wrap-Up

Bill Introduction by Year



Total bills passed by the legislature and sent to the Governor in 2022: **343**  
Intent to veto deadline: **June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

Source: [www.capitol.hawaii.gov](http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov)

## 2019:

Bills Introduced: **3142**

Bills that became law: **286**

## 2020:

Bills Introduced: **2336**

Bills that became law: **76**

## 2021:

Bills Introduced: **2820**

Bills that became law: **239**

## 2022:

Bills Introduced: **2505**

Bills that became law: **Pending Deadline**  
**(Veto Deadline: July 12, 2022)**

**23** Bills that became Acts

**320** Bills pending action by the Governor.

*(As of 05/10/2022)*





# SENATOR SAN BUENAVENTURA

SECURES FUNDING FOR DISTRICT 2  
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS & Grants



**\$2,000,000** for invasive species removal  
focusing on Albizia Trees along Highways



**\$1,500,000** for site survey for Puna Makai  
alternate route



**\$35,000,000** for Highway 130 widening



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**\$250,000** Going Home Hawaii



**\$800,000** Boys & Girls Club of the Big Island



**\$220,000** 'O Maku'u Ke Kahua



**\$400,000** Pahoia Lava Zone Museum



**\$110,000** Volcano Art Center



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# CIP- District 2



- ▶ HWY130 Improvements
  - ▶ FY22: \$1,300,00
  - ▶ FY23: \$36,500,000
- ▶ \$2.5 Mil Keaau High Swimming Pool
- ▶ \$10 mil- Keaau Library design & construction
- ▶ \$18 Mil - 4-Mile creek bridge to expand to 2 lanes instead of 1 between Hilo and Puna

# Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)



- ▶ HB2510
- ▶ Makes the state earned income tax credit refundable and permanent. Provides for carryforward of nonrefundable credits previously claimed. Incrementally increases the minimum wage and tip credit beginning on 10/1/2022.

# Department of Hawaiian Homelands



- ▶ HB2511
- ▶ Provides \$600 Mil to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.



# Minimum Wage Increase



- ▶ HB2510
- ▶ Increases the minimum wage:
  - ▶ By 2022: \$12
  - ▶ By 2024: \$14
  - ▶ By 2026: \$16
  - ▶ By 2028: \$18

# Kupuna Driver's License



- ▶ SB2679
- ▶ Extends the renewal period from two years to four years for licensees who are seventy-two years of age or older but younger than eighty years of age.

# Keiki Protections



- ▶ HB2424
- ▶ Strengthen the State's oversight of children who were previously in the foster care system and were subsequently adopted.
- ▶ \$8 Mil towards hiring and retaining social workers; Vetting, training & supporting foster parents.
- ▶ \$5 Mil + towards Family First programs and Family Resource Center.
- ▶ \$100 Mil towards early learning and child care supports like wage subsidy for workers, increasing more child care.
- ▶ \$4.5 Mil towards child wellness incentives.



# Safe Spaces for Youth



- ▶ SB3235
- ▶ Establishes the Safe Spaces for Youth Pilot Program.

# Homelessness - Ohana Zones



- ▶ HB2512
- ▶ Extends the sunset date for the ohana zones pilot program to 6/30/2026 and appropriates \$15 Mil for purposes of helping homeless individuals and families transition into permanent housing.

# Subdivision Roads



- ▶ SB3324
- ▶ Establishes a working group to examine and address the problem of infrastructure repair and maintenance in planned housing subdivisions that do not have compulsory homeowner associations.



# Working Families

**SB2857:** Child wellness incentive pilot program that pays \$50 to each state Medicaid benefit recipient for each completed well-child examination.

**SB3110:** Authorizes the childcare grant program special fund to be used to give grants to childcare facilities. Federal Childcare Grants of \$80 million to support caregivers.

**SB514:** Provides tax rebates of \$100-\$300 per family.

# Crime

**HB1413 and HB1414:** Abandoned vehicles; Makes owner responsible for abandoned vehicles.

**HB2169:** Assists safe reentry and reduces recidivism.

**HB2309:** Enhances offender diversion programs and strengthens community-based reentry and rehabilitation programs.

# Crime (cont.)

**HB1486:** Increases theft of a motorcycle or car to a class B felony.

**HB1455:** Amends the offense of robbery in the first degree to include a person committing theft or unlawful taking of a motor vehicle while being armed with an electric gun.

**HB2422:** Requires Domestic Violence intervention for all Family Abuse Cases.

**SB2279:** Catalytic Converter theft bill. increases regulations regarding the sale of catalytic converters, and subjects persons who violate these provisions to a class C felony.



# Resolutions:

**SR173:** Urging the Department of Human Services to designate two full-time employees to assist Compact of Free Association Migrants to enroll in Medicaid.

**SR146:** A study on establishing a Ka'ū senior living center.

**SR147:** Needs assessment for Ka'ū urgent care and behavioral health services.

**SR144:** A study on the establishment of a Ka'ū Family Guidance Center Office.

Questions?