

Legislative Wrap-Up

SENATOR MAILE SHIMABUKURO / DISTRICT 22

Kalaeloa, Honokai Hale, Ko Olina, Nānākuli, Mā'ili, Wai'anae, Mākaha, Mākua



Aloha! I am happy to report on some of the measures I introduced or supported which passed during the 2022 Legislative Session:



On 04/25/22, Rep. Cedric Gates and Sen. Maile Shimabukuro participated in a vigil on Farrington Highway and at Keaau Beach for Michelle Kalena McPeck, who died tragically at the hands of her son. McPeck is the daughter of Episcopal priest Fr. Steve McPeck, whose parents were teachers at Mā'ili Elementary and Wai'anae Intermediate. Dr. Kahu Kaleo Patterson (standing in center of first row, holding pu or conch shell) was a key organizer of the event. Among other things, he blessed the food, which was provided by Pokai Bay Drive-In, Berny Luning, Patrice Tanna, Shirley and Sherry Cordeiro, Helen Patterson, Abeleen Lau, the Office of Sen. Maile Shimabukuro, and others. A man passing the event in a white truck generously donated four cases of water. Special mahalo to the Okimoto Ohana, owners of Waianae Store, along with employees, attended the vigil. They fondly remembered Michelle McPeck, who worked as a cashier at Waianae Store during the morning shift.

Judiciary

\$97,202 Equity specialist for Charter School civil rights compliance
 \$175,000 Domestic Violence Action Center (GIA)
 SB2869 Alimony garnishment
 SB2663 Paternity filing fee parity

\$6.7m to modernize the Child Support Enforcement Services Division, and \$1.5m to establish a new office for human trafficking abatement, is in the 2022 budget. L-R: Wai Paaao, keiki and Sen. Shimabukuro.



Health and Human Services

\$26m Adult dental, option 2
 \$10m Child Care subsidies
 \$6m After School services
 \$2.6m Kupuna Care program
 \$1.5m Aging and Disability Resource Centers
 \$537,542 and 8 Psychiatrists and Psychologists for Adult Mental Health
 \$2m Menstrual equity
 SCR240/SR141 Federal Medical Assistance Payments "FMAP"
 \$150,000 Aloha Medical Mission dental care (GIA)



This session, we were fortunate to have advocates with Westside ties working for the Senate Ways and Means Committee. L-R: Wai'anae resident Joseph Carrero, Sen. Shimabukuro, and former Nānākuli-Wāianae Complex Area Superintendent Ann Mahi.

Homelessness and Housing

\$250,000 Makana O Ke Akua clean and sober homes in Wai'anae, Kapolei, Ewa, Waipahu, Kalihi, and Waikiki (GIA)
 \$300,000 Hawaii Assisted Housing Nānākuli and Mā'ili high speed broadband internet system (GIA)
 \$300,000 Hale Kipa (GIA)
 \$5m Affordable Homeownership
 \$10m Public Housing
 \$15m Ohana Zones Pilot Program (HB2512)
 \$500,000 Rental assistance additional funding
 \$600,000 Safe Spaces for homeless youth (SB3235)
 \$9.8m Teacher housing
 \$23m Housing Subsidies for TANF recipients

Among the many highlights of 2022 are \$315,000 awarded to Wai'anae Economic Development Council (GIA); SR139 Marijuana dispensaries to benefit Native Hawaiians; and \$300,000 awarded to Searider Productions (GIA).



HB1768 exempts the instream use of water for traditional and customary kalo cultivation practices from the existing process for disposition of water rights. The bill also recognizes, confirms, and protects traditional, customary and kuleana rights to water, including rights of use, access, delivery, and quality of water. Mahalo to Wai'anae Coast residents who advocated for Hawaiian issues at the Capitol. L-R: Makaio Villanueva, Kapua Keliikoa-Kamai, Sen. Shimabukuro, Gina Peterson, keiki, Kaili Kamai, legislative staff, and Kaliko Chun.

Hawaiian Affairs

\$600m Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) lot development, land purchase, Mortgage/Downpayment/Rent Assistance, etc (HB2511)
 \$328m Kalima DHHL lawsuit plaintiffs (SB3041)
 \$64m Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) Public Lands Trust: \$21.5m/year; negotiating committee (SB2021)
 \$41.5m DHHL Affordable Rentals at Bowl-A-Drome site
 \$10m Hawaiian Homestead Services
 \$1m for 20 defunded vacant DHHL positions
 \$2m Non profits serving Native Hawaiians (SB3357)
 \$17.5m Bishop Museum
 \$2m Iolani Palace
 SB879 DHHL County infrastructure
 SR45 Wai'anae Moku Kupuna Council
 SR9 DHHL very low income beneficiaries
 \$2m Charter Schools Hawaiian Immersion teachers

DOT was awarded \$8.6m for traffic signal modernization, \$1.5m for bikeway improvements, \$4m for highway lighting improvements, and \$14.5m for freeway destination sign upgrades or replacements. I was delighted to be visited by members of the Wai'anae Moku Kupuna Council at the Capitol, who advocate for transportation and many other improvements for the Wai'anae Coast. Stand-



L-R: Lacey Kon, Keline Kahau, Heather Graeber, Gloria Santos, Cross Crabbe, Georgie Ngvarro, Zeona Nahooikaika, Sen. Shimabukuro, Lynette Cruz. Kneeling, L-R: Lena Suzuki and Louis Galdeira.

Transportation

- \$31m Wai'anae Coast extension of fifth lane, parallel route, sidewalk improvements, and other traffic improvements
- \$75m West Oahu Regional improvements
- \$22m Kalaeloa Airport improvements
- SR120 DOT Kupuna routes
- SR121 Wai'anae traffic improvements
- \$10m Homeless clean up and debris removal along highways



I enjoyed a visit with veterans' advocates at the Capitol. L-R: Ben Phan, Sen. Shimabukuro, Wai'anae resident Dean LaCroix, and James Trice.

Public Safety and Military Affairs

HB2171 Appropriates \$900,000 and establishes a Department of Law Enforcement to consolidate and administer criminal law enforcement and investigations functions of the State. Effective 1/1/2024, the bill also transfers the law enforcement functions of the Department of Public Safety, Department of Transportation, Department of the Attorney General, and the Office of Homeland Security to the Department of Law Enforcement. It establishes a training center and a law enforcement complex.

SR78/SR44 Wai'anae Police District 9

- \$100,000 Hoola Na Pua human trafficking prevention (GIA)
- \$400,000 Sex Trafficking victim support services
- \$450,000 Youth Challenge Academy at Kalaeloa
- \$150,000 Boys and Girls Club of HI Nānākuli and Wai'anae Puuhonua Initiative (GIA) HB2171



\$800,000 for a pesticide disposal program; and \$224,588 to fund one economist position and two surveys to double local fruit production with the USDA, is included in the budget. Mahalo nui to DHHL Commissioner Patty Kahanamoku Teruya for promoting "buying local" at the many food distribution and COVID19 events she organizes. L-R: Teruya, Kamaki Kanahela, and Sen. Shimabukuro.

Agriculture and Environment

- \$40m DIBSHawaii carbon capture for agriculture and renewable energy (SB2865; Special Purpose Revenue Bonds)
- \$325,000 MA'O Organic Farms: Two automated wash lines (GIA)
- \$855,000 Fish Hatchery at Wai'anae High
- \$5m Nānākuli centralized kitchen for Farm to School program
- \$160,000 Hoomahua Foundation environmental education (GIA)
- \$90,000 Protectors of Paradise (GIA)

Congratulations to Nānāikapono Elementary special education teacher Wendy Gumm, who was named the 2022 Nānākuli-Wai'anae Complex Teacher of the Year! \$1m to add 17 positions to make the pilot Special Education Teacher Mentor Program permanent was allocated in 2022. L-R: Rep. Stacelynn Eli, Wendy Gumm, and Sen. Shimabukuro.



Education

- \$2m (CIP) and \$118,000 (positions) Papahana o Kaiona Alternative Learning Center for Nānākuli-Wai'anae Complex
- \$1.5m Nānākuli High & Intermediate School baseball field improvements
- \$1m Nānāikapono Elementary
- \$550,000 Mā'ili Elementary
- \$237,000 Nānākuli Elementary
- \$4m Wai'anae High rubberized all-weather track
- \$2m Wai'anae High Marine Science Learning Center
- \$158,868 Athletic Care Trainers at Nānākuli and other schools
- \$136,784 Wai'anae Library repaving
- \$130m Teacher salary compression fix and modernization
- \$34.5m Teacher salary differentials for hard to fill, special ed, and Hawaiian immersion teachers
- \$3m to Convert 40-year-old Barcode System with RFID Technology
- \$600,000 Grow Our Own Teacher stipends
- \$10m Air conditioning for school classrooms (SB3357)
- \$220,000 Read to Me International (GIA)
- \$2m Nānākuli High & Intermediate School Performing Arts Center



Darius Kila of Rep. Stacelynn Eli's office and Sen. Shimabukuro congratulated the Nānākuli High and Intermediate School (NHIS) JV Boys Volleyball OIA D2 Champions and their coach, Junius Wong, at the 6/4/22 Parade of Champions! The parade recognized NHIS' spring sports athletic achievements, including: Varsity Baseball OIA D2 Champion, 3rd Place HHSAA State Tournament; Varsity Softball 2nd OIA, consolation HHSAA State Tournament; Varsity Boys Volleyball 2nd OIA, 4th HHSAA State Tournament; JV Boys Volleyball OIA D2 Champion; and D2 Baseball Coach of the Year, Donald Kapaku. Mahalo to parade organizer Patty Kahanamoku Teruya, sponsors City and County of Honolulu; Kainalu Surf; PVT Land Company Ltd.; Wai'anae Coast Community Foundation; HPD; Nānākuli Hawaiian Homestead Community Association; and the many others who made the parade a huge success.

Water and Land

- \$2.1m Keawaula (Kaena State Park)
- \$1.2m and 28 positions for State Parks
- \$292,000 and 12 positions for beach and wildlife protection
- \$8m Watershed management
- \$200,000 Aha Moku Advisory Committee (AMAC)
- \$259,000 Na Kama Kai (Operating) GIA
- \$32.9m Safe drinking water revolving fund
- SB1411 Pre-Contact Historic Property
- SR134 Wai'anae Convenience Center

Mahalo for the privilege of serving you. Please do not hesitate to contact me with your questions or concerns.

Aloha,

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