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Rep. Lamosao's **CAPITOL UPDATE** — DISTRICT 36 —

Aloha Neighbors,

It has been an incredible privilege to represent you and your families during my two-year tenure in the House of Representatives. My primary goal has been to improve the lives of Hawaii residents. Serving as Vice Chair of the House Economic Development Committee, I have been a strong advocate for initiatives that benefit working families, including the expansion of tax credits. Additionally, I have been dedicated to addressing important issues such as domestic abuse, language access for immigrants, funding for caregivers, and adjusting our state income tax liability. Mahalo for the opportunity to serve.

We encourage you to share your thoughts on important topics and continue to engage in the legislative process through our online survey via QR code. If you have any questions, concerns, or need assistance with the survey, please call my office at (808) 586-6520 or connect with me at replamosao@capitol.hawaii.gov.

Sincerely,



Vice Chair:
Economic Development (ECD)

Member:
Tourism (TOU)
Finance (FIN)



**CIP Funding Release
\$ 5M**

Waipahu Elementary's
new parking lot

2024 Legislative Summary

Affordable Housing

- \$25M to deposit into the Rental Housing Revolving Fund
- \$10.5M for Public Housing repair and maintenance
- \$1.5M State Rent Supplement Program

Maui Wildfire Recovery

- \$297M for expenses related to non-congregate sheltering (Red Cross & Kala'iaola) and \$65M for One Ohana fund **(SB582)**
- \$200M State Risk Management Revolving Fund (Insurance claims)
- \$186.2M deposit to the Major Disaster Fund

Lifelong Learning

- \$3.7M for Hawaii Promise for Community Colleges
- \$2.48M for Workforce readiness programs
- \$1.3M for Hawaii Keiki Healthy and Ready to Learn Health Technicians
- Funding to expand health care workforce development programs in public high school health care workforce certificate program and glidepath program for certified nurse aides **(HB1827)**

Supporting Children and Kupuna

- \$5.75M in state match and \$9.78M in federal ceiling for increased reimbursement rates for community residential and adult day care programs.
- \$1M for youth mental health services
- \$250,000 for a Silver Alert Program **(SB2305)**
- Increase in state supplement payments for care homes **(HB2216)**
- Increase in monthly allowance needs **(HB1974)**
- Establishes 1 Long Term Care Planner to develop a comprehensive long-term care plan for the Executive Office of Aging **(HB2224)**

Tax Relief for Families

- Increases standard deduction amounts and widens income tax brackets for specific taxable years. As minimum wage increases, working families may be pushed into higher tax brackets unless these rates are adjusted **(HB2404)**

Community Services

- \$15.5M for Medicaid Home and Community Based Service contract increases
- \$3M mobile treatment clinics
- \$450K for an Immigration and Services Access Unit **(SB2787)**
- \$400K for menstrual products and dispensers in state buildings

Illegal Fireworks

- \$1.27M for Illegal Fireworks Task Force within the Department of Law Enforcement to stop the importation of illegal fireworks into the state.
- Authorizes law enforcement to safely inspect and dispose any stolen/ fireworks according to Fireworks Control Law **(HB2193)**



Blessing our New Waipahu High School Health Clinic



Filipino Fiesta



Earth Day with Waipahu FFA



Waipahu Football Team OIA Champions



Waipahu Lifesmarts



Site visit at the Hawaii Plantation Village

Funding for our Community

\$200,000

Funds for counseling, community outreach, and engagement with vulnerable youth.



2024 Grant-in-Aid

\$100,000

Funding for operational expenses of cultural programs.

Hawaii's PLANTATION VILLAGE



\$250,000

Funds for facility upgrades, repairs, and renovations.



FILCOM CENTER

\$105,000

Funds for the Bookmobile Program to promote literacy.



Hawaii Literacy

\$700,000

Funds to build a new facility in Waipahu.



HAWAII FOOD BANK

\$275,000

Funds for an ag-tech workforce ready program at public schools.



HAWAII AGRICULTURAL FOUNDATION

Capital Improvement Projects for District Schools

Funds Awarded

August Ahrens



Design, construction, and equipment and appurtenances for whole school renovation (Phase 2); ground and site improvements.

\$1,350,000

Waipahu High



Construction for tennis resurfacing project.

\$650,000

Design and construction for campus-wide security fencing and gates and all related work including new work and refurbishment/repair/renovation; ground and site improvements.

\$1,000,000

Waipahu Intermediate



Construction for air conditioning repairs.

\$20,000

DISTRICT 36 COMMUNITY UPDATE



MAHALO MR. MICHAEL ENGLAR FOR 32 YEARS OF SERVICE

It was a great honor to present a certificate to Mr. Michael Englar, choir and music teacher at Waipahu Intermediate School (WIS). Mr. Englar taught me invaluable lessons during my time at WIS that I still hold dear today, such as discovering my voice and embracing my talents. Under his leadership, the Waipahu Intermediate Choir achieved remarkable success and was invited to perform at Carnegie Hall in New York City in 2023. We sincerely appreciate his 32 years of dedicated service as a music teacher. Congratulations on your retirement, Mr. Englar! *(Photo on the left.)*

MA'EMA'E KEEPERS

In collaboration with the Ma'ema'e Keepers *(Photo on the right: Carlo Golez, Erin Kumasaka, Beatrice Del Rosario, and Tyren Vilorio)* team from Waipahu High School, Representative Chun, Senator Aquino, and I worked together to put forward resolutions **(HCR92 / HR76)** tackling illegal dumping in Waipahu and nearby regions. Our joint efforts played a significant role in shaping and advocating for these resolutions, which were successfully passed during the legislative session.



AUGUST AHRENS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEW PARKING LOT & COVERED WALKWAY

The time has come – August Ahrens Elementary School's new parking lot and covered walkway are officially open. A big thank you to Senator Aquino and Complex Superintendent Fajardo, and Principal Nguyen for advocating for this crucial infrastructure in our community. This addition will ease traffic during school drop-offs and pick-ups on nearby streets, enhancing pedestrian safety to and from the school. *(Photo on the left.)*