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Aloha Friends,

I hope this End-of-Session newsletter finds you and your 'Ohana in good health and spirits. The 2022 legislative session concluded on May 5, 2022. I want to thank those of you who participated in the legislative process this year by contacting my office or submitting testimony (in-person or online). Your feedback informed many of my decisions this session.

As this will be my last newsletter to residents of Makakilo, Kapolei Knolls, Kumu Iki, Mehana, Kapolei Lofts and Nohona (please see article regarding Reapportionment 2022), it has been my honor and privilege representing you. Thank you for allowing me the privilege of being your voice in the Hawaii State House of Representatives. Please feel free to contact me at rephar@capitol.hawaii.gov or at (808)586-8500, should you have any questions or comments.

With warmest aloha,



(L) Rep. Har cleaning with Aunty Ruth Kepo'o in Kanehili at our Kapolei Community Clean Up Day, on March 12, 2022. (R) Honouliuli Middle School Librarian Caroline Lee and VP Cherise Akimoto speak to Rep. Har, after a donation of books to Honouliuli, on April 13, 2022.

## 2022 LEGISLATIVE SURVEY

Mahalo to everyone who completed our community survey I distributed in January 2022, asking what were the best uses of your taxpayer dollars. Based on the survey results, Affordable Housing/Rentals was selected as the highest spending priority with Public Education coming in as a second priority. Climate Mitigation, Road Improvement/Traffic Mitigation and Homelessness all tied for third place and Public Teacher Salary Increases came in fourth.

While the opinions of the community were much more nuanced on many policy issues, what was clear is that there remains support for the use of your tax dollars to address our most pressing issues —(a) Affordable Housing/Rental, (b) Public Education, (c) Climate Mitigation, Road Improvement/Traffic Mitigation and Homelessness, and (d) Public Teacher Salary Increases.



(Left) Rep. Har and her family celebrate at the grand re-opening of Consolidated Theatres in Kapolei, on February 26, 2022. (Center) Rep. Har painting at Kapolei High School at our Kapolei Community Clean Up Day. (Right) Rep. Har and the M&Ms celebrate with actor Brad Kalilimoku, at the Kanehili Easter Egg Hunt.



## 2022 LEGISLATIVE HIGHLIGHTS

**Kalima Settlement (SB 3041 SD2 HD1 CD1):** *State v. Kalima*: appropriates \$328 million to the plaintiffs in a class action lawsuit in exchange for a full, global release of all claims, including damages, attorneys' fees, and litigation costs. The Kalima lawsuit was first filed in 1999, by 2700 Native Hawaiian beneficiaries against the State, for mismanagement of the Hawaiian Homestead program, and for failure to award leases to Native Hawaiian beneficiaries. Sadly, nearly 1000 plaintiffs passed away as they were awaiting the lawsuit to be concluded. This \$328M award represents a decades long struggle and Rep. Har proudly supported its passage.

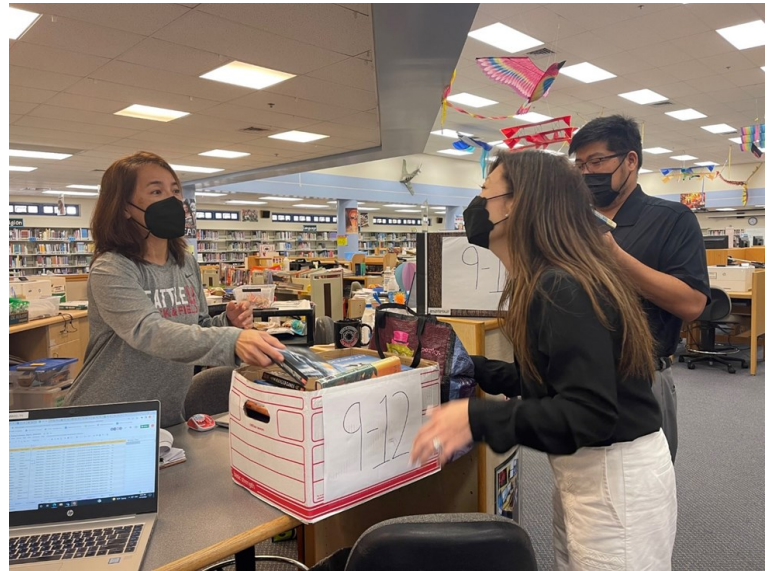
**DHHL Funding (HB2511 HD2 SB2 CD1):** Appropriates \$600M to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to fund various projects to help the 28,700 Native Hawaiians on the DHHL waitlist. DHHL will be required to develop a strategic plan to address applicant preferences and submit an annual report. The projects include constructing nearly 3,000 "shovel-ready" homestead projects throughout the State. This bill further authorizes DHHL to prioritize and determine the amount of assistance according to the incoming or receipt of other funds by the applicant or qualified relative, including wages, litigation settlement proceeds, and other monies received by the applicant or qualified relative.

**Kupuna Drivers License Extension (SB2679 SD2 HD2 CD1):** Contrary to the Star Advertiser's misrepresentation and misreporting that this bill died, **SB 2679 SD2 HD2 CD1** did pass. It extends the renewal interval for kupuna driver's licenses (between the ages of 72 and 80, up to four years from the current two). Should the Governor sign this bill into law, it does not take effect until January 1, 2023.

**Theft of Catalytic Converters (SB 2279 SD2 HD2 CD1):** Makes theft of a catalytic converter a class C felony. Regulates the purchase of catalytic converters by used motor vehicle parts dealers and palladium, platinum, and rhodium by scrap dealers and recyclers. This bill also requires record keeping, identification verification, and subjects persons who violate provisions of the used motor vehicle parts and accessories law, to a class C felony.

**Fireworks (SB2923 HD1 CD1):** Increases the general applicable fine and homeowner liability fine under the Fireworks Control Law from \$2,000-\$5,000.

**Minimum Wage (HB2510 HD1 SD1 CD1):** Makes state earned income tax credits permanently refundable and provides for carry forward of nonrefundable credits previously claimed. This bill also in-



(Above) Rep. Har donates books to Kapolei High School

creases the minimum wage every two years, with the first increase on October 1, 2022 to \$12.00, per hour. Additional increases will take place on January 1, 2024 (to \$14.00 per hour), January 1, 2026 (to \$16.00 per hour) and finally on January 1, 2028 (to \$18.00 per hour). This bill also increases the tip credit on October 1, 2022 to \$1.00 per hour, with additional increases on January 1, 2024 (to \$1.25 per hour) and January 1, 2028 (to \$1.50 per hour).

**Expanding Pre-Kindergarten Facilities (HB2000 HD1 SD1 CD1):** Appropriates \$200,000,000 to expand access to pre-kindergarten to eligible children in the state.

**Abandoned Vehicles (HB 1413 HD2 SD1 CD1):** Allows the Director of Finance of a county to require payment of outstanding charges and fines owed to the county relating to the disposition of an abandoned vehicle within the county by the registered owner of the abandoned vehicle before issuing a certificate of registration or completing a transfer of ownership.

**Condominium Associations (HB 2272 HD1 SD1 CD1):** 67% of unit owners may amend a condominium declaration at any time by vote or written consent, unless the Declaration specifies a higher percentage. Requires the developer's public report to include annual reserve contributions, based on a reserve study as part of the annual maintenance fees. This bill clarifies time and date requirements for petitions to amend bylaws and calls for special meetings; electronic meetings and electronic, machine, or mail voting, approval of

meeting minutes; and the establishment of rules for

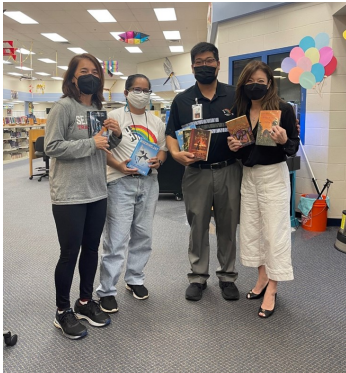
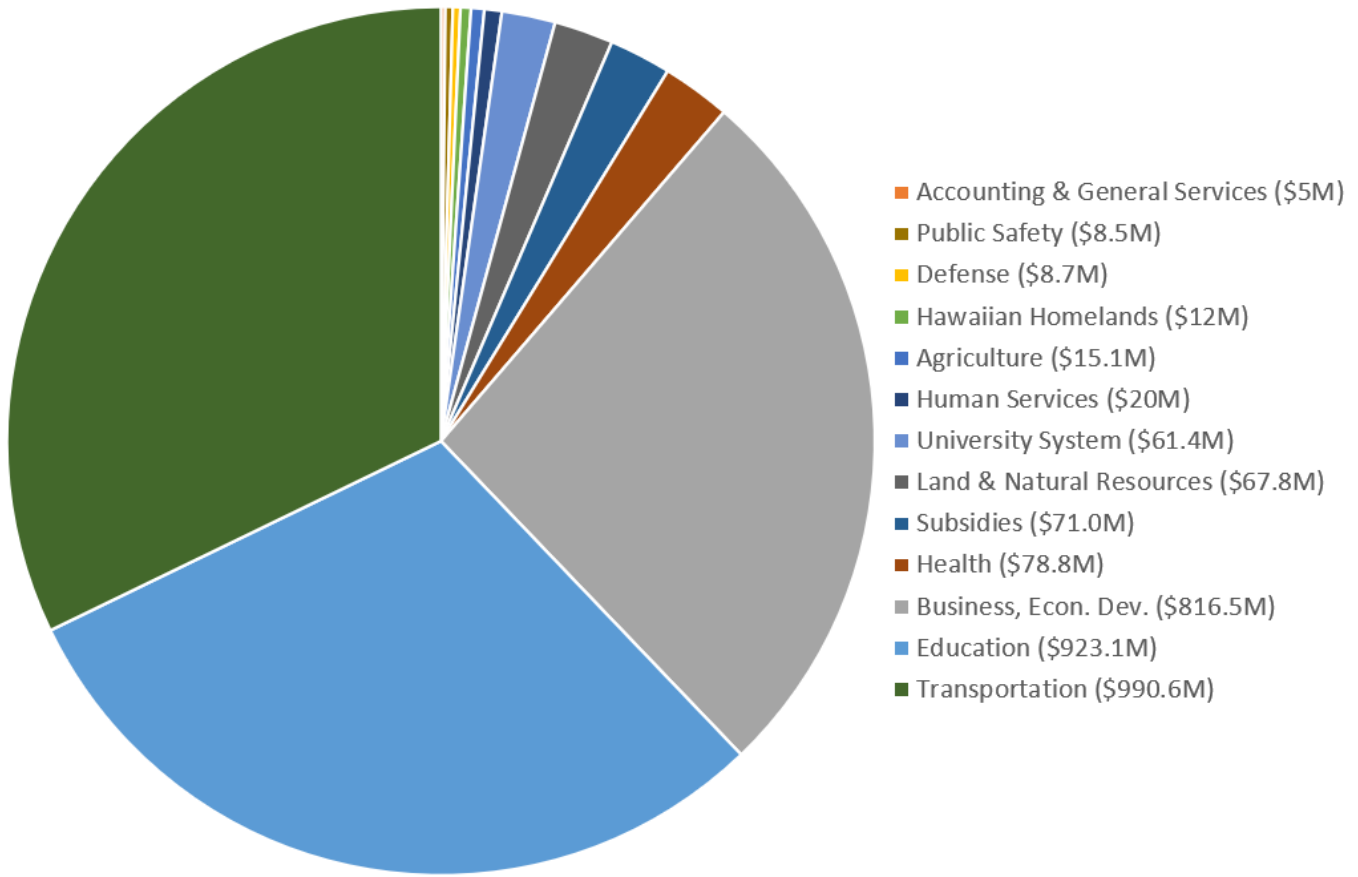
owner participation at board meetings in addition to conditions for electronic voting.



## FAA LETTER REGARDING MILITARY FLIGHTS AT LATE HOURS

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, there has been an increase in air traffic over residential areas of Kapolei and Makakilo. These flights take place often late into the evening or very early morning. My office has reached out to the Army Garrison to no avail and are seeking Federal Aviation Administration intervention. To the right is a QR Code that will take you to my letter and link at the bottom. [Please consider signing the letter to the FAA using this QR code.](#) We need our voices to be heard and for the FAA to intervene.

# State Spending Priorities for FYs 2022-2023



(Left) Rep. Har with KHS Librarian Sandy Yamamoto, Instructional Coach Jacqueline Gamayo and Principal Wesley Shikawa. (Center) Rep. Har has never missed a Pookela awards ceremony at Kapolei Middle School. On May 19, 2022, she continued the celebration of student achievement at this year's Pookela ceremony. (Right) As the founder of Kapolei Clean & Green Day, Rep. Har hosts an annual community event to reuse and recycle household products, which also raises funds for KHS.

## D42 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS FUNDED

FY2022	FY2023	Project Description
<b>Education</b>		
\$4,500,000	\$355.1M	East Kapolei High School: Design, planning and construction
---	\$400,000	Kapolei High School: ADA Compliance, ground & site improvements
<b>Infrastructure</b>		
\$4,000	\$2,204,000	Kalaeloa Airport Improvements: Construction for improvements to striping, airfield lighting, navigational aids and utility systems
\$10,000,000	\$15,000,000	Kalaeloa Barbers Point Harbor: Land acquisition, design and construction of projects to provide safer, more efficient use of existing and/or additional operational areas throughout the facility
<b>Transportation</b>		
\$25,000,000	\$95,000,000	Farrington Highway Widening: Kapolei Golf Course to Ft. Weaver Road
---	\$75,001,000	West Oahu, Regional Transportation Improvements to enhance and incentivize affordable workforce and residential housing
<b>University of Hawaii—West Oahu</b>		
\$35,000,000	---	UHWO - Site renewal, improvements and modernization of interior and exterior structures, roofs, mechanical and electrical systems, pedestrian pathways, roadwork, ground for new and existing facilities
<b>\$74.5M</b>	<b>\$542.7M</b>	<b>= \$617.2 million for infrastructure projects</b>





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### 2022 REAPPORTIONMENT

As you know, the Federal Government conducts the census every 10 years. The purpose of the census is not only to appropriate federal monies based on population, but to assess where the population of a State resides. Based on census results, Congressional, State Senate, State House and City Council district lines change, to ensure that an equal number of people reside in each district.

Due to the population growth in West O’ahu, Makakilo and portions of Kapolei will become a new House district (light green, District 43). I will continue to represent House District 42 (colored yellow), which will be comprised of: Malanai, Aelo, Kekuilanani, Pae Ko Gardens, Nohona at Kapolei, Iwalani, Kapolei Kai, our Kapolei Homesteads, parts of Hoopili, and Ewa Villages. I have included a copy of the new House District to the right.

It has been an honor and privilege representing those of you living in Makakilo, Kapolei Knolls, Kumu Iki, Nohona, Mehana and Kapolei Lofts. Thank you for your love, friendship and support throughout the years. While I will no longer have the privilege of representing you, I still live in Kapolei and hope to see you around our Second City.

