

# Community Update

State Representative Linda Ichiyama • Summer 2017



Dear Neighbor,

It is an honor to serve you and your family in the House of Representatives. The 2017 legislative session saw many familiar issues, including supporting working families, kupuna, keiki and the environment, along with more controversial matters like the Honolulu rail system and regulation of vacation rentals like VRBO and Airbnb. Although the House and Senate did not reach an agreement on a funding plan for the Honolulu rail project before session adjourned, we tackled pressing issues like combating rat lungworm disease and assisting the chronically homeless. This newsletter discusses many of the important bills that will affect you and our community.

I sincerely appreciate receiving your input on various matters throughout the session. Your active and thoughtful engagement is always welcome. I remain committed to working with you to make our State a better place to live.

Please continue to share your thoughts about legislation or any other issues that may be of concern to you. Feel free to send me an email at [repichiyama@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:repichiyama@capitol.hawaii.gov) or call my office at 586-6220. I look forward to hearing from you in the future.

Sincerely,

*Linda Ichiyama*

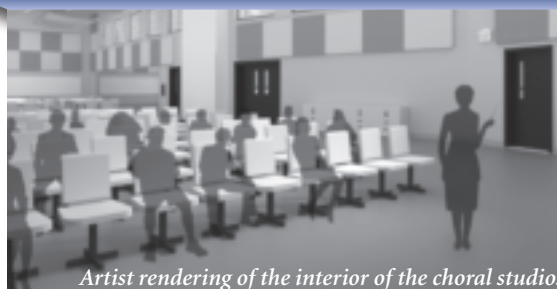
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## Green Light for Moanalua High School Performing Arts Center

This year the Legislature fully funded the final phase of the Moanalua High School Performing Arts Center, a new auditorium. The total cost of the auditorium is estimated at \$32,200,000 and the final installment of \$15,000,000 was appropriated this session. Rep. Ichiyama, Sen. Glenn Wakai, Sen. Donna Mercado Kim and Rep. Aaron Ling Johanson advocated for the past five years to fund the construction of the entire Performance Art Center, a total of \$45,127,500. The Department of Education gave the auditorium a green light and anticipates completing the final designs by December 2017.

Phase One of the Performing Arts Center, the new band room, was completed in 2013. Construction on Phase Two, a choral classroom and dance studio, began on May 1, 2017 and is scheduled to be finished in June 2018. When the auditorium is completed, the Moanalua High School Performing Arts Center will be the new home of the Moanalua music department programs and an open public venue where the entire community can come together to enjoy the fine arts.

**PHASE 1 - Band/Rehearsal Room \$5,327,500**  
*Completed July 2013*



Artist rendering of the interior of the choral studio.

**PHASE 2A - Choral/Dance Room \$7,600,000**  
*In construction, estimated completion June 2018*



Rep. Ichiyama, Rep. Johanson, and Sen. Wakai at the groundbreaking ceremony for Phase 2A of the Moanalua Performing Arts Center, which includes a chorus room and dance studio.



**PHASE 2B - Auditorium \$32,200,000**  
*In design, estimated bid date May 2018*

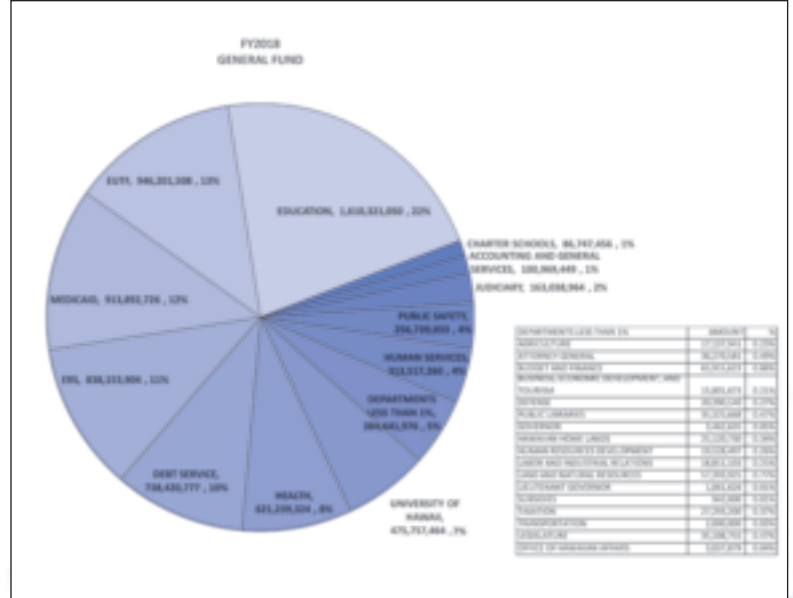
**TOTAL APPROPRIATION AMOUNT**  
**\$45,127,500**

Highlights of measures passed during the 2017 legislative session include:

## The State Budget

### HB 100 HD1, SD1, CD1

The state budget bill appropriates funds for operating and capital improvement costs of the Executive Branch. The 2017 Legislature prepared a responsible budget for the next two years that will help to sustain and shape our economy. The bill appropriates \$14.1 billion in total operating funds for the fiscal year 2018 and \$14.3 billion for the fiscal year 2019. The budget includes \$2.9 billion for critical capital improvement projects in every county across the state. More than \$30 million is designated in the budget for grants-in-aid for nonprofit organizations who provide the community with invaluable services.



## Addressing Homelessness

### HB83 HD1, SD2, CD1

Requires the Hawaii Interagency Council on Homelessness, in conjunction with the Department of Human Services and Department of Land and Natural Resources to establish a working group to develop recommendations to establish safe zones for the homeless.

### HB375 HD1, SD1, CD1

Appropriates \$1 million in matching funds for the Hawaii Tourism Authority, working in conjunction with the Hawaii Lodging and Tourism Association on projects to address homelessness in tourist and resort areas.

## Supporting Our Keiki

### SB423 SD1, HD1, CD1

Prohibits denying a student a meal for failure to pay within: (1) the first 21 days of the first semester of a school year while the student's application for free or reduced lunch is being processed; or (2) seven days after the student's meal fund account balance is zero or negative.

## Protecting the Environment

### HB606 HD1, SD2, CD1

Authorizes the counties, through their employees or authorized agents, to enter private property to control or eradicate invasive species and pests if an owner refuses to allow access and after written notice from the county.



As a member of the Women's Legislative Caucus, Rep. Ichiyama worked to pass measures to ensure women receive accurate and timely information regarding their health care.



Rep. Ichiyama answered questions from Aliamanu Elementary School students during their visit to the State Capitol.

# Session Highlights



Rep. Ichiyama greeted residents at the Salt Lake Town Hall in March 2017.



At the Salt Lake Elementary School Career Day, Rep. Ichiyama explained the responsibilities of a legislator.

## Public Safety

### HB 459 HD1, SD1, CD1

In the event an application for a firearm is rejected because the applicant is prohibited from owning a firearm or is subject to a restraining order, the police department must notify the court, prosecutor and director of public safety.

### HB306 HD2, SD2, CD1

Authorizes the fitting of a continuous alcohol monitoring device on persons charged for operating a vehicle under the influence of an intoxicant or habitually operating a vehicle under the influence of an intoxicant if the person: (1) is a repeat intoxicated driver or (2) is currently awaiting a pending criminal investigation or prosecution for one or more prior charges of operating a vehicle under the influence of an intoxicant or habitually operating a vehicle under the influence of an intoxicant.

## Healthy Families

### HB213 HD1, SD1, CD1

Permits an employee to take family leave in order to care for the employee's sibling with a serious health condition.

### HB561 HD2, SD1, CD1

Known as "Finley's Law," this bill requires dentists who administer anesthesia or sedation to post information to verify licensure and authorization to administer anesthesia and sedation. Specifies requirements, including inspections, for written authorization to administer anesthesia or sedation.

### SB 513 SD1, HD2, CD1

Authorizes pharmacists to prescribe and dispense self-administered hormonal contraceptive supplies to

patients regardless of a previous prescription, subject to specified education and procedural requirements. Enables pharmacists to be reimbursed for prescribing and dispensing contraceptive supplies.

## Caring For Our Kupuna

### HB615 HD1, SD1, CD1

*Co-Introduced By Rep. Ichiyama*

Appropriates funds for the Healthy Aging Partnership Program to further the program's important role in improving the health and well-being of Hawaii's kupuna.

### HB607 HD1, SD2, CD1

*Co-Introduced By Rep. Ichiyama*

Authorizes the Executive Office on Aging to establish the Kupuna Caregivers Program to assist community members in obtaining care for elders while remaining in the workforce. Hawaii is the first state to offer this program in the nation.

## Consumer Protection

### SB119 SD1, HD1, CD1

Establishes an 8% cap on fees for late rent payments, applicable to all new rental agreements and rental agreement renewals entered on or after November 1, 2017.

### SB369 SD1, HD1, CD1

Prohibits associations, boards of directors, managing agents, resident managers, unit owners from retaliating against a unit owner, board member, managing agent, resident manager, or association employee who files a complaint; acts in furtherance of a complaint, report, or investigation of an alleged violation of the state's condominium laws or a condominium's governing documents; or exercises or attempts to exercise any right as a unit owner.

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**HB1498 HD1, SD1, CD1**

*Co-Introduced By Rep. Ichiyama*

Requires copies of contracts between an association and a general manager or on-site manager to be disclosed to owners. Also prohibits a tenant from serving on an association board of directors.

**Supporting Local Farmers**

**HB1475 HD2, SD2, CD1**

Broadens the types of commercial operations permitted on agricultural land to allow farmers markets and food hubs, including on-farm sales of produce and value-added products, a critical source of additional income for local farmers.



Sen. Wakai, Sen. Kim, Rep. Johanson, and Rep. Ichiyama congratulated former principal of Moanalua High School, Darrel Galera, at the 2017 Moanalua High School Kinaole Awards.



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**DISTRICT 32 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS**

*The following projects have been approved by the Legislature and are in the State budget for fiscal years 2018 and 2019:*

**ALIAMANU ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Electrical upgrade – \$20,000  
Replace sewage pumps – \$50,000  
Repair/replace Arizona Road stairs – \$100,000

**ALIAMANU MIDDLE SCHOOL**

Re-roof and replace windows – \$109,000

**MOANALUA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Campus fire alarm upgrade – \$57,000  
Miscellaneous repairs and maintenance – \$98,000

**MOANALUA MIDDLE SCHOOL**

Replace waterlines – \$55,000  
Miscellaneous repairs and maintenance – \$112,000

**MOANALUA HIGH SCHOOL**

Resurfacing driveway/parking – \$386,000  
Replace elevator jack assembly – \$70,000  
Re-crown football field – \$78,000  
Performing Arts Center – \$15 million

**SALT LAKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Re-roofing – \$52,000  
Miscellaneous repairs and maintenance – \$89,000  
Design and construction for a covered play area – \$800,000