



# Community Update

State Representative Linda Ichiyama • Spring 2017



*Aloha Neighbor,*

*Thank you very much for the honor of serving you in the State House of Representatives.*

*As the 2017 Session is approaching the halfway mark, please find enclosed a guide to the important bills passed by the House of Representatives and that are now being considered by the Senate.*

*We are continually working to address the important issues in our community, including homelessness, traffic congestion and public safety. I encourage you to please share your thoughts with me about proposed legislation and any other issues that may be of concern to you. Please 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 hope these legislative highlights are informative and useful. I look forward to hearing from you as we work towards the end of this session.*

*Mahalo nui loa,*

*Representative Linda Ichiyama  
State Representative  
House District 32*

## Salt Lake Elementary School Fun Fair

The 13th Annual Salt Lake Elementary PTA Fun Fair will be held on Saturday, April 8, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The Salt Lake Elementary PTA is a nonprofit organization that helps to raise funds to support the students of Salt Lake Elementary School. Proceeds from the event will help fund student field trips, educational programs, and other school initiatives. The fun fair will feature games, rides, a silent auction, entertainment, and have lots of delicious food. Please join us in supporting Salt Lake Elementary School students, faculty and staff with a day of festivities for the whole family. For more information, to make donations or to volunteer, please visit the PTA website at [www.saltlakeeshawaii.org](http://www.saltlakeeshawaii.org) or contact Kaci in Rep. Ichiyama's office at 586-6220.



*Rep. Ichiyama volunteering at the surprise egg game at the 2015 Salt Lake Elementary School Fun Fair.*

### Dylan Kalei Leonard Chong



Representative Ichiyama and her husband Pono Chong welcomed a baby boy, Dylan Kalei Leonard Chong, on February 28, 2017. Dylan weighed 8 pounds, 6.8 ounces, measured 20.5 inches, and is a happy and healthy baby. Rep. Ichiyama and family are grateful for all the kind thoughts and well-wishes.

# 2017 Mid Session Highlights

## Supporting Working Families

### HB 207, HD2

Increases the low-income household renters' income tax credit based on adjusted gross income and filing status.

### HB 530, HD2

*Co-Introduced By Rep. Ichiyama*

Increases the Downpayment Loan Program under the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation and creates the Downpayment Loan Loss Reserve Program to help low- and moderate-income households to become first-time homebuyers.

### HB 209, HD1

Increases the household renters' income tax credit based on adjusted gross income and filing status. Creates a state earned income tax credit. Eliminates the sunset date for the refundable food/excise tax credit.

## Caring For Our Kupuna

### HB 432, HD2

*Co-Introduced By Rep. Ichiyama*

Makes financial exploitation of an elder by a caregiver a felony.

### HB 607, HD1

*Co-Introduced By Rep. Ichiyama*

Requires the Executive Office on Aging to create the Kupuna Caregivers Program to assist individuals who are caregivers to stay in the workforce. Clarifies the kupuna service and support options within the program provided by area agencies on aging.



Rep. Ichiyama read to Salt Lake Elementary students during their Read to Me Week and answered questions about a career in the Legislature.

### HB 615, HD1

*Co-Introduced By Rep. Ichiyama*

Appropriates funds for the Healthy Aging Partnership Program to further improve and support the health and well-being of Hawaii's kupuna.

## Addressing Invasive Species

### HB 1006, HD1

Funds the Hawaii ant lab for personnel and equipment to reduce the little fire ant population.

### HB 606, HD2

Allows the counties to enter private property to control or dispose of invasive species and pests if an owner refuses to act.



Rep. Ichiyama explained the legislative process to students from Aliamanu Elementary School.

## Addressing Homelessness

### HB 1240, HD2

*Co-Introduced By Rep. Ichiyama*

Continues the Statewide Homeless Initiative to prevent homelessness and rehouse individuals in the State. Establishes strict accountability and reporting requirements to the Department of Human Services.

## Honoring Veterans

### HB 168, HD1

Planning and design of a memorial to honor troops who served in the Persian Gulf, Iraq, Afghanistan, and the various theaters of the Global War on Terrorism.

## Access to Higher Education

### HB 1591, HD2

*Co-Introduced By Rep. Ichiyama*

Establishes the Hawaii Promise Program to provide scholarships to qualified students enrolled at University of Hawaii community colleges, opening doors for higher education.

## Community Safety

### HB 1172, HD2

Makes it easier for police to address use of illegal fireworks by allowing statements from witnesses and photographs, video, and other recordings taken by the witness to be used for probable cause.



Rep. Ichiyama greeted members of the International Longshore and Warehouse Union on Opening Day.

## Preventing Sexual Abuse

### HB 930

Funds the Erin's Law Task Force to review policies, programs, and curricula for educating public school students about sexual abuse and sex trafficking prevention and to make recommendations for developing age appropriate curricula on sexual abuse prevention.

## Tax System Modernization

### HB 1414, HD1

Requires the Auditor to investigate and report on issues regarding the tax system modernization project and to make recommendations to the Legislature.



Rep. Ichiyama at the Women's Legislative Caucus annual breakfast to announce caucus bills to improve lives of women and girls.



Rep. Ichiyama at the Salt Lake Elementary Career Day explaining the duties and responsibilities of a legislator.



# ALOHA 'ĀINA RECYCLING DRIVE



Sponsored by Schlotzsky Steel in partnership with the the Kāhala Hawai'i Foundation's 3R's School Recycling Program

**Saturday, April 29, 2017**

**9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

**Moanalua Elementary School**

*Turn trash into cash for our students!*

**For more information, please email:  
alohaaina@moanalupato.org**



*The Women's Legislative Caucus held a press conference regarding legislation to address opioid abuse in Hawaii.*



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# DISTRICT 32 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT REQUESTS

*The following projects were requested for fiscal year 2018-2019:*

## **SALT LAKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

*Plans, design, and construction for a covered sidewalk from the cafeteria to building C.*

**Total Project Cost: \$500,000**

*Plans, design, and construction for a covering for the play area in front of the faculty center.*

**Total Project Cost: \$350,000**

## **MOANALUA MIDDLE SCHOOL**

*Plans, acquisition, design, construction, and equipment for a student drop-off and pick-up area.*

**Total Project Cost: \$203,000**

## **MOANALUA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

*Design, construction, and equipment for a multi-purpose innovation center; ground and site improvements; equipment and appurtenances.*

**Total Project Cost: \$3,250,000**

*Design, construction, and equipment for the expansion of the library for a multi-purpose innovation center; ground and site improvements; equipment and appurtenances.*

**Total Project Cost: \$3,525,000**

## **ALIAMANU ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

*Design, construction, and equipment or renovation and expansion of the administration building.*

**Total Project Cost: \$3,500,000**

*Design and construction for traffic flow and parking lot improvements.*

**Total Project Cost: \$1,150,000**

## **MOANALUA HIGH SCHOOL**

*Construction and equipment for completion of Phase III of the Performing Arts Center.*

**Total Project Cost: \$15,000,000**