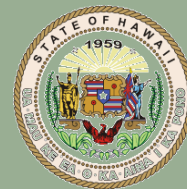




# BERTRAND KOBAYASHI STATE REPRESENTATIVE

DISTRICT 19 - DIAMOND HEAD,  
KAHALA, KAIMUKI, KAPAHULU



February 2017

Aloha,

The Twenty-ninth State Legislature has begun, and my office has been working hard to make sure we hit the ground running. I am honored to be named Legislative Management Committee Chair this session by the House Leadership.

I will continue to serve on the House Committees on Health, Human Services, and Finance. I look forward to expanding my work in these committees, which will allow me to ensure that the needs of our district and state are met.

We anticipate the 2017 legislature to be fast paced and focused on major issues such as homelessness, affordable housing, review of the rail tax, education and others. I look forward to working with you to implement the best policies we can develop together for the good of all Hawaii's people.

Please feel free to contact me or my staff at 586-6310 or [repkobayashi@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:repkobayashi@capitol.hawaii.gov) if you have any questions or if I can be of any assistance to you. Always remember that the doors to my office are always open to you.

Mahalo nui loa,

Representative Bertrand Kobayashi  
District 19  
Diamond Head, Kahala,  
Kaimuki, Kapahulu



Governor David Ige wishing a productive session to Representative Bert Kobayashi on opening day of the 2017 Hawaii State Legislature.



Representative Bert Kobayashi will be the new vice-chair of the House Health Committee with current Chair Della Au Belatti

## ANNUAL MOPED INSPECTION AND REGISTRATION REQUIRED ON OAHU

The City Department of Customer Services (CSD) reminds moped owners that a new state law, Act 200 of the Hawaii Session Laws of 2016, requires the annual safety inspection and registration of mopeds beginning January 1, 2017. Registered owners of mopeds on Oahu will need to safety inspect and register mopeds initially this year and annually thereafter.

Moped owners will receive a registration notice 45 days prior to the registration deadline. The deadline to inspect and register the moped will be the month in which it was originally licensed. The moped must still be inspected and registered if the notice is not received.

Mopeds will need to be safety inspected before a registration can be completed. The initial safety inspection will indicate the lack of registration and a failed safety inspection certificate will be issued. Safety inspection deficiencies must be corrected and the moped re-inspected. The safety inspection fee is \$13.24 plus tax. Go to <http://hidot.hawaii.gov/highways/library/motor-vehicle-safety-office/> for a list of moped inspection stations.

The moped owner must return to the safety inspection station with the new registration to obtain a safety inspection certificate and decal.

Moped inspection and registration renewal is required each year. An annual registration reminder will be mailed to registered owners approximately 45 days before the expiration date.

For information go to [www.honolulu.gov/csd](http://www.honolulu.gov/csd). Please email questions to the Department of Customer Services at [csd@honolulu.gov](mailto:csd@honolulu.gov).

## DIAMOND HEAD HOMELESS UPDATE

The Governor's Coordinator on Homelessness, Scott Morishige, gave the following update on the status of the homeless on Diamond Head:

- In coordination with the Governor's office, the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) has developed a plan to enforce trespass laws on DLNR lands and to address trash in the areas where the homeless have assembled.
- Due to the integrity of the operation and safety of those involved in the action, they cannot disclose specific details but can let us know that an operation will occur **in late January or early February 2017**.
- The staff of the Governor's Coordinator on Homelessness and outreach providers have continued to work on housing placement for the unsheltered individuals residing there. This includes placement for two homeless veterans, and a chronically homeless single woman that was recently placed in a City-housing project.
- The Department of Human Services recently awarded new contracts for homeless outreach that are effective February 1, 2017 – the homeless outreach provider for this area will be the Institute for Human Services (IHS).
- The Governor's Coordinator on Homelessness has also been in contact with the City to coordinate outreach activities on neighboring City-owned properties.

**For further questions about the Diamond Head Homeless please contact the Office of the Governor's Coordinator on Homelessness at 586-0193.**



**MAJORITY CAUCUS REAFFIRMS SOUKI AS HOUSE SPEAKER**  
 The Hawaii House of Representatives Majority Caucus has reaffirmed  
 Rep. Joseph M. Souki as Speaker for the  
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**2017 PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL TEACHER OF THE YEAR: KAY BEACH**  
**SEEQS Public Charter School 845 22nd Ave.**

Kay Beach was selected as one of eight Hawaii Department of Education district teacher winners for the 2017 Hawaii State Teacher of the Year Award. The Teacher of the Year award is part of a prestigious national program that honors teaching excellence in the United States. The winners are chosen after following a rigorous selection process that includes the teacher's ability to inspire students to learn; to have earned respect among students, parents, and peers; to be active in the community as well as school; and to be able to perform the task of representing the teaching profession nationally and internationally.

Ms. Beach's approach as an English Language Arts and Project-Based Learning teacher was influenced by supportive parents and colleagues and her travel experiences. Ms. Beach works through a lens of openness, empathy and values learning, and she creates safe spaces for her students to develop their minds. She believes that education is the gateway to developing a generation of individuals who create and live in a world of discovery. Her students reflect on their lives, use research to inform decision-making, and think critically about issues. She prepares students to think and act for themselves.



SEEQS students Lucy Fagan and Kailani Takahashi meet with Representative Kobayashi.



Oleo TV Kaimuki High School Student Angeline Stone interviews Representative Kobayashi on Opening day.



Ed Thompson, Joni Ekimura, Jessi Cadorna, and Richard Oshiro

**Meet the 2017 Staff of Representative Kobayashi**

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