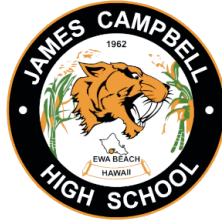


Congratulations to the 2022 Graduates of James Campbell High School !!!



Town Hall Meeting

You are invited to our Town Hall Zoom meeting!

When: Jun 15, 2022 06:30 PM HST

Register in advance for this meeting by typing in the url or scanning the QR code below: <https://zoom.us/join/joinMeeting?jmtk=JcocOmvqjwHd3Qb-dER3lqGEyL83QSoVEJ>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.



Cub Scouts Pinewood Derby



Representative LoPresti was honored to run the race track for Ewa Beach's Cub Scout Pack held at the AmVets Center.

Rep. LoPresti was invited to give the closing speech at the Boy Scouts' Onizuka Day of Exploration at Pearl Harbor Naval Aviation Museum.



Rep LoPresti with his daughter Nina, and longtime BSA volunteer

Legislative Summary

The success of 2022 Legislative Session has been “historic” even according to critics, who have also referred to it as a “breakthrough” session as we successfully addressed many of the most important needs of our community. Nevertheless, there is still more work to be done as we continue to recover from the ongoing pandemic. Here are a few highlights from bills that passed the State Legislature and are awaiting Governor Ige’s signature:

As the economy slowly recovers and the cost-of-living continues to rise, these are a few bills that will **HELP OUR FAMILIES:**



SB 514- Provides residents with cash refunds of up to \$300 per person, or \$1200 per family of four.

HB 2510- Provides local families with a permanent, refundable earned income tax credit, and minimum wage will increase in increments until \$18/hour by 2028.

SB 3289- Establishes the Hawaii Retirement Savings Programs to provide portable retirement savings plans to private sector employees who do not have access to employer-sponsored retirement plans. Also, provides \$500 to the first 50,000 people who sign up.

With the staffing shortages and lack of support for our Police Departments, there has been a sharp increase in criminal activities in our growing communities. Here are some of the improvements that will help **LAW ENFORCEMENT, especially in Ewa Beach that continues to receive numerous public disturbance complaints because of illegal fireworks:**

SB 2279- Makes **catalytic converter theft** a class C felony, and regulates scrap dealers and recycler to prevent the sale of stolen catalytic converters.

SB 2923- Increases fines for **illegal fireworks** to \$5000 per incident.

HB 1991- Establishes a public stolen bike database and prevents the sale or purchase of bikes reported stolen on the database.



I have been a strong advocate for better **ACCOUNTABILITY & TRANSPARENCY in government and our Legislature is taking proactive steps in ensuring that the Governor’s emergency powers, that have been used since the beginning of COVID-19, is not limitless and has oversight:**

SB 3089- Limits the Governor’s emergency powers and allows the Governor to limit the counties’ emergency powers. Allows the legislature to terminate a state of emergency.

SB 555- Prohibits elected officials from holding fundraisers while the legislature is in session.

HB 1475- Requires state legislators and employees to complete mandatory ethics training courses every four years.



The Legislature has finally taken the first big step in *HELPING OUR NATIVE HAWAIIANS*:

HB 200- Provides \$600 million to the Department of Hawaiian Homelands to build affordable housing for Native Hawaiian Beneficiaries

SB 3041- Provides \$328 million to thousands of Native Hawaiian families who have been waiting decades for homestead housing and leases

As you know, *TRANSFORMING HOA's* has been difficult considering the many restrictive rules and regulations when it comes to what can and can't be done in our own backyards, and with the rising food costs because of limited supply and import reliance, this is a reasonable approach for our residents to have the option to grow our own food.

HB 2280 – Prohibits HOA's from unreasonably restricting the use of unit owner's enclosed yard for personal agriculture

SB 2685 - Establishes requirements for cumulative voting and the removal of directors of planned community associations.

My colleagues and I have worked to pass important *RESOLUTIONS* that will significantly impact the work that many of our stakeholders and communities have raised during public meetings and direct feedback.



HCR 87 – Urging the City and County of Honolulu to **establish a new Police District in Leeward Oahu** to provide adequate police services and law enforcement response.

HCR 168 – Urging the Department of Land and Natural Resources to develop programs to recapture, retain, and share the cultural and environmental knowledge of Limu Kala to promote native Hawaiian cultural knowledge and protect the environment.

EDUCATION has always been a top priority for me, ensuring that our keiki have access to the highest level of education and are provided the tools and best equipped facilities to make that possible. In this year's budget, funding for the new 'Ewa Beach/ East Kapolei High School at \$355 million will tremendously help our keiki in 'Ewa Beach.

HB 200/1600 - Provides **\$355 million for the construction of a brand new high school**, \$7 million for Campbell High School, \$2.3 million for 'Ewa Elementary, \$500,000 for Ilima Intermediate and \$466,000 for 'Ewa Beach Elementary.

HB 2000 - Provides \$200 million to expand and upgrade schools to enable greater capacity for pre-kindergarten education as well.



A NEW HIGH SCHOOL FOR 'EWA BEACH - EAST KAPOLEI HIGH SCHOOL

Hawaii State Legislature Funds New High School for 'Ewa Beach & East Kapolei

I am proud to announce that the Hawaii State Legislature has recently passed and appropriated \$355 million in this year's State Budget for the design and construction of a new high school in 'Ewa Beach.



When I took public office in 2014, it was my intention to focus all my strength and energy to ensure that our children had access to better education by improving facilities and building schools. This is very personal for me and it is one of many reasons why I continue to work so hard in public office to serve you. I set specific priorities that were achievable both in the short-term, medium-term, and the long-term.

In the beginning, I was fortunate to work with my colleagues in the legislature to secure funding of \$100 million for air-conditioning improvements for Hawaii schools, especially for the schools in 'Ewa Beach that would reach temperatures of up to 100 degrees during the school day. My second term in office we secured funding of \$27 million for James Campbell High School for new classroom buildings, and for ground and site improvements that we see today.

For many years, James Campbell High School continues to face a capacity crisis as the largest public high school in the State and serves the most populated region in all of Hawaii. Having another high school in the 'Ewa Beach area has been long overdue. I am grateful to Senator Gabbard for his efforts and especially my colleagues, Finance Chair Sylvia Luke and Vice Chairman Kyle Yamashita, for making this request possible and helping me to make 'Ewa Beach schools once again, one the top priorities in this year's budget.

New Legislation Allows Wai Kai Lagoon to Legally Open Up for Swimming!

Residents of the Ocean Pointe and Hoakalei Resort community will be especially happy to know that I helped to pass a new law that will enable 'Ewa residents to finally be able to legally use the Wai Kai Lagoon again for swimming (HB1743 Relating to Pools). I spoke in strong support of this legislation and would like to thank my colleague Rep. Yamane and all those who worked on advocating for the bill. Hopefully now the Wai Kai Lagoon will be open again for swimming sometime soon. I am glad that I was able to do my part for 'Ewa Beach.



Traffic Petitions

As your State Representative, I have been hard at work on the following traffic issues on your behalf, however, I also believe in providing an opportunity for community members to lend their voice to this important issue. That is why my office has organized several community petitions to respectfully request the City and County of Honolulu Department of Transportation Services to do the following:

The intersection of Kapolei Parkway and Kahuika Street has been dangerous for many years. There have been numerous vehicular accidents and almost daily close calls in-volving pedestrians. As 'Ewa Beach continues to grow, traffic incidents will continue to rise, and our community deserves safe streets for drivers and pedestrians alike. Please join me in expressing our community's collective demand that a traffic light must be installed as soon as possible. To sign this petition, **scan the QR code to the right**, or type in the url: <https://chnq.it/CTM95dQR2t>



Install a traffic light at the intersection of Kapolei Parkway and Kaileolea Dr. —as well as either a raised crosswalk, or a crosswalk with rectangular rapid flashing beacons (like the one in front of Safe- way on Keaunui Dr.) at Kapolei Parkway and Kaimalie St.— without delay! Please join me in expressing our community's needs to the city. To sign this petition, **scan the QR code to the left**, or type in the url: <https://chnq.it/8tghxDVwnH>

Install raised crosswalk for our keiki in front of 'Ewa Beach Elementary School on Papipi Rd. as soon as possible. It is urgent that the city must feasible ways to improve the flow of school traffic at the beginning and end of school days and act quickly to improve pedestrian safety. Please join me in expressing our community's need to address these issues by signing this petition **scan the QR code to the right**, or type in the url code: <https://chnq.it/Jm24jg5gbt>



Install a traffic light at the intersection of Geiger Rd. and Ka Makana St. — as well as supporting the Ka Makana Home Owner's Association request to Haseko that they install a raised crosswalk at Keone'ula Blvd. & Kaiwawalo St. — without delay! Please join me in expressing our community's needs to the City and Haseko. To sign this petition, **scan the QR code to the left**, or type in the url: <https://chnq.it/rYTYrdrY>

CIP SUMMARY for Ewa Beach

New High School Ewa Beach and East Kapolei areas-	\$355,000,000
Campbell High School Athletic Stadium and Support Facilities-	\$6,000,000
Barbers Point Elementary New Bathrooms -	\$600,000
Ewa Beach Elementary Maintenance -	\$466,000
Kalaeloa Barbers Point Harbor –	\$14,988,000
Kalaeloa Airport, Airport Improvements-	\$22,000,000
West Oahu Regional Transportation Improvements-	\$75,000,000
Ewa Elementary School Repair and Maintenance-	\$2,319,000
Farrington Hwy Widening from Kapolei Golf Course to Fort Weaver Rd. -	\$95,000,000
Ilima Intermediate School Design for 6 th Grade Building-	\$500,000

Operating and Grant-In-Aid Recipients

Weed and Seed of Hawaii-	\$300,000
Filipino Community Center-	\$610,000
Boys & Girls Club of Hawaii-	\$150,000
Special Olympics Hawaii, Inc.-	\$500,000
Ewa Villages Historical Society-	\$75,000

Petition Update

We did it! Mahalo nui to everyone throughout the community who advocated for the 4-way light at the intersection of Roosevelt Ave. and Fort Barrette Rd. Representative LoPresti is working closely with City and County of Honolulu and Department of Transportation members on issues relating to traffic calming measures throughout the Ewa Beach area.



IN THE COMMUNITY



Rep. LoPresti w/ Leeward President of HSTA,
Julie Reyes-Oda



Rep. LoPresti w/ Kaili Swan—Hawaii Self
Advocacy Council Emergency Preparedness
Program Volunteer



Rep. LoPresti w/ Bishop Larry Silva



Rep. LoPresti w/ Keoni Mattos— Board of
Water Supply Worker



Rep LoPresti presented a legislative certificate
to Hoakalei Country Club General Manager,
Ken Terao congratulating them on hosting the
internationally viewed LPGA Lotte
Tournament, the club's first major tournament



Rep. LoPresti w/ Commanding Officer of MCHB,
Colonel Koumparakis

Representative Matt LoPresti was surprised and deeply honored to have been awarded a Bronze Service Medal from the Society of the Sons of the American Revolution for his hard work and success in introducing and passing legislation to develop a State of Hawaii Semiquincentennial commission for the planning and celebration of the 250th Anniversary of the founding of our country.



US Army Col. (ret.) Art Tulak, President of the Hawaii Society
presenting Rep. LoPresti's award at their annual meeting



Rep. LoPresti w/ Sheriff's Deputy Lt.
Michael Oakland— Hoakalei
Community Preparedness Fair

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MATTHEW S. LOPRESTI

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DISTRICT 41 NEWSLETTER—MAY 2022 -SESSION WRAP-UP

*I am proud to have been a part of the **historic and groundbreaking work** that the legislature accomplished this session. Not only have we provided a record amount in support of Native Hawaiians through \$600 million for the Department of Hawaiian Homelands, we also saved \$500 million by placing it in the state's rainy-day fund, while also putting \$300 million towards genuine affordable housing projects. But we didn't just address long-standing issues and manage to save a whole bunch to protect against future emergencies, we also provided significant tax relief at the same time by giving \$250 million back to Hawaii taxpayers, which adds up to \$1,200 for a family of four (\$300 per qualifying individual).*

*On top of all that, **Rep. LoPresti fulfilled a long-standing promise to secure funding for a brand-new state of the art mega-High School for 'Ewa Beach** to slash the over-crowding problem at James Campbell High School and accommodate our soaring population growth in Leeward O'ahu. He helped accomplished that in HB 1600 with a **massive \$355,000,000 secured for a new 'Ewa Beach/East Kapolei High School right here in 96706!***

