

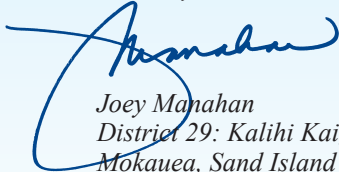
Dear Friends,
I would like to take this opportunity to once again thank you for allowing me to serve you as our State Representative for the 29th House District of the State of Hawaii.

As the Chair for the House Committee on Tourism, Culture, and International Affairs, and a member of the House Committees on Agriculture, Economic Revitalization, Business & Military Affairs, Education and Higher Education, our committees worked tirelessly with numerous organizations and individuals in order to address the pressing needs of our State.

Thank you for providing feedback in the form of testimony, letters, emails, phone calls, and our conversations. Only by working together can we build a stronger community and improve the quality of life in our State.

It is a privilege to be your voice in the Hawaii State Legislature, and I promise to uphold my duty to serve you with humility, strength, and honor.

Sincerely,



Joey Manahan
District 29: Kalihi Kai, Kapalama
Mokaaea, Sand Island



Over \$117 Million Awarded for Projects and Services in the 29th District Repairs and Maintenance

Although funding was tight this year, Representative Manahan collaborated with Chair Donna Mercado Kim of the Senate Ways and Means Committee, as well as his colleagues in the House of Representatives to secure critical funding for much needed services, capital improvements, and repairs and maintenance projects for District 29:

\$3,000,000—Farrington High school; plans and design for a master plan to guide the campus modernization project; ground and site improvements; equipment and appurtenances.

The funds for improving the Farrington campus have long been requested by Representative Manahan's predecessor. Representative Manahan has finally been granted the appropriation after 10 years of work.

\$1,000,000—Bishop Museum, energy efficiency campus project; Construction and equipment for Bishop Museum efficiency campus project. This project qualifies as a grant, pursuant to chapter 42F of the Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS).

\$105,400,000—HMP—Kapalama military reservation improvements, Honolulu harbor; design and construction for the development of a new container terminal facility and other related improvements. This is a harbor modernization project.

\$8,200,000—Kapalama container terminal facility, Honolulu Harbor land acquisition for the development of a new container terminal facility and other related improvements.

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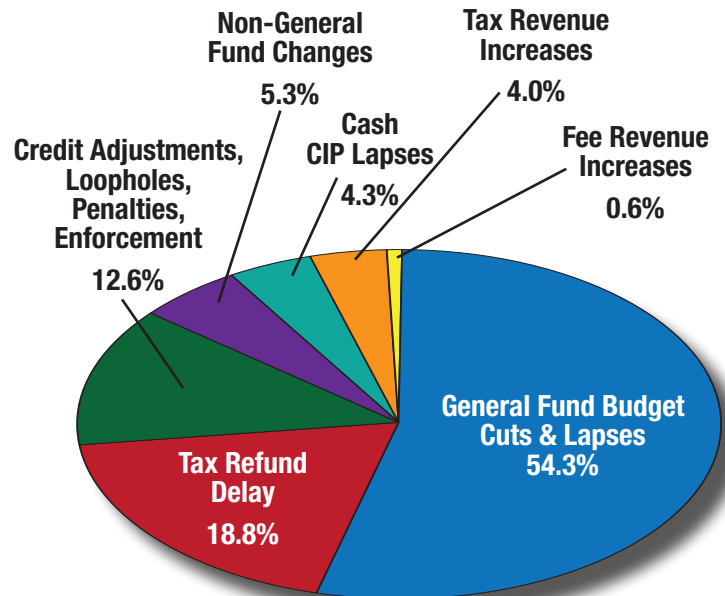
A newsletter from State Representative Joey Manahan

29th District - Kalihi Kai, Kapalama, Mokauea, Sand Island

How the Budget was Balanced

Despite the fact the Legislature was faced with an additional \$1.2 billion shortfall, we worked hard to support education, preserve the safety net for the poor and disadvantaged as well as the elderly. We protected the health and welfare of our citizens while reducing spending and increasing revenues.

The Legislature DID NOT raise the General Excise Tax, increase income taxes on low and moderate income families, and we DID NOT take away the Transient Accommodations Tax from the Counties.



| Source | Amount |
|---|----------------------|
| Cuts/Lapses | \$794.4 million |
| Tax Refund Delay | \$275.0 million |
| Credit Adjustments, Loopholes, Penalties, Enforcement | \$185.0 million |
| Non-General Fund | \$77.8 million |
| Cash CIP Lapses | \$62.5 million |
| Taxes | \$58.5 million |
| Fees | \$9.5 million |
| TOTAL | \$1.2 billion |



Irene Marcos Araneta, Rep. Manahan, Ilocos Norte Congresswoman Imelda Marcos and Mary Ann Manahan.



Mahalo to the City Maintenance, HPD and Richard Lane Citizen's Patrol who worked together to remove illegal structures at Kaupa Stream as well as illegally dumped garbage at Richard Lane.



Puuahale School visits the State Capitol.



Saint Anthony's School visits the State Capitol.



Rep. Manahan rallies against the State Department of Human Services' proposed cuts and deferral of payments towards services of our community-based caregivers.

Funding for District 29 Schools

Kalihi Waena Elementary School

\$1,839,000.01—to renovate and paint various buildings on the Kalihi Waena Elementary School campus.

Linapuni Elementary School

\$127,500.00—The contract for soil stabilization and structural repairs to the Linapuni Elementary School campus has been awarded to MJ Construction, and construction on the project will be initiated.

Kuhio Park Terrace---Update

In order to assure the safety of residents, the fire alarms at KPT have finally been repaired after many years of being neglected.

Currently, the renovations at KPT are progressing with Ikaika Builders working on trash chute B. The trash chute in Tower "B" is no longer accessible by the residents as the compactor was removed on July 8, 2010. Arrangements have been made and residents notified that trash will be collected and removed from a specified location on each floor for several months while work is being done.

The elevator modernization is ongoing and shall be completed this year.



Rep. Manahan and Mayor Alfredo Valdez Jr. of San Nicolas, Ilocos Norte.



Rep. Manahan and Senator Donna Mercado Kim painting over graffiti at KPT.



Rep. Manahan with Philippine Congressman Manny Pacquiao.



Rep. Manahan delivers much needed relief goods and donations for the recent victims of Typhoon Ondoy.



Rep. Manahan with community leaders Tiva Aga and Timena Brown from KKV.



Rep. Manahan and Sen. Donna Mercado Kim with Eddie Kamae as he receives his honorary high school diploma from Farrington High School this year.

Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund

Maintained levels of programs determined to be essential to education, public health, and public welfare were funded by appropriating the following amounts from the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund:

\$200,000 for respite services—Relieving family members from the constantly demanding responsibility of providing care by attending to basic self-help needs and other activities that would ordinarily be performed by the family member.

\$1,500,000 to supplement the Hawaii Healthy Start Program; HHS offers focused support services within a family's natural environment to reduce the likelihood of child maltreatment by reducing parental/environmental stressors. Fosters family functioning, promotes child health/development, and enhances positive parenting skills for families.

\$3,000,000 for the Kupuna Care Program—Kupuna Care is a statewide program that provides basic services to the elderly so our Kupuna can live at home. Services include adult day care, personal care, help with chores, home-delivered meals and transportation assistance.

\$500,000 for meals for the elderly under Kupuna Care. This program specifically assists Kupuna Care in delivering meals to our Kupuna at home.

\$200,000 to Adult Friends for Youth (AFY) for youth gang prevention and intervention services; Adult Friends for Youth counsels high-risk youth, including gang members and high school dropouts.

\$500,000 for Kokua Kalihi Valley (KKV) Comprehensive Family Services; KKV provides health services to the Asian and Pacific Island immigrant population in Kalihi Valley.

\$100,000 for the Aging and Disability Resource Center—The Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) is a one-stop source for long term care information and services for older adults, people with disabilities and caregivers who need help in caring for a family member or loved ones.

\$1,500,000 for the Developmental Disabilities Medicaid Waiver Program—The program will continue to ensure Medicaid coverage for people who would otherwise not receive or have access to Medicaid.

\$1,500,000 for mental health services—Provides a full continuum of behavioral healthcare services for patients experiencing emotional or behavioral problems that interfere with daily functioning in work, family, social and school settings.

\$1,400,000 for substance abuse treatment; assisting people with eliminating dependency on psychoactive substances such as alcohol, prescription drugs, and so-called street drugs such as cocaine, heroin or amphetamines.

\$550,000 for the Hawaii Immigrant Health Initiative Program—The Hawaii State Department of Health has made available funds to provide low-cost or free health care to recently arrived immigrants who meet certain qualifications.

\$762,500 to support domestic violence shelters statewide; domestic violence shelters provide a temporary safe haven for people who are victims of domestic violence as well as counseling and resource services.

\$200,000 for the Shelter Plus Care Program; Shelter Plus Care program is a supportive housing program that provides housing subsidies coupled with long-term supportive case management services to chronically homeless individuals with disability. Individuals pay 30% of their income toward rent with the program subsidy providing the additional housing assistance payment.

\$2,000,000 for the restoration of adult dental care; this directly benefits Kokua Kalihi Valley along with other organizations to ensure the uninsured have access to dental care.

\$44,636 for outreach services to locate uninsured children; for DHS to locate uninsured children and provide access to health care.

\$200,000 for Volunteer Legal Services Hawaii to provide pro bono legal services for those who cannot afford to hire a lawyer.

\$720,000 for the Legal Aid Society of Hawaii to provide general civil legal services.

\$282,000 for the Hawaii Family Law Clinic- Assists in providing services to obtain temporary restraining orders.

\$150,000 for Catholic Charities Hawaii to provide intra-familial sex assault treatment services.

\$150,000 for Children's Alliance of Hawaii, Inc provides assistance to child sex assault victims and provides treatment services.

\$75,000 to the YMCA of Honolulu to continue administering our much needed Weed and Seed Program; in order to curb crimes in Kalihi and other Weed and Seed designated areas.

\$950,000 to provide funding for grants to be distributed to Catholic Charities Hawaii, Kapahu Center, Moiliili Community Center, and Waikiki Community Center—these grants help address homeless issues especially in the Waikiki area, where the majority our tourism dollars are generated.

Hawaii Hurricane Relief Fund Ends Teacher Furloughs

The legislature passed SB2124 authorizing \$67 million from the Hawaii Hurricane Relief Fund to end the public school Furlough Fridays for next fiscal year beginning July 1, 2010. The DOE, BOE, HSTA and the Governor have already agreed on the amount to be used, but it was the legislature who took the initiative by making funds available to end teacher furloughs for the upcoming school year.

The Hurricane Relief Fund was originally created after Hurricane Iniki, when private sector insurance companies ceased offering hurricane insurance. While the fund once served to provide hurricane insurance to Hawaii's mortgage holders, the re-entry of private sector insurance firms into the hurricane coverage market has negated this need. The fund no longer provides insurance policies, and moneys currently left are no longer needed to provide this service. While some may believe the fund is supposed to be used for reconstruction in the wake of a future hurricane, this is not necessarily the case.

What about people who paid into the fund in past years? Shouldn't they get their money back? However, as any other insurance policy, once the policy ends, the insured do not receive back the amount of the premium.

The fund balance, according to statute, is transferred to the general fund. Although, the current insurance commissioner testified that the funds should remain in place in case the program needs to be reactivated in the future, the \$67 million from the fund is being spent to end teacher furloughs. There will still be a balance in excess of \$100 million, which is more than enough to reactivate the program, if needed.

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Tourism Culture and International Affairs

Tourism is the life blood of Hawaii's economy, and for the past two years, I have been fortunate to serve as the Chair of the House Committee on Tourism, Culture and International affairs, a key position in reviving Hawaii's economy. When I was appointed by the Speaker of the House to serve in this position, I inherited a burden of Biblical proportions including the following:

- 1) The loss of Norwegian Cruise Lines' Pride of Aloha which resulted in a loss of millions in visitor dollars.
- 2) The collapse of Aloha and ATA airlines—resulting in the loss of thousands of air seats and visitor arrivals.
- 3) If these unfortunate occurrences were not enough, the collapse and timing of the U.S. stock market and the subsequent collapses of stock markets all over the world, resulted in the worst economic depression since the Great Depression of the 1930's. These market crashes resulted in the largest loss of visitor arrivals, convention bookings, and visitor expenditures that are necessary to sustain our economy. The global economic meltdown's effects are worse than the economic effects of the 9-11 terrorist attacks, and its repercussions will be felt for years to come.
- 4) To make matters worse, the Hawaii Tourism Authority (HTA) had lost its Executive Director, and there was a serious lack of leadership within the tourism industry at a time when it was needed most.

Over the past two years, as Chair of the House Committee on Tourism, I grabbed the bull by the horns, and sought to turn the industry around through strong leadership and introducing key legislation that restored the HTA with its current CEO and President, Mike McCartney.

Through collaboration and taking a leadership role, Mr. McCartney and I worked together with the House and Senate to turn the industry around by addressing major issues dealing with tourism infrastructure. We are currently working with the airlines and hotel industry leaders by pulling together to turn the economy around as evidenced by 500,000 plus new air seats implemented this year. We are also working with our marketing contractors, the Hawaii Visitor and Conventions Bureau (HVCB) as well as our contractors in the Asia-Pacific Region, to aggressively pursue visitors in order to maintain and increase occupancy levels at our hotels.

By collaborating with our tourism industry stake holders, Federal, State, and the City and County governments, we were successful in our bid to host the next Asia Pacific Economic Conference (APEC), which will bring heads of states from Southeast Asia. We are hoping to position Hawaii, by featuring the richness of our culture through the global media, in order to be a major destination not just for Southeast Asian travelers but to spark the interest of people from all over the world.

The exposure from such an event is priceless. This conference will give us the much needed boost we need to jump start our economy and gain the federal funding necessary for key projects such as airport modernization and other infrastructure projects. Ultimately, the goal is to improve our tourism product, the State of Hawaii.