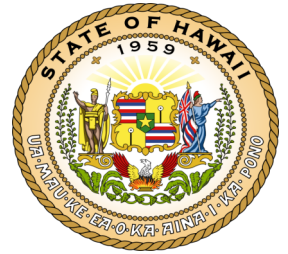




2022 Mid-Session Newsletter

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Dear friends and neighbors:

We're halfway through the legislative session and I'm pleased to report that many impactful bills are moving forward. While the Navy's Red Hill oil tanks, the war in Ukraine, and two bribery cases of former legislators continue to dominate the headlines, we continue to hold our committee hearings, listen to public testimony, and vote on bills before us.

I'd like to thank everyone who submitted written testimony, testified remotely, emailed, or called my office to relay your support or opposition to bills. Mahalo for participating in our democracy, something we can never take for granted.

Please contact my office if you have any questions or concerns. We're here to be your voice at the state capitol!

Mahalo piha,

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Enjoying Ala Moana Beach Park with my son Reis, mother Mabel Maeda, and daughter Casey.



Meeting with Finance Chair Sylvia Luke to discuss District 14 budget priorities.



Standing with Hawaii residents from Ukraine, following the passage of a house resolution condemning Russia's unprovoked attack on Ukraine.



Visiting the Pearl Haven, a new special residential treatment facility for sexually exploited & trafficked youth.

Mid-Session Bills Moving Forward

Financing affordable housing

Native Hawaiian Rehabilitation Fund—HB2511 HD2

Appropriates \$600,000,000 to the Native Hawaiian Rehabilitation Fund for the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to build more housing for native Hawaiians.

Rental Housing Revolving Fund—HB2513 HD2

Deposits \$300,000,000 into the Rental Housing Revolving Fund to develop rental housing for working families.

Affordable Homeownership Revolving Fund—HB2020 HD1

Facilities greater homeownership opportunities for Hawaii residents by appropriating general funds into the Affordable Homeownership Revolving Fund.



Hiking the Hanakapiai trail with Governor & Mrs. Ige, DLNR Director Suzanne Case, Park Division Leaders, and Office of the Mayor Policy Analyst Polly Phillips.

Diversifying our economy

Hawaii Farm to School Program—HB2304 HD1

Appropriates fund to the Department of Education to help implement the Hawaii Farm to School Program to meet the State's local food goals in school meals.

Hawaii Small Business Innovation Research Program—HB2225 HD1

Appropriates funds to the Hawai'i Technology Development Corporation for the Hawaii Small Business Innovation Research Program, Manufacturing Assistance Program and Exceleator Grant Program

State Film Liaison; Creative Industries—HB1983 HD1

Establishes and appropriates funds to plan, develop, and execute a statewide film industry development strategy.



Buying local at the Kapa'a Beach Park Sunshine Market.

Improving Hawaii's quality of life

Earned Income Tax Credit & Minimum Wage— HB2510 HD2

Makes the state earned income tax credit refundable and permanent and increase the minimum wage to \$12 an hour beginning October 1, 2022, with step increases until 2026.

School Facilities Authority: Preschool— HB2000 HD1

Appropriates funds to the School Facilities Authority for the construction of preschool facilities for children who are three and four years old.



Visiting the students at Kilauea Elementary School.

Improving our parks, trails & natural resources

Department of Land & Natural Resources State Parks Special Fund— HB2446 HB2

Appropriates moneys to the Department of Land & Natural Resources to establish positions in parks administration and operation to implement visitor reservation systems in Hawaii state parks.

Trail Access; Na Ala Hele Program— HB1656 HD1

Creates new positions to protect and expand the public trail access statewide.

Rapid Ohia Death Study & Response—HB1769 HD1

Appropriates funds to respond to the growing threat of Rapid Ohia Death.

Congratulations to the Kapa'a High School Football Team!



Celebrating Kapa'a High School varsity football team's first state football championship. Mahalo to Principal Tommy Cox and the Kapa'a High School Foundation for organizing the parade and ceremony at the Bryan Baptiste Regional Park in January 2022. Congratulations to the entire team of coaches, players, and support staff that made this season a success!



2022 Session Activities



Standing with House Housing Vice Chair Representative Troy Hashimoto after the first housing hearing in February.



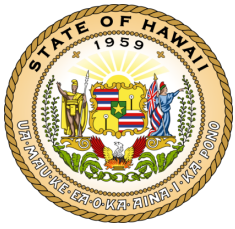
Speaking during Floor Session to support affordable housing bills.



Reviewing final bill amendments with Housing committee members: Representative's Gregg Ilagan, Henry Aquino, Troy Hashimoto, and Lisa Kitagawa.



Standing with Majority Leader Della Au Belatti, Finance Chair Sylvia Luke, Energy and Environmental Protection Chair Nicole Lowen, and Pandemic & Disaster Preparedness Chair Linda Ichiyama in front of the statue of our hero, Patsy Takemoto Mink, in downtown Honolulu.



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Meet my 2022 Legislative Staff:

Anam Maniar (Committee Clerk),
Ben Viernes (Office Manager)
& Jessica Gasmen (Legislative Aide)

DISTRICT 14 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

RELEASED BY GOVERNOR IGE

\$1,150,000	Kuhio Highway, Emergency Shoreline Mitigation, Vicinity of Wailua Beach To finance design and construction for Kuhio Highway emergency shoreline mitigation in the vicinity of Wailua Beach of Kaua'i.
\$8,000,000	Kuhio Highway, Wailua River Bridge Permanent Repairs To finance additional construction for permanent Wailua River Bridge along Kuhio Highway on Kaua'i.
\$5,000,000	Kuhio Highway, Hanalei River Bridge Repairs To repair and improve the Hanalei River bridge by refurbishing the timber deck, doing rust-mitigation, replacing damaged tension rods, and cleaning and painting the structure.
\$454,982	Samuel Mahelona Memorial Hospital To revert and reallocate unused equipment funds for design and construction related to the purchase and installation of a CT scan machine at Samuel Mahelona Memorial Hospital on Kaua'i.
\$40,000	Department of Defense, Kapa'a Middle School, Bldg H & I, Hardening for Hurricane Shelters To provide emergency upgrades for Kapa'a Middle School.