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2013 LEGISLATIVE SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

“The agreed upon budget appropriated more than \$172 Million for the Kahului Area” - *Maui News*

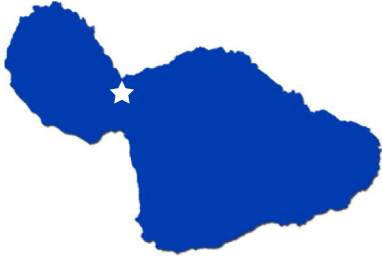
This year the Legislature approved bills that address the needs of a wide spectrum of the State’s population. The approach this session was to focus on the State’s long term needs such as reducing fiscal liabilities, repaying our reserve funds, promoting economic development, early education, sustainability and improving the quality of life for residents.

The fiscal years 2013-2014 State Budget responds to the pressing needs of Hawaii’s people while carefully scrutinizing expenses and crafting an appropriate budget to ensure that the most significant priorities are met and to lend a structural stability to the State’s financial plan.

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Aloha Central Maui!

I am grateful for the honor and privilege to serve as your Representative in the Hawaii State Legislature. The House of Representatives used a fresh approach of conducting business under the leadership of Speaker Joseph Souki. Increased transparency, fiscal responsibility, and accountability, resulted in good legislation that will positively affect our central Maui community. The Maui delegation worked well together which also resulted in more neighbor island conscious legislation, increased capital improvement projects for Maui, more repair and maintenance funds for our communities, and positive Valley Isle initiatives to help move our economy forward.

As the economic conditions improve, the State Legislature has made significant investments in our keiki, kupuna, small businesses, public work force benefits, and our environment. Taking a holistic approach, the Hawaii State Legislature worked toward moving the communities forward with a fresh vision for the future. Cleaner and more affordable energy in the long term, increased protections of our pristine environment, further reasonable stimulation of our economy, and improving our health care and education systems, will allow us to secure a bright future for Maui and Hawaii as a whole.

I will continue to work very hard for the betterment of our community. If I can be of assistance in any way, or if you would like to share advice, please do not hesitate to contact me at: **(808) 586 - 6210** or

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Mahalo,

Representative Justin Woodson

- **The Gospel of Alpha Omega International, Vice President**
- **Kings Cathedral, Young Ministries, Volunteer**
- **Maui High School, SCC, Member**
- **Friends of Maui Waena, Member**
- **Filipino Chamber of Commerce, Member**
- **Japanese Cultural Society of Maui, Member**

WOODSON SECURES \$172 MILLION FOR KAHULUI

The Maui Delegation has a great working team in the House of Representatives. Under the Leadership of Speaker Joe Souki, and while working with Senate counterparts, Representative Justin Woodson was able to secure **\$172 Million** in this year's Hawaii State Budget; **50% higher** than the average amount secured in other areas.



Easter Seals, Maui receives \$950,000 after working with Representative Justin Woodson.



Representative Justin Woodson reviews construction plans for Maui Memorial Medical Center. CIP recipient of \$22.7 Million.



ILWU Maui met with Representative Justin Woodson to express concern and support for our Kupuna resulting in \$210,000 for Hale Mahaolu.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS FOR THE KAHULUI AREA

\$50 Million for Kahului Airport

Funds for much needed improvements and land acquisition.

\$22.7 Million for Maui Memorial

Medical Center

These resources will be used for equipment upgrades, improvements to the imaging laboratory, and the oncology department.

\$6 Million for Kahului Harbor

Plans, design, and construction that will provide safer and more efficient operations.

\$4.7 Million for the Central Maui Region Sports Complex

Design and construction for the establishment of a Regional Park in the area of Central Maui. Includes funding for ground and site improvements as well as equipment and appurtenances.

\$950,000 for Easter Seals, Maui

Construction for the second phase of the Maui Campus.

\$500,000 for Maui Economic Opportunity, Inc.

Construction for various facilities.

\$210,000 for Hale Mahaolu

Funds to operate the Hale Mahaolu Personal Care Program

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No New Taxes for the Community

7 tax/fee proposals did not pass legislation this year.

Repaying our Reserve Funds

- \$50,000,000 to the Rainy Day Fund
- \$160,000,000 to the Hurricane Relief Fund
- \$217,000,000 to the Health Insurance Fund

Film & Digital Media Industry Development

Promotes growth in the film industry by providing tax incentives. This will potentially develop strong new economy in our community and potentially bring in millions for our State. (HB726 HD1 SD2 CD1)

2013 LEGISLATIVE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Bills that passed the 2013 Hawaii State Legislature

The Maui delegation proved that we were not afraid to take up tough issues this Legislative Session. Together we were able to pass many bold and overdue measures. Many community legislation included those dealing with sustainability and improving state finances. We reaffirmed our commitment to our Kupuna by appropriating funds to support health and quality of life issues. The following is a list of measures, which positively impact our community that passed through the Legislature this session.

Hawaii Growth Initiative

Supports Hawaii's business economy by providing \$6 million in funding to the Hawaii Strategic Development Corporation for the HI Growth Initiative, an investment program designed to develop, stimulate, and support high-growth entrepreneurial businesses in Hawaii and create high-paying jobs. (HB858 CD1)

Financial Protection for Elderly

Requires financial institutions to report instances of suspected financial abuse of the elderly directly to the appropriate county police department and the Department of Human Services. (SB102 SD2 HD2 CD1)

Kupuna Health Programs

Establishes and funds an Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia Services Coordinator, Kupuna Care Program, Aging and Disability Resource Centers, Senior Centers, and Healthy Aging Partnerships. Appropriates funds for programs and services that support the State's elderly population. Establishes the Task Force on Mobility Management. (SB106 SD1 HD1 CD1)

Green Infrastructure

Low-cost financing for solar panel installation for homes and businesses. Makes green infrastructure accessible and affordable for Hawaii's consumers. Will potentially reduce energy costs for homes over time, helps achieve Hawaii's clean energy goals through utilizing the Public Utilities Commission and the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism. (SB1087 SD2 HD3 CD1)



Representative Angus McKelvey and Representative Justin Woodson introduce bill for Kaanapali Beach Nourishment.



Representative Justin Woodson (Vice Chair of Housing) and Representative Rida Cabanilla (Chair of Housing) during conference.

Homelessness

Assists individuals facing or experiencing homelessness by funding various homeless and housing programs. Also provides substance abuse treatment and mental health support services. (SB515 SD2 HD1 CD1)

Kaanapali Beach Nourishment

Appropriates funds for the environmental impact statement associated with the planned beach nourishment project at Kaanapali beach on the island of Maui. (SB 1194 SD2 HD1 CD1)

Memorial for War Veterans

Directs the Office of Veterans Services to develop a plan to establish a memorial honoring the veterans of the Persian Gulf War, Operation Desert Storm, Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation New Dawn, Global War on Terrorism, Homeland Defense, and Operation Noble Eagle, and those who have protected our borders by land, sea, and air. (SB551 SD2 HD1 CD1)

WOODSON MEETS WITH MAUI SCHOOL OFFICIALS TO IMPROVE EDUCATION

As the 2014 Legislative Session approaches, Representative Justin Woodson is gearing himself toward further improving the local education system and facilities.

It is a new and exciting time. Beginning this year, a fresh approach will begin to further improve our public school education system here in Hawaii. There are few things, if any, that can have more of a positive impact on our future than properly investing in our keiki through the public school system. Current initiatives and new proposed legislation will work towards getting our kids ready for competitive jobs here at home, or anywhere around the world.

Representative Justin Woodson will be working with the Department of Education as a member of the House Finance Committee to better ensure program effectiveness, implementation, and funding. He will also work with the Hawaii State Teacher Association to make sure our educators are properly supported so they can focus on

what is most important; our children and our future.

In recent years construction for **Maui Waena** has completely stopped. Now, by working closely with the Department of Education and Mayor Alan Arakawa, significant progress is now again being made. The final phase is scheduled to begin later this year, so that students can resume learning in better settings.

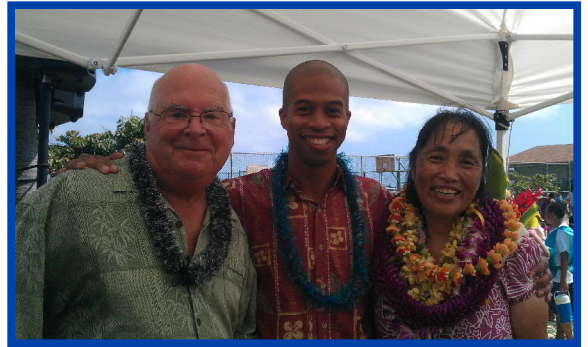
Future of Education for Hawaii's Public Schools

University of Hawaii Maui College Chancellor Clyde Sakamoto and Representative Justin Woodson are working together to obtain funding in hopes to expand additional student support services on our Maui Campus. Additional funding will provide for increased operational costs and fulfill the need for more career counselors. Representative Justin Woodson hopes to secure funding for these projects to help give even more people within the community an opportunity to achieve higher education.



Maui HSTA

Maui HSTA meets Representative Justin Woodson at the State Capitol to discuss issues important to our educators.



Pomaika'i

Representative Justin Woodson at May Day with Principal Rene Yamafuji and Vice Principal Bill Rolph.



Maui Waena

Representative Justin Woodson visits Maui Waena to discuss 8-Classroom Expansion with Principal Jamie Yap and Vice Principals Jacquelyn Davis and Laura Taira.



University of Hawaii Maui College

Representative Justin Woodson is working with University of Hawaii, Maui College Chancellor Clyde Sakamoto to obtain much needed funds for operations and additional counselors.