



Community Update

Representative Justin Woodson

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DISTRICT 9

KAHULUI

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Thank you for allowing me to serve you. There was progress made in the 2016 Legislative Session. Here are some quick highlights. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Heat Abatement

I'm pleased to report that Maui High School and Lihikai Elementary School are now scheduled to receive Air Conditioning Systems for 100% of their classrooms currently without AC by the end of the year. I'm currently exploring viable options to A/C the remaining schools in the community without AC.

Student Information System

Over the past decade our state has recognized a substantial increase in the proficiency of DOE students, but it's important that we ensure that the progression of our public education system continues. One new initiative is the upcoming Student Information System (eSIS), which will make communication between teachers easier. The eSIS will also ultimately provide an easier resource to keep track of your child's progress.

HB1878 – Kupuna Care Act

Appropriates \$1.7 million for Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRCs) and \$32,000 for fall prevention and early detection services for the elderly. It also requires the Executive Office of Aging to submit reports to the Legislature on its development of a system of evaluation to determine the effectiveness of the ADRCs in each county.

2016 CIP Accomplishments

\$1.75 Million	Central Maui Sports Complex
\$7 Million	UH Maui: Food Innovation Center
\$2 Million	Maui Motor Sports Park
\$2 Million	Maui High School Band Room
\$6.9 Million	Kahului Airport
\$7.5 Million	Maui Correctional Facility
\$10.5 Million	Kahului Harbor

HC&S

Early in January, Alexander & Baldwin (A&B) announced that it would be ceasing operations at Hawaiian Commercial & Sugar Company (HC&S). HC&S was one of the largest private employers on the island of Maui. Our focus this legislative session has been on helping these employees through the transition and securing good paying jobs.

This session we passed two bills to help those affected:

HB2605 appropriates funds to establish, administer and support on-the-job training for individuals who are unemployed and dislocated due to the closure of Hawaiian Commercial & Sugar Company.

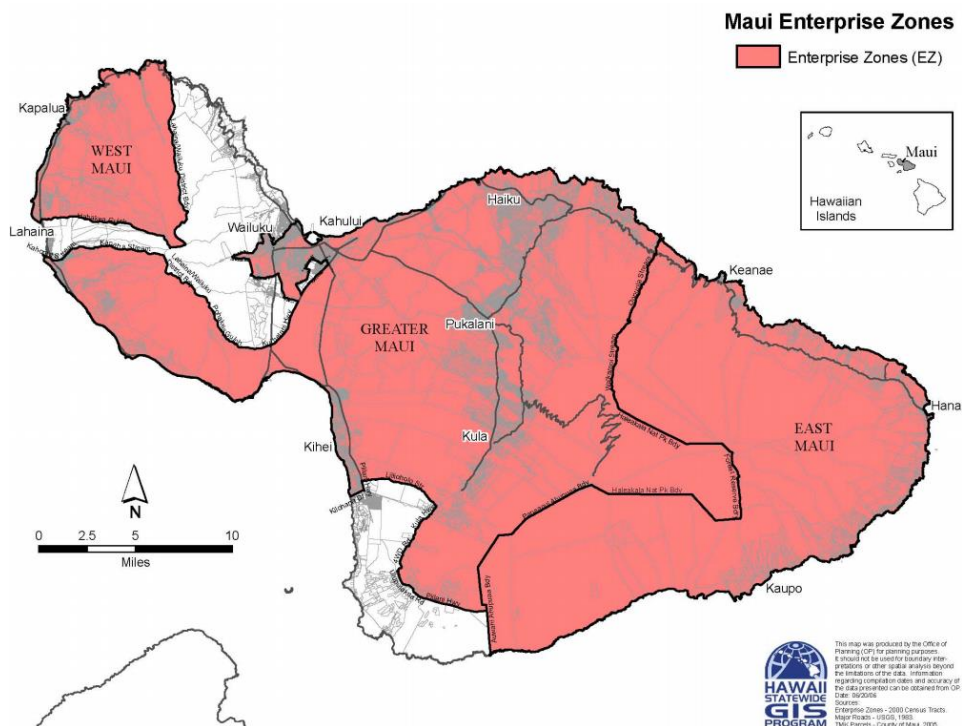
HB2122 seeks to increase maximum potential unemployment benefits for employees separated from service from 26 to 39 times the individual's weekly benefit amount commencing on or after March 7, 2016. Encourages laid off Hawaiian Commercial and Sugar Company workers to complete a training or retraining program to receive the maximum potential benefits.

Homelessness

We're aspiring to create a more effective affordable housing system that can be replicated across the state. I have been working with stakeholders to increase the capacity of our existing homeless center in Central Maui. Specifically, besides increased coordination, we are requesting additional funds to provide the necessary support services that will ultimately allow more individuals to transition out of homelessness.

We are also working on plans to develop two new and innovative microunit projects on the center's property. These added units will mean more individuals and families can be serviced to get back on their feet. A microunit development can be done at 1/3 the cost of traditional affordable housing. Therefore, if successfully built on budget, we can use the template to potentially build more much needed affordable housing at a faster rate for the larger Central Maui community.

Enterprise Zones



Enterprise Zones (EZs) have been established throughout Maui, and they are prevalent throughout Central Maui. EZs are areas in which businesses receive government incentives such as: tax credits, tax concessions or subsidization

EZs in our district encourage our local business owners and entrepreneurs to take on the challenge of starting new businesses, and this in turn results in more good paying jobs for the members of our community.

