

People First

A Newsletter from State Representative Ryan Yamane

House District 37 • Mililani • Waipi'o Gentry • Waikele

2014 Session



Aloha,

I hope this newsletter finds you and your family well.

Please accept my heartfelt gratitude for allowing me to serve our community for the last ten years. My family and I are truly honored to be able to work on behalf of our community and our families.

Your Hawaii State Legislature adjourned this year's session on Thursday, May 1, 2014. This session I continued to serve as the House Chair of Transportation and also worked on the Committees of Consumer Protection, Labor, and Public Safety.

My top priority as the Chair of Transportation is to invest in maintaining, improving, and widening our major highways and freeways. We also focused on improving all of our airports and major harbors to protect our island's accessibility and commerce.

As the area Representative of our Central Oahu communities, I continue to be involved in exploring job growth, improving public safety, and investing in our community schools. I am proud to announce that our community will receive over \$46 Million in repair and maintenance projects for our schools, roadways, neighborhood infrastructure and other community projects. These are additional projects adding to those currently on going throughout our community. These projects are vital to support our children's education, our families' safety, and maintaining the special beauty of Mililani, Waipi'o Gentry and Waikele.

Thank you for all your support and your willingness to work together to make our community a better place to live, work, and play.

If you have any questions or ideas, please feel free to contact me via phone or email.

With my warmest aloha,

Over \$46 Million in Projects Supporting Our Community

I am proud to announce that our community will receive over \$45 Million in repair and maintenance projects for our schools, roadways, neighborhood infrastructure and other community projects.

Collectively our Mililani, Waipio, and Waikele schools will receive a combined total of \$18.9 Million in school improvement projects through Hawaii's State Budget. These projects will enhance and modernize our schools through new classroom buildings, electrical improvements, and other renovations.

As the House Transportation Chair, I am also proud to bring \$16 Million in transportation projects to our community to repave and keep our state highway and freeways safe in Mililani, Waipio, and Waikele.

This was a highly successful two years for our community in terms of funding upcoming projects to keep our community's schools, highways, freeways, and neighborhood infrastructure in a safe and well-maintained condition.

2013-2015 Capital Improvement Projects for Our Community

Kanoelani Elementary School, Waipio Gentry	
New portable classroom	\$475,000
Waikele Elementary School	
School library and digital media expansion	\$400,000
Cafeteria expansion for a performing arts stage	\$500,000
Mililani Uka Elementary School	
Construction of a school-wide electrical upgrade	\$1,000,000
Mililani Waena Elementary School	
Air condition system for Buildings B and D	\$325,000
Mililani Middle School	
Parking lot resurfacing	\$300,000
Mililani High School	
Construction of aluminum seating at athletic complex	\$750,000
Pearl City High School	
Construction of a handicap-accessible parking lot by the tennis court	\$250,000
Installation of speed limit signs and cross walk near Hookiekie St.	\$450,000
Track and Field Improvements	\$5,000,000
Waipahu High School	
New school retaining wall	\$800,000
Construction of a new classroom building	\$1,200,000
Construction of a campus-wide electrical upgrade	\$2,000,000
Gym renovations of shower and restrooms	\$400,000
Reconstruction of the stadium, new turf and track ...	\$5,500,000
Central O'ahu Ambulance Facility	
Construction of a Central O'ahu Ambulance facility in Waipio Gentry	\$3,850,000
Aquaponics Acre Project	
Construction of an Aquaponics acre project at Mari's Garden in Mililani	\$550,000
Waiahole Water Systems	
Improvements to the Waiahole Water Systems	\$7,000,000

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 2014 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

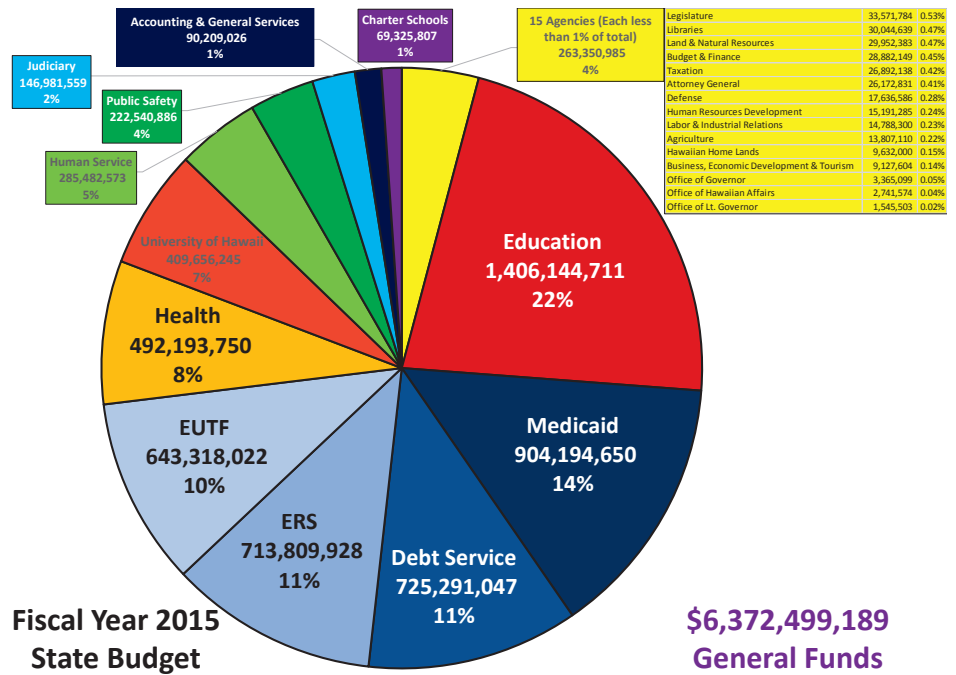
BUDGET SOLUTIONS

HB 1700- Hawaii's 2014-2015 State Budget

The economy is still the number one concern for many of our residents. The legislature's priority this year was funding the State's \$13.6 Billion in unfunded liabilities related to employment benefits.

The State Budget funded \$100 Million for last year and also funded \$200 Million this year. By making these two payments, the Legislature responsibly paid down the unfunded liabilities to improve the State's bond rating and relieve some of the debt that will affect the State of Hawaii in the future.

As the House Transportation Chair, I am pleased with the funding of \$143 Million toward the renovation and modernization of our State airports, harbors, bridges, and highways. Much of these important public transportation facilities have not been modernized since the 1960s, renovating these facilities will not only improve our aging infrastructure but will ensure safe public facilities for the people of Hawaii.



EDUCATING OUR KEIKI

Act 76- Mandating Kindergarten in Hawaii

Requires that children who will be at least 5 years of age on or before July 31 of the upcoming 2014-2015 school year to be enrolled in Kindergarten. This will emphasize the early learning improvements for Hawaii's growing keiki.

HB 1796- Keeping our Students Safe

Promotes the safety and well-being of students, staff, and others by prohibiting the use of seclusion, chemical restraint, mechanical restraint, and limiting the use of physical restraint in public schools.

CARING FOR OUR 'AINA

HB 1714- Planning for Climate Change Adaptation in Hawaii

Addresses the effects of climate change and institutes measures necessary



Celebrating Dr. Seuss' birthday by reading to Mililani Uka students.

for adaptation through 2050 to protect the State's economy, health, environment, and way of life.

HB 1943- Promoting Electrical Grid Modernization

Addresses the technical and economic barriers which prevent customer-generators from interconnecting to the Hawaii electric grid in a timely manner by amending the Public Utilities Commission's guiding principles regarding the modernization of the electric grid. Directs the Commission to balance technical, economic, environmental, and cultural considerations in addressing grid modernization.

STRENGTHENING OUR ECONOMY

SB 2609- Raising Hawaii's Minimum Wage

Further the economic recovery of Hawaii and helps lift Hawaii's working poor out of poverty by increasing the



Celebrating Lt. Gov. Shan Tsutsui's generous donation of \$45,000 with Mililani Middle School in recognition of their excellence in extra-curricular R.E.A.C.H. programs.

minimum wage rate to \$7.75 per hour beginning on January 1, 2015, \$8.50 per hour beginning on January 1, 2016, \$9.25 per hour beginning on January 1, 2017, and \$10.10 per hour beginning on January 1, 2018; and increasing the tip credit to 50

REP. YAMANE'S BILL BECOMES LAW

Protecting our community

In response to Waikale's recent and deadly explosive fire of fireworks stored in an old underground military bunker near Waikale Elementary School, I worked with the Honolulu Fire Department to craft **HB 1664**.

This bill, now signed into law as **Act 11**, ensures the safety of the general public and the first responder community by defining standards in the Fireworks Control Law for permanent and temporary fireworks storage facilities based on nationally-recognized standards for safety and best industry practices to protect life and property, and requiring permanent and temporary fireworks storage buildings to comply with applicable local codes and national standards.

UNDER CONSTRUCTION!

In the coming months and over the next year you may notice heightened construction in our community. I was informed by the Department of Education that the following projects I advocated for in previous legislative budgets on behalf of our schools, drivers, and pedestrians will be becoming a reality in our community.

Mililani Uka Elementary School

Reroofing 5 portable buildings	\$90,000
Electrical improvements for portables	\$144,000
Electrical improvements for D building	\$96,000
Cafeteria Stage Upgrade	\$17,000

Mililani Waena Elementary School

Campus structural repair	\$230,000
Reroofing of portable buildings 7, 11, 12	\$54,000
Resurface parking lot	\$240,000

Kipapa Elementary School

Replace Flag Pole	\$16,000
Reroofing portable buildings 3, 4, 13	\$45,000
Renovate Cafeteria stage	\$48,000

Mililani Middle School

Air conditioning replacement	\$408,000
Campus fire alarm replacement	\$118,000

Mililani High School

Replace back fence	\$85,000
Reroofing L building	\$240,000
Replace stadium light fixtures	\$300,000
Reconstruction of tennis court, resurface lower (Gym) parking lot	\$1,251,000
Additional restrooms and concession stand at the Mililani High Stadium	\$1,100,000

Kanoelani Elementary School

Replacement of irrigation system	\$92,000
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Waikele Elementary School

Air conditioning system improvements	\$2,000,000
Additional playground and walkways	\$500,000
Expansion of parking lot	\$100,000

Waipahu Intermediate School

Replace roof of B building	\$275,000
Reroofing of D building and gutter replacement	\$20,000

Highlands Intermediate School

Installation of ceiling fans	\$65,000
Replace light fixtures in N building	\$47,000
Electrical Repairs in J building	\$25,000

Pearl City High School

Resurface driveway and parking lot	\$865,000
Reroofing H building	\$176,000

Waipahu High School

Electrical upgrade for Admin building	\$25,000
Reroofing of portable buildings	\$60,000
Electrical upgrades for H, G, Q buildings	\$60,000



With Hiapo and Ku'uiapo at Kipapa Elementary School, whom Kipapa's new 18-foot large stained glass mural was modeled after through the Art in Public Places program.



Recognizing longtime Mililani High School soccer coach Jeff Yamamoto and his family for their years of dedication to our community and school.



Recognizing Waipahu High School's Principal, Keith Hayashi, who won the Tokioka Excellence in School Leadership Award.



Receiving the 2014 Advocacy Award from Hawaii Academy of Family Physicians.

cents per hour beginning on January 1, 2015, and 75 cents per hour beginning on January 1, 2016.

IMPROVING HEALTHCARE FOR HAWAII

SB 2133- Protecting Organ and Bone Marrow Donors

Provides opportunities for more people to participate in life-saving medical procedures by requiring employers with 50 or more employees to allow leaves of absence for organ, bone marrow, or peripheral blood stem cell donations. Protects donors by requiring employers to restore returning employees to the same or equivalent positions and establishing a private right of action for donors to enforce leave requirements.

HB 2400- Providing Temporary Disability Benefits to Organ Donors

Provides relief and support to organ donors by providing temporary disability benefits to employees who suffer disabilities as a result of donating organs.



Going green with Waikele Elementary students at their recycling day.

Queen's Medical Center West Oahu Now Open



I am delighted to bring you news that the new “**Queen’s Medical Center West Oahu**” center opened on May 20, 2014.

I met with President and CEO of Queen’s Health Systems, Art Ushijima, and Chief Operating Officer of the Queen’s Medical Center West Oahu, Susan Murray, regarding our new hospital providing health care services here on the leeward side.

On Queen’s West Oahu’s Opening Day, City EMS officials reported to me that they transported over 110 patients to the new hospital by ambulance.

Only a fifteen-minute drive from our community, the new Queen’s Medical Center (QMC) West Oahu will retain its position as a general medical hospital, providing general core services such as emergency, diagnostics and treatment, and also other services such as cardiac, orthopedics, and gastroenterology. Many improvements have been made to the facility, including upgrades to the ER department and updated services were also added. Critical trauma patients will still be transported to the Queen’s Medical Center Punchbowl location.

Due to the fast growing population rise in the leeward area, I am thankful for the addition of Queen’s West Oahu as a local hospital to assist emergency medical services closer to our residents here in Central Oahu.



With Queen’s West Oahu Director, Susan Murray, and Emergency Department staff in the new Queen’s West Oahu Emergency Department.

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Roadway Improvements Coming to Central O’ahu

Kamehameha Highway

As the Chair of the House Transportation Committee, I urged the State Department of Transportation to resurface and repave the poor roadway conditions on Kamehameha Highway between Waikele and Mililani. Over the coming months the Department of Transportation will begin this \$14 Million project to resurface the stretch of Kamehameha Highway from Ka Uka Blvd, including Mililani’s entire portion of Kamehameha Highway, to Waihau Street in Melemanu.

Kipapa Bridge

Kamehameha Highway’s Roosevelt Bridge in Kipapa Gulch currently serves as a major thoroughfare between Waipio Gentry and Mililani. The 81 year old bridge is now in sore need of improvements. In March, the Department of Transportation reported to the Mililani community at their public meeting that an Environmental Assessment is underway to identify and recommend enhancements and safety improvements for the bridge. During these past two years as the Transportation Chair, I have also advocated funding \$1 Million for the design and planning of the bridge’s rehabilitation.

Waipio Roads

I am very pleased that the City and County of Honolulu has begun major roadwork for our Waipio Gentry community. This major road resurfacing will work on Ka Uka Boulevard, Uke’e Street, Waipio Uka Boulevard, Moaniani Street, and Lumikula Street.

Mililani Roads

In the past year, you have seen the City and County of Honolulu repaving many of the neighborhood streets in Mililani. The City road resurfacing of Mililani thoroughfares Meheula Parkway and Anania Drive has begun and is expected to continue into the Summer. My office will continue to fight for these much needed improvements in our community.

Capital Improvement Projects for Our Community continued from page 1

H-1 Freeway, Waikele On/Off Ramps

Resurfacing of Waikele On and Off ramps **\$1,500,000**

H-2 Freeway On/Off Ramps

Resurfacing of Waipio Gentry and Mililani H-2 On and Off Ramps .. **\$1,500,000**

Kipapa Bridge, Kamehameha Highway, Waipio/ Mililani

Design and planning for bridge rehabilitation **\$1,000,000**

Kamehameha Highway, Waipio/Mililani

Rockfall protection and slope mitigation near Kipapa Bridge **\$4,000,000**

Kamehameha Highway, Lumiauu St. to Lanikuhana Ave.

Resurfacing and installation of lighting **\$8,000,000**

TOTAL CIP FUNDING TO OUR DISTRICT \$46.3 Million

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