

FROM THE OFFICE OF
SENATOR STANLEY CHANG

JUNE 2018

Another Successful Legislative Session

Aloha,

Another legislative session has just ended, and I am once again grateful for the opportunity to serve you as your state senator. I'm pleased to report that many good bills have passed, and our state is making meaningful progress in a number of areas.

Together, we established a Youth Commission to give young people a seat at the table in state policymaking; exempted property owners from being held liable for emergency rescue devices; established a performance-based ratemaking standard that would tie electric bills to customer satisfaction and renewable energy integration, among other factors; and banned conversion therapy for LGBTQ minors. The legislature has also taken steps to ban harmful sunscreens to preserve our reefs.

The legislature additionally appropriated \$570 million for affordable housing, \$45.5 million for homelessness initiatives, and \$125 million for flood relief for the islands of Kauai and Oahu. In addition, we received funding for a new track at Kalani High School and completion of the world languages classroom building at Niu Valley Middle School.

There is still much more to be done, and I look forward to continuing to work hard to address the top priorities of our community.

Sincerely,



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IN THE COMMUNITY



KOREAN OFFICIALS AT THE STATE CAPITOL

April 25, 2018 ▲ Senator Chang greeted a delegation of overseas Korean elected officials from around the world at the State Capitol.



SIGNATURE RESCUE TUBES BILL PASSES

May 1, 2018 ▲ One of our signature bills—**SB 2087**, exempting landowners from liability for hosting these rescue tubes on their property—passes the Legislature. The bill would not have passed had it not been for the efforts by the Hawai'i Kai Lions and numerous Rotary Clubs statewide.



DISCUSSING THE APRIL FLOODING

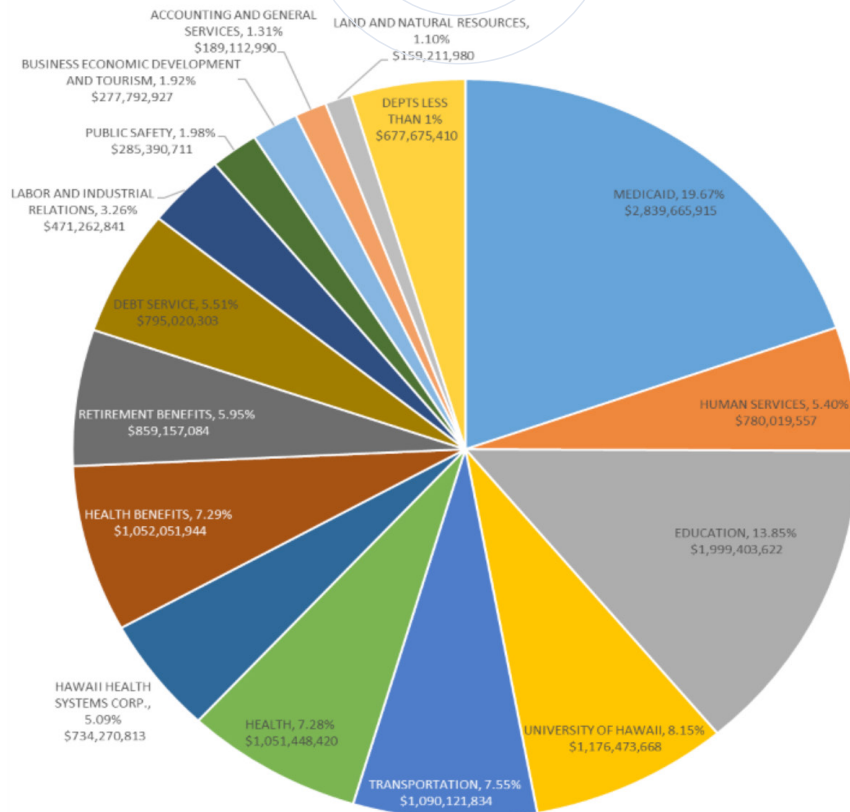
May 9, 2018 ▲ Senator Chang met with federal, state, and city agencies to discuss the April 13th flooding in East Honolulu.



EMERGENCY READINESS FAIR

May 12, 2018 ▲ Senator Chang attended and met with constituents at the emergency readiness fair, hosted by Aina Haina Prepared.

FISCAL BIENNIUM 2018-2019 STATE EXECUTIVE BUDGET



Source: Hawaii State Senate

*The Legislature passed a **\$14.4 billion** state budget that includes operating monies and **\$2.4 billion** in capital improvement funds to run the state government through fiscal year 2019.*

HB1900 HD1 SD1 CD1, the state budget bill, includes funding for homelessness and housing, critical health and human service needs, support for keiki and kupuna caregivers, and protection of our culturally important natural resources.

In addressing homelessness as a top priority for this Legislative Session, state lawmakers approved the allocation of \$15 million to fund homeless programs and services.

Investing in our children, an additional \$500,000 was allocated for the Early College Program; \$400,000 for Teacher Certification Stipend Program to help increase the number of qualified public school teachers, and \$1.1 million for the Alternative Teacher Route Program to help with recruitment and certification of potential public school teachers. To help students in higher education, \$300,000 was appropriated for the Student Success Initiative to help support the students at UH Manoa and \$750,000 for the Student Success Initiative at Community Colleges statewide.

To support our seniors, \$3.8 million in additional funds were appropriated for Kupuna Care and \$1.2 million for the Kupuna Caregivers Fund.

In recognizing the need to grow our economy, \$1.5 million was included for the Excelsior Program to aid development of local businesses and \$200,000 for the Creative Lab Hawai'i expansion to the neighbor islands.

Some of the areas addressed in the budget for Capital Improvement Projects include \$6.5 million for the construction of a First Responders Technology Campus and Cyber Security Data Center, \$3.5 million for health and safety improvements at libraries statewide, \$9.6 million for improvements and renovations to Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation facilities statewide, \$21.5 million for public housing development, improvements, and renovations statewide, \$6.5 million for the protection and restoration of watersheds statewide, \$16.5 million for Tax System Modernization, and \$40 million for the construction of new consolidated housing and other related improvements at the Women's Community Correctional Center.

NOTABLE BILLS THAT PASSED

HB 1716

Youth Commission

Establishes a Youth Commission to advise the Governor and Legislature on the effects of legislative policies, as well as needs, assessments, priorities, programs, and budget relating to youth.

HB 2442

Removing abandoned vehicles within 10 days

Requires the counties to take into custody any abandoned vehicle on a public road within ten business days.

HB 2501

Need-based scholarships for community college

Establishes the University of Hawai'i Community College Promise Program to provide scholarships for the unmet direct cost needs of qualified students enrolled at any community college campus within the University of Hawai'i system.

HB 2651

5G wireless infrastructure

Establishes a process to upgrade and support next-generation wireless broadband infrastructure throughout the State.

HB 2739

Death with dignity

Establishes a regulated process under which an adult resident of the State with a medically confirmed terminal disease and less than six months to live may choose to obtain a prescription for medication to end the patient's life.

HB 2748

Record funding for affordable housing

Record funding for affordable housing for the fiscal year 2017–2018.

SB 270

Banning conversion therapy

Prohibits specific state-licensed persons who are licensed to provide professional counseling from engaging in, attempting to engage in, or advertising sexual orientation change efforts on minors.

SB 2087

Removing landowner liability for emergency rescue devices

Amends Hawai'i's Good Samaritan Law to provide civil liability exemption for persons who—in good faith, without remuneration or expectation of remuneration—attempt to rescue a person with a rescue tube; and for owners/operators of any premises, property,

or facility that is adjacent to navigable waters, where rescue tubes are located.

SB 2351

Banning consideration of salary history

Prohibits prospective employers from requesting or considering a job applicant's wage or salary history as part of an employment application process or compensation offer.

SB 2571

Reef-safe sunscreen

Bans the sale, offer of sale, or distribution in the State of any sunscreen that contains oxybenzone or octinoxate, or both, without a prescription issued by a licensed healthcare provider, to preserve marine ecosystems. Beginning January 1, 2021.

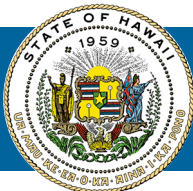
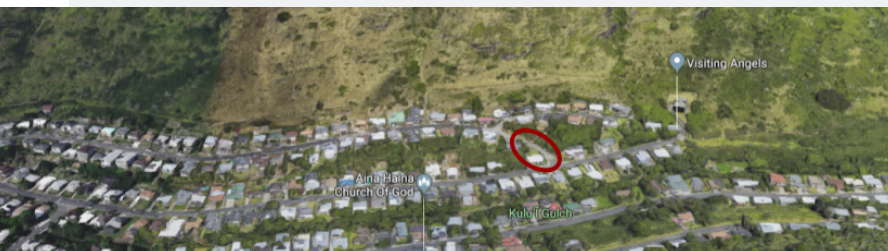
SB 2939

Performance-based electricity rates

Requires the PUC to establish performance incentive and penalty mechanisms that directly tie electric utility revenues to the utility's achievement on performance metrics. Exempts member-owned cooperative electric utilities

COMMUNITY CONCERN

The Aina Haina community has long had issues with soil sliding and erosion underneath neighborhood homes and roads. This unstable earth along **Ahuwale Street** has impacted residents' homes and the streets on which they drive. We were contacted by neighbors, who were tired of driving over protruding manhole covers, large uneven surfaces and edges created by the sliding. By working with the City and County of Honolulu Department of Facility Maintenance and Councilman Trevor Ozawa's office, the uneven road surfaces have been repaired, and the residents now enjoy a much smoother ride.



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