

Aloha,

The Legislature is coming to the half-way point where Senate Bills will cross over to the House and House Bills will cross over to the Senate. There are over 3,000 bills introduced every year and less than half will meet the First Crossover deadline. Soon, the Senate will receive the Governor's budget which contains programs and projects that support Wahiawa.

At this time, I am prioritizing several bills that will positively impact our district.

<u>SB821</u>: Establishes the Illegal Fireworks Task Force within the newly established Department of Law Enforcement. This would develop a comprehensive strategic plan to stop the importation of illegal fireworks and explosives into the State, promote compliance with the fireworks control laws, and ensure the safety and security of airports, harbors, and other facilities and institutions in the State against the discharge of illegal fireworks and explosives.

<u>SB833</u>: Requires the acquisition of the Wahiawa Irrigation System. The bill passed WAM and will crossover to the House upon passing 3rd Reading.

<u>SB1469</u>: Appropriates funds to Hawaii Technology Development Corporation to support the development of the First Responders Technology Campus and Cybersecurity Data Center.

<u>SB941</u>: Appropriates funds to the School Facilities Authority for the construction of teacher and educator housing. Specifies Nanakuli High and Intermediate School, Waipahu High School, and Mililani High School as initial locations for the teacher and educator housing pilot.

The budget bill, <u>HB300</u>, will also contain funding that benefits our communities' schools, roads, and programs and the Senate will be deliberating on the Governor's request in April.

Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz



The Ways and Means Committee visited the DOCARE Academy where the 3rd cohort of 42 recruits will be graduating this March 2023. DLNR partners with Honolulu Community College to recruit and train the cohort and when they graduate they will graduate as Conservation Resource Enforcement Officer I.

These law enforcement officers are specialized to enforce and manage preservation/conservation lands and coastal areas from overharvesting, trespassing, and they also protect our native species. Mahalo for your service!

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