



State Senator

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Aloha Friends and Neighbors,

Happy Lunar New Year!

I am humbly honored to be able to serve you as Senator and I remain steadfastly committed to open and inclusive representation and strongly encourage everyone in our community to become more personally involved in the legislative process wherever and whenever possible.

As we approach the first month of the legislative session, we were honored to welcome constituents, schools, and advocacy groups to the Capitol. I continue to look forward to future meetings on key bills that impact our daily lives.

As always, I remain open to your feedback on any way that I may address the issues that mean the most to you.

Please do not hesitate to contact my office with any questions or concerns that you may have.

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LEGISLATION UPDATE

The following measures are currently moving through the legislative process.

SB2445 THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION. The Department of Transportation; Emergency Egress; Pacific Palisades. Requires the DOT to identify an emergency egress route other than Komo Mai drive from Pacific Palisades or, if no other route can be found, determine the feasibility of constructing an alternate emergency egress route. S 2/8/2024: **The committee(s) on TCA recommend(s) that the measure be PASSED, WITH AMENDMENTS.** The votes in TCA were as follows: 5 Aye(s): Senator(s) Lee, Inouye, Elefante, Kanuha, Awa; Aye(s) with reservations: none ; 0 No(es): none; and 0 Excused: none.

SB2306 AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS. DAGS; Automated External Defibrillators; State Buildings; Training; Appropriations. Requires the Department of Accounting and General Services to install and maintain automated external defibrillators in all state buildings. Requires the Department of Accounting and General Services to provide trainings on the use of automated external defibrillators for certain state employees and security staff. S 2/1/2024: **The committee(s) on GVO recommend(s) that the measure be PASSED, WITH AMENDMENTS.** The votes in GVO were as follows: 5 Aye(s): Senator(s) McKelvey, Gabbard, San Buenaventura, Wakai, Awa; Aye(s) with reservations: none ; 0 No(es): none; and 0 Excused: none.

SB2305 MISSING PERSONS. Silver Alert Program; Missing Persons; Department of Law Enforcement; Appropriation; Expenditure Ceiling Establishes a silver alert program within the Department of Law Enforcement to help locate and safeguard missing persons who are sixty-five years of age or older, cognitively impaired, or developmentally disabled. Appropriates funds. S 2/2/2024: **The committee(s) on**



HHS recommend(s) that the measure be PASSED, WITH AMENDMENTS.

SB2308 SPEEDING. School Zones; Speeding; Fines; Penalties Establishes additional fines and penalties for convictions of speeding in a school zone. S 2/9/2024: **The committee(s) on TCA has scheduled a public hearing on 02-13-24 3:05PM; Conference Room 224 & Videoconference.**

SB2311 ELECTRIC VEHICLE BATTERIES. DOH; Electric Vehicle Battery Recycling and Disposal Program; Electric Vehicles; Propulsion Batteries; Hazardous Substances; Fines. Establishes an electric vehicle battery recycling and disposal program. Prohibits disposal of propulsion batteries as solid waste. Prohibits producers of propulsion



batteries from refusing propulsion batteries for reuse, remanufacturing, repurposing, or recycling. Establishes producer responsibility for propulsion batteries embedded into

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MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW

SENATOR ON THE MOVE...

AMY MARTINSON RETIREMENT

I want to congratulate and recognize Highlands Intermediate Principal, Amy Martinson on her retirement, and express our thanks for her years of dedication to teaching our keiki. Thank you to Vice-Principal Sara for coordinating Principal Martinson's retirement party, and to Senators Kidani, Wakai, and Aquino, and Representatives Chun, La Chica, and Takayama, for assisting me in honoring the career of Amy Martinson.



Celebrating the retirement of Principal Amy Martinson (center) with Vice Principal Sara Yoshimura and Senator Elefante.

JOINT TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT CENTER

My staff and I made a site visit and tour of the Joint Traffic Management Center. This facility serves as base for HPD, HFD, HEMA, and personnel to coordinate, and respond to any emergency that may affect Oahu and the State of Hawai'i as a whole. I



J. Roger Morton - Director of Transportation Services, Ty Fukumitsu - Chief Traffic Signal Technology, and Sen. Elefante overlooking the main floor of the JTMC.

would like to thank the City and the many dedicated support personnel for their tireless efforts.



Senator Elefante with Judiciary Facilities Manager Wayne Taniguchi, and First Circuit Court Operations Specialist Dee Dee Letts.

VISIT TO THE JUDICIARY

I had the opportunity to tour the Hawai'i State Supreme Court and First Circuit Court along with staff, to better understand their needs and best serve them as a member of the Judiciary Committee. Mahalo to the office of Director Rod Maile and the staff at Ka'ahumanu Hale (First Circuit Court) for allowing our office to tour the facilities and for bringing areas of improvement to our attention.

LEGISLATION UPDATE continued...

vehicles or sold separately in the State or through remote sale. Authorizes the Department of Health to inspect any place, building, or premise and issue warnings and citations for failure to comply. Establishes requirements for a battery management plan. Establishes fines. S 2/8/2024: The committee(s) on AEN/CPN has scheduled a public hearing on 02-13-24 9:10AM; Conference Room 229 & Videoconference.

SB2443 HIGHWAY SAFETY. Department of Transportation; Highway Safety; Automated Speed Enforcement System; Automated Speed Enforcement Systems Program Special Fund; Appropriation; Expenditure Ceiling. Establishes the Automated Speed Enforcement Systems Program. Authorizes the state or counties to administer the Automated Speed Enforcement Systems Program. Requires fines collected beginning 1/1/2025 for violations on a county highway



to be expended for the operation of the Automated Speed Enforcement Systems Program. Creates a new offense of noncompliance with the posted speed limit under the Automated Speed Enforcement System. Appropriates funds. S 2/9/2024: The committee(s) on TCA/PSM has scheduled a public hearing on 02-12-24 3:01PM; Conference Room 225 & Videoconference.



SB3295 RELATED TO DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE. Negligent Homicide in the First Degree; Driving Under the Influence; Victim Restitution; Child Support. Requires defendants convicted of causing the death of a parent or legal guardian of a minor child by operation of a vehicle in a negligent manner while under the influence of drugs or alcohol to make restitution in the form of financial support to each surviving child of the victim. S 1/29/2024: Referred to JDC.



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