



Senator Kurt Fevella

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'Ewa by Gentry, Iroquois
Point, and portion of
'Ewa Villages

Aloha Family and Friends,

I would like to begin by saying MAHALO to everyone that has submitted testimony and voiced their comments, concerns, and support for legislation this session. As this session is coming to an end, I want to share with you some highlights that have happened throughout March and April. One of the biggest announcements that I am still thankful for is the status on SB3335, relating to cannabis, which would have allowed the recreational use of marijuana, if it became law. This bill has appeared in many forms throughout my time in office and I will continue to be in opposition of measures that will harm our families, our people, and Hawai'i. Mahalo for all your support and for reaching out to our office. God bless, always.

Sincerely,

Hawai'i State Youth of the Year - Jianna Johnson

April 3, 2024



Jianna Johnson and Sen. Fevella after floor session in the Senate chamber.

Since 1947, the Boys & Girls Club of America hosts an annual recognition program, Hawai'i State Youth of the Year, where candidates are chosen based on their exceptional skills in leadership, academics, and service in the community. This year's winner is our very own James Campbell High School student, [Jianna Johnson](#). Congratulations to Jianna and this year's candidates for all their achievements and success!

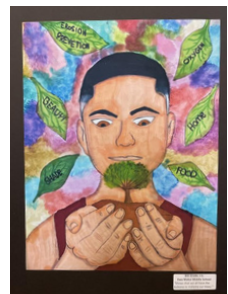
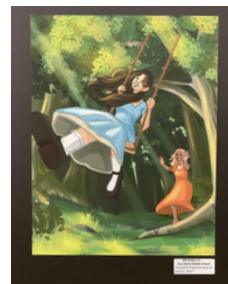


The Hawai'i State Senators presented certificates to the Hawai'i State Youth of the Year finalists.

2024 Education Week

March 18-22, 2024

Education Week took place throughout the Capitol. In the hallways, illustrations of our keiki's art were displayed. Showcasing in this newsletter are a few pieces from our district, 'Ewa Beach Elementary and 'Ewa Makai Middle School. We had a book fair that the Friends of the Library hosted on the first day. Schools statewide attended the Student Showcase presentation, including 'Ewa Makai Middle, discussing its STEM innovations, health occupations, engineering design, computer science, and other education-related topics. During floor session, the schools and faculty were invited to the Senate chamber and were acknowledged by their respective senators.



Schools from all over Hawai'i participated in Education Week at the Capitol.



In the Community

Moment of Contemplation - Nicholas Nishimura

March 21, 2024

A Moment of Contemplation (MOC) is assigned to all state senators and I had the opportunity to have my first MOC offered by my dear friend, Kenny Tagavilla, with an original song about his hometown. My second MOC was presented by an outstanding student from Leeward District, Nicholas Nishimura. Nicholas spoke on his passion in agriculture and his family history. I believe Mr. Nishimura represents his family, school, and community well in the several capacities he serves in as a student at Waipahu High



Nicholas Nishimura offering the Moment of Contemplation before the Hawai'i State Senate.

School, member in the Future Farmers of America, and individual within our communities. It is with great honor that I had both, Mr. Tagavilla and Mr. Nishimura, offer the Moment of Contemplation this session. I hope that each will continue to aspire in their ambitions and reap the fruits of their hard work and dedication from their achievements. Mahalo to the family and friends for their support of Mr. Tagavilla and Mr. Nishimura.



(L-R) Senate President Ron Kouchi, Moment of Contemplation guest Nicholas Nishimura, and Senator Kurt Fevella

Keone'ula Elementary School - Community Literacy and Career Sharing Day March 14, 2024

The Cubs of Keone'ula Elementary School invited me to their Literacy and Career Day. I had the honor to participate in Ms. Barr's fifth grade class.

Reading and comprehension are keys to a successful future. Mahalo to the teachers for organizing this event and the students and families for participating in this year's Community Literacy and Career Sharing Day.



Ms. Barr's Cubs, a Cub's parent, and Sen. Fevella during the Literacy and Career day visit.

Ewa Beach Lions Club Foundation - Easter Bash March 23, 2024

The Ewa Beach Lions Club Foundation hosted its annual Easter Bash at Ilima Intermediate School. The fun-filled event was full of activities for keiki and families to enjoy, including local entertainment and a beautiful performance by our hula sisters. Lieutenant Governor Sylvia Luke attended our community event and supported our outreach with Easter baskets and food drive. Mahalo to all who participated and joined us!



EBLC members, LG Luke, and Sen. Fevella at the Easter Bash.

JCHS Pre-Bid Meeting March 27, 2024

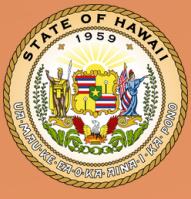
I am elated to announce that the Department of Education, Prime Architect Design Partners, and Campbell High School's staff, held a pre-bid meeting for Phase 2A of the Campbell High School Athletic Complex Facility, with my office in attendance. The Phase 2A project process includes the construction of new locker rooms, restrooms, concession, meeting rooms, offices, portions of new bleachers, and lighting. The solicitation of bids will be closed on April 24, 2024. Construction is anticipated to begin by the end of the year. Completing the new athletic complex continues to be one of my highest priorities.

Gun Violence Sign Waving April 4, 2024

The District 8 Neighborhood Security Watch organized a sign waving event due to the shooting that occurred in our community in early April. Community members and I, held up signs to drivers and passersby to raise awareness. At that time, we prayed for those affected by the gun violence, the safety of our keiki and our people of Hawai'i. Mahalo to all for participating and joining us.



Community members and Sen. Fevella sign waving on Fort Weaver Rd.



Capitol Update

Legislative Session and Honorees

At this time, the Legislature just passed its Second Lateral deadline. The deadline required the measures to be back in its originating chamber- the Senate bills in the House to return back to the Senate and vice versa. In the upcoming days, we will be meeting in Conference to agree/disagree on numerous of measures and decide which House or Senate version is best and what language to agree as a Conference Draft.

One of the measures that will be in Conference is [SB2308](#), relating to speeding. This measure seeks to establish additional fines and penalties for violations of speeding in a school zone. Speeding in construction or school zones increased from 2022 to 2023. Penalties and fines created under this measure is intended to discourage speeding in our school zones. You may find some media coverage from the [article](#) published by KITV.



Mr. Norman Sales and Sen. Fevella in the Senate chamber.



2024 Hawai'i State Teachers of the Year recipients with the Hawai'i State Senators.



Mr. Ariel Villanueva and Sen. Fevella after the certificate presentation.

The State Senators had the honor to present certificates to various of educators and mentors. Ariel Villanueva of the complex area Campbell - Kapolei and 'Ewa Makai Middle School and Norman Ray Sales of the complex area Farrington - Kaiser - Kalani and Farrington High School were among those recognized as recipients of the 2024 Hawai'i State Teachers of the Year.

Advise and Consent - GM702 and GM703 April 11, 2024



(L-R) Blaine Miyasato, Chair Sen. DeCoite, Mufi Hanneman, and Sen. Fevella after confirmation hearing.

The committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism, advise and consent, Governor's Messages 702- Blaine Miyasato and 703- Mufi Hannemann, to the Board of Directors for the Hawai'i Tourism Authority. The Senate will need to confirm prior to their serving on the board. Congratulations Mr. Miyasato and Mr. Hannemann!

SB3335 - Recreational Use of Marijuana (Failed this legislative session- MAHALO!)

On March 15, I hosted my first of several sign waving rallies at the State Capitol. Prosecuting Steve Alm attended the press conference. You may find [media coverage](#) from Hawai'i News Now covering this event. I have also spoken on the recreational use of marijuana during my community update with 'Olelo. You may view this on April 12 at 9:30 a.m. on the 'Olelo channel or visit the archives on 'Olelo.



Community members, P.A. Alm, and Sen. Fevella rallying against SB3335.

Women's Legislative Caucus- 25th Annual Easter Basket March 27, 2024



The State Senators and Representatives with the Hawai'i Women's Legislative Caucus

The Hawai'i Women's Legislative Caucus' (WLC) legislative agenda focuses on women, children, and families. The WLC collaborated with several organizations: Parents & Children Together, Institute for Human Services, Domestic Violence Action Center, The Salvation Army Hawai'i, and Mohala Mai-Women's Prison Project in this year's Easter Basket event. Household and hygiene items were donated to the organizations mentioned.



Senators DeCoite and Fevella participated in the Easter basket donation.



Important Dates & Contacts

'Ewa Neighborhood Board

April 11 at 7 pm

Ewa Beach Public and School Library
and online (Webex)

Visit: <https://www.honolulu.gov/nco/boards.html>



Spread ALOHA

Everyday



Adjournment Sine Die

The ending of the
32nd Legislative Session
Friday, May 3

32nd Legislative Session

January 17 - May 3, 2024

Connecting our Community

Emergency Services

Ambulance/Fire/Police: 911

State Emergency Management Division: 808-733-4300

State Highway Safety Hotline: 808-831-6714

Utilities

Hawaiian Electric Co. (trouble only): 808-548-7311

Hawaiian Telcom (customer care): 611

Board of Water Supply (report leaks): 808-748-5000 ext. 1

The Gas Company (trouble only): 808-526-0066

Community Concerns

City Refuse & Bulky Item Collection: 808-768-3200

(Missed) Pickup in 'Ewa Beach: 808-768-9732

Graffiti Hotline (HPD): 808-723-3475

Damaged Sidewalks: 808-768-8159

Public Trees: 808-971-7151

Clean Stream Hotline: 808-768-7890

Medicare Call Center: 800-633-4227

Social Security: 800-772-1213

Potholes (City): 808-768-7777

Potholes (State): 808-536-7852

City & State Departments

Education ('Ewa)

808-692-8000

Handi-Van Operations

808-456-5555

Hawaiian Home Lands

808-620-9531

Health

808-586-4400

Mental Health Hotline

DOH Hawaii CARES

808-832-3100 or

1-800-753-6879

Labor & Industrial Relations

808-586-8844

Land and Natural Resources

808-587-0401

Neighborhood Board Commission

808-768-3710

Parks & Recreation

808-768-3003

Public Safety

808-587-1288

Transportation Services

808-768-3053

Transportation

808-587-2150