

***Aloha e Friends,***

Well, we're rounding the bend of another dynamic session. Just three more weeks to go till our Legislative Session adjourns on May 5. As always, it's been exciting to experience all the twists and turns as each bill either dies or gets closer to the finish line. April 14 is officially what we call "Crossover"—when all the bills that passed Third Reading return back to their originating chamber for review and next steps. Please don't hesitate to contact me at (808) 586-6830 or [sengabbard@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:sengabbard@capitol.hawaii.gov) if I can help you or your family in any way. You can also follow me on [Instagram](#) @GabbardAloha, [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#).

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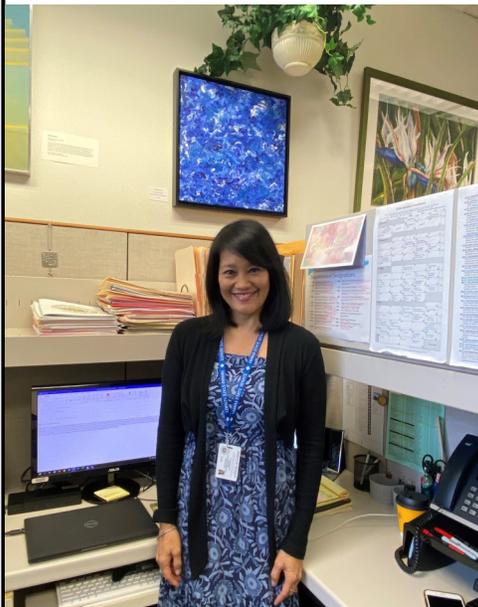
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Kapolei, Makakilo and portions of Ewa, Kalaheo, and Waipahu

## 13th Annual Art at the Capitol



For 13 years, art lovers of all ages have been invited to the Capitol to tour the various offices and enjoy the art that participating Senators and Representatives have displayed. It's a fun time to talk story and appreciate the works of local artists. Last year, it was virtual only, and the year before that, the pandemic still had us reeling in unknown territory. So sadly, it didn't happen. But Friday night, we got to experience this wonderful event again – when legislators open their doors to the public for a free, entertaining evening of art and live music... and this year, we were graced with a ballet! When you become an elected official at the Capitol, the Hawai'i State Foundation on Culture and the Arts allows you to choose from their more than 900 pieces of artwork to showcase in your office. Established in 1967, the HSFC works of art enable people of all communities on each island to enjoy art in public places like the State Capitol. The local artists' collections are recognized as one of the most significant of the late 20th and early 21st-century art in Hawai'i. My Office Manager, Corinne Gallardo, is an artist in her own right. Pictured here in front of one of her beautiful paintings. (Click [here](#) to enjoy brief highlights of the evening.)

## Kapolei Traffic Update

Ugh, the bad news! Hunt will close the intersection of Kamokila Blvd. and Franklin D. Roosevelt Ave. for two months beginning late May through late July. The shutdown is being scheduled to coincide with Barbers Point Elementary School's summer break in order to minimize traffic impacts. Contractors will work overtime and 7 days a week to complete construction during a condensed timeframe with a goal of completing work prior to the start of the new school year. Hunt's construction team has made every effort to keep the intersection open in a safe manner; however, after consulting with engineers and appropriate government agencies, it was determined that closing the intersection would be the safest option for the community and Hunt contractors. During this time, traffic signs will be installed. Barbers Point Elementary School, Kapolei Judiciary Complex, and Costco Kapolei will still be accessible. **See below for access points.** Any additional changes to road closures or construction will be announced as it becomes available.

- Only FDR (aka Roosevelt Blvd) from the FDR/Kamokila intersection to Copahee Ave will be closed.
- There aren't any changes to Kapolei Parkway.
- Kamokila Blvd, Makai of Kapolei Parkway, is open to two-way traffic from Kapolei Parkway to the intersection where the first driveway entrances are for both Costco and the Judiciary Complex. **(cont. p. 2)**

# COMMUNITY UPDATES

## Kapolei Traffic Update (cont. from p. 1)

- After the first driveway entrances, traffic can continue and go into Costco's bottom driveway.
- Because the FDR/Kamokila intersection is closed, traffic can't exit from Costco's bottom driveway.
- Traffic can exit from the Judiciary's bottom driveway.
- Barbers Point Elementary School access must come from the east side, the FDR/Enterprise intersection. There's no change to the current parent drop off/pick up patterns next to the campus.

### TRAFFIC ROUTE DURING CONSTRUCTION



## Screen Actors Guild



On April 1, the local Screen Actors Guild testified during Senator Gabbard's hearing on SCR 140. (Pictured L-R: SAG-AFTRA Hawai'i Local (Screen Actors Guild-American Federation Of Television and Radio) member Ian Cusick; Meg Turner, my Community Liaison; Charley Uyehara, SAG-AFTRA Hawai'i Local Vice President and Chair of the Hawaii Local Legislative Committee; Executive Director Mericia Palma Elmore; me; and SAG-AFTRA member, Chris Wong.)

On April 1, the local Screen Actors Guild came and testified during my hearing on Senate Concurrent Resolution 140 - with a goal to reduce single-use plastic (Pictured L-R: SAG-AFTRA Hawai'i Local (Screen Actors Guild-American Federation of Television And Radio) member Ian Cusick; Meg Turner, my Community Liaison; Charley Uyehara, SAG-AFTRA Hawai'i Local Vice President and Chair of the Hawai'i Local Legislative Committee; Executive Director Mericia Palma Elmore; me; and SAG.

The discussion of sustainability is critical in all aspects of our lives, including the film and TV production arena. SCR140, which was referred jointly to my AEN (Agriculture & Environment) and the EET (Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism) committees, addresses the need for the State Sustainability Coordinator to work with state and county film offices to develop protocols to ensure that film and television productions in Hawai'i are utilizing sustainable practices.

# AGRICULTURE & ENVIRONMENT UPDATES

## Legislative Updates

In my 6th year as Chair of the AEN Committee, I've heard numerous bills and resolutions this session that champion a green and sustainable environment. Below are a few of them and their current status. The initials in fourth column refer to the committee(s) the bill was referred to. The last column lists whether or not there was a "Companion Bill" which is a similar bill introduced in the opposite chamber that didn't move forward for one reason or another. As we head into "Conference Committee" the following bills which I introduced, will be hashed out to see if the Senate and House can come to an agreement on the final form of the bill.

<p><b><u>SB2960 SD1 HD1</u></b>  <u>Food and Drug Administration; Food Safety Modernization Act; Certification; Training; Appropriation</u> (\$) RELATING TO FOOD SAFETY.          Requires the department of agriculture to partner with Hawaii's agricultural community to establish and implement a food safety certification training program to help small- to medium-sized farms comply with federal food safety certification mandates. Appropriates funds. (HD1)</p>	<p>(H) <u>4/12/2022</u>- Passed          Third Reading as amended in HD 1 with none voting aye with reservations; none voting no (0) and none excused (0). Transmitted to Senate.</p>	<p>GABBARD, ACASIO, MISALUCHA, RIVIERE, San Buenaventura</p>	<p>AGR/ ECD, FIN</p>	
<p><b><u>SB2963 SD2 HD2</u></b>  <u>Energy Efficiency; State Facilities; Building Design; Utility Cost and Usage Report; Hawaii State Energy Office</u> (\$) RELATING TO ENERGY EFFICIENCY.          Requires and establishes deadlines for state facilities, except smaller facilities, to implement cost-effective energy efficiency measures. Directs the Hawaii State Energy Office to collect utility bill and energy usage data for state-owned buildings and to make the data publicly available. Beginning 7/1/2023, where feasible and cost-effective, requires the design of all new state building construction to maximize energy and water efficiency, maximize energy generation potential, and use building materials that reduce the carbon footprint of the project. (HD2)</p>	<p>(H) <u>4/12/2022</u>- Passed          Third Reading as amended in HD 2 with none voting aye with reservations; none voting no (0) and none excused (0). Transmitted to Senate.</p>	<p>GABBARD, MISALUCHA, San Buenaventura</p>		
<p><b><u>SB2989 SD1 HD1</u></b>  <u>DOA; Healthy Soils; Healthy Soils Program; Special Fund; Carbon Sequestration; Appropriations</u> (\$) RELATING TO AGRICULTURE.          Requires the Department of Agriculture to establish a Healthy Soils Program. Establishes a Healthy Soils Program Special Fund. Appropriates funds. (HD1)</p>	<p>(H) <u>4/12/2022</u>- Passed          Third Reading as amended in HD 1 with none voting aye with reservations; Representative(s) McDermott voting no (1) and none excused (0). Transmitted to Senate.</p>	<p>GABBARD</p>	<p>AGR, FIN</p>	<p><a href="#">HB1804</a></p>
<p><b><u>SB2998 SD1</u></b>  <u>DOH; Deposit Beverage Container Program; Auditor Recommendations; Risk-based Selection Process; Distributors; Redemption Centers</u> RELATING TO RECYCLING.          Requires the Department of Health to implement the Auditor's recommendations for the Deposit Beverage Container program, including developing a risk-based selection process to select reports submitted by certain distributors and redemption centers for audit. (SD1)</p>	<p>(S) <u>4/12/2022</u>- Enrolled to Governor.</p>	<p>GABBARD</p>	<p>ECP, CPC, FIN</p>	<p><a href="#">HB1641</a></p>
<p><b><u>SB3004 SD1 HD1</u></b>  <u>HDOA; Compost Reimbursement Program; Compost Reimbursement Program Manager; Appropriation</u> (\$) RELATING TO COMPOSTING.          Establishes and appropriates funds for a compost reimbursement program within the Department of Agriculture and for one full-time permanent compost reimbursement program manager position. Requires an annual progress report to the Legislature prior to each regular session. Effective 7/1/2050. (HD1)</p>	<p>(H) <u>4/12/2022</u>- Passed          Third Reading with none voting aye with reservations; none voting no (0) and none excused (0). Transmitted to Senate.</p>	<p>GABBARD, ACASIO, CHANG, KANUHA, LEE, MISALUCHA, Riviere, Wakai</p>	<p>ECP, FIN</p>	<p><a href="#">HB1528</a></p>

# AGRICULTURE & ENVIRONMENT UPDATES

**Legislative Updates**—Some of my bills/resos that have passed Third Reading and are on their way to Conference Committee.

<p><b><a href="#">SCR106</a></b>  <u>Climate Resilience and Equity; Federal Funding; Infrastructure Task Force; Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act</u>          REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO OPTIMIZE THE USE OF FEDERAL FUNDS FOR CLIMATE RESILIENCE AND EQUITY AND TO CONVENE A TASK FORCE TO COORDINATE THE USE OF FEDERAL FUNDS.</p>	<p>(H) <a href="#">4/11/2022</a>—          Resolution scheduled to be heard by EEP on Thursday, 04-14-22 9:00AM in conference room 325 Via Video-conference.</p>	<p>GABBARD</p>	<p>EEP, FIN</p>	<p><a href="#">SR93</a></p>
<p><b><a href="#">SB339 SD2 HD1</a></b>  <u>Income Taxation; Important Agricultural Land Qualified Agricultural Cost Tax Credit; HDOA; Extension</u>          RELATING TO THE IMPORTANT AGRICULTURAL LAND QUALIFIED AGRICULTURAL COST TAX CREDIT.          Extends the period during which the important agricultural land qualified agricultural cost tax credit is available. Applies to taxable years beginning after 12/31/2021. Effective 7/1/2050. (HD1)</p>	<p>(H) <a href="#">4/8/2022</a>— Received notice of disagreement (Sen. Com. No. 742).</p>	<p>GABBARD, INOUYE, KEITH-AGARAN, KIM, LEE, SAN BUENAVENTURA, Chang, Kidani, Shimabukuro</p>	<p>AGR, FIN</p>	<p><a href="#">HB830</a></p>
<p><b><a href="#">SB2990 SD1 HD1</a></b>  <u>Sustainable Agriculture; HDOA; Cover Crop Reimbursement Pilot Program; Appropriation (\$)</u>          RELATING TO SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE.          Establishes a cover crop reimbursement pilot program to provide up to 75 per cent cost reimbursement to farming operations in the State for the acquisition of cover crop seeds, green manure, or compost. Requires the convening of a review panel to screen and rate applicants on the quality of their cover crop, green manure, and composting practices. Establishes a cover crop reimbursement pilot program manager position within the department of agriculture to administer the program. Requires reports to the legislature. Appropriates moneys. Effective 7/1/2050. (HD1)</p>	<p>(H) <a href="#">4/8/2022</a>— Received notice of disagreement (Sen. Com. No. 742).</p>	<p>GABBARD, ACASIO, MISALUCHA, San Buenaventura</p>	<p>AGR, FIN</p>	
<p><b><a href="#">SB2992 SD1 HD1</a></b>  <u>Hawaii Agricultural Investment Program; DOA; Reports; Appropriation (\$)</u>          RELATING TO AGRICULTURE.          Establishes the Hawaii agricultural investment program to support local agricultural producers. Requires annual reports. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/2050. (HD1)</p>	<p>(H) <a href="#">4/8/2022</a>— Received notice of disagreement (Sen. Com. No. 742).</p>	<p>GABBARD, MISALUCHA, San Buenaventura</p>	<p>AGR, FIN</p>	
<p><b><a href="#">SB3197 SD2 HD1</a></b>  <u>HDOA; Farmer Apprentice Mentoring Program; Appropriation (\$)</u>          RELATING TO AGRICULTURE.          Establishes a farmer apprentice mentoring program. Makes an appropriation to the department of agriculture to establish and implement the program. Appropriates funds. Effective 1/1/2050. (HD1)</p>	<p>(H) <a href="#">4/8/2022</a>— Received notice of disagreement (Sen. Com. No. 742).</p>	<p>GABBARD</p>	<p>AGR, FIN</p>	
<p><b><a href="#">SB3325 SD2 HD1</a></b>  <u>Carbon Sequestration; Hawaii Carbon Smart Land Management Assistance Pilot Program; Carbon Offset Program; Department of Land and Natural Resources; Appropriation (\$)</u>          RELATING TO CARBON SEQUESTRATION INCENTIVES.          Establishes the Hawaii carbon smart land management assistance pilot program to incentivize carbon sequestration activities through incentive contracts that provide compensation for eligible practices by program participants. Repeals the carbon offset program. Appropriates funds for positions and assistance. Effective 7/1/2050. (HD1)</p>	<p>(S) <a href="#">4/12/2022</a>— Senate disagrees with House amendments.</p>	<p>GABBARD</p>	<p>EEP, CPC, FIN</p>	<p><a href="#">HB2493</a></p>