

Legislative Wrap-Up

SENATOR MAILE SHIMABUKURO / DISTRICT 22

Ko Olina, Nānākuli, Mā'ili, Wai'anae, Mākaha, Mākua



Aloha! I am happy to report on some of the measures I introduced or supported which passed during the 2023 Legislative Session:



Your Westside Team, L-R: Rep. Cedric Gates, Sen. Maile Shimabukuro, and Rep. Darius Kila.

HOMELESSNESS & HOUSING

- Ohana Ola O Kahumana Expansion — GIA for Kahumana to purchase the 4.5-acre parcel next to its existing transitional shelter in Lualualei Valley. The land will be used to create a kauhale for approximately 80 individuals experiencing homelessness. (\$200,000)
- Homeless Crisis Stabilization Beds — GIA for Wai'anae Coast Comprehensive Health Center (WCCHC) 'Elepaio Social Services to provide six stabilization beds and assistance with transitional shelter placement, for unsheltered individuals. The project also includes a food distribution center and a Hawaiian Cultural Center. (\$400,000)
- 'Ohana Zones (HB300 CD1) — Appropriates \$15M FY24 and FY25 for the 'ohana zones pilot program.
- Kauhale (HB300 CD1) — Appropriates \$48M for Projects aimed at providing supportive housing and services for unsheltered individuals across the state. A possible Kauhale site includes vacant land behind Nānākuli Sack and Save.
- Transitional Shelter — Utilize former military officer's housing in Kalaeloa for unsheltered DHHL wait-listers
- Ulu Ke Kukui — Renovate a former transitional housing project into rental units for DHHL beneficiaries.
- Tax Relief (HB954): Increases the household and dependent care services tax credit for five years. Increases the refundable earned income tax credit for five years. Increases the income thresholds and credit amounts of the refundable food/excise tax credit for five years.

TRANSPORTATION

- Alternate Route (SR53) — Funding and Resolution in support of Project No. HWY-O-03-20, which creates an alternate route from Pa'akea Road to Lualualei Naval Road by removing the emergency access road gates.
- Contraflow & Turning Lanes — Add turn lanes at the Lualualei Naval Rd., Nānāikeola St., and Helelua St. intersections; extend the afternoon contraflow.
- Mākaha Surfing Beach — Adopt the master plan by seeking a grant to re-route Farrington Highway further mauka to address sea level rise and improve safety.
- Speed Humps — Install speed humps at Princess Kahanu Estates, Nānākuli Valley Hawaiian Homestead, and other high-speed areas; lengthen existing speed humps to extend to shoulders.
- Makau Street (SCR193 SD1) — Requesting the City to relocate the bus turnaround off Makau St. to Keaau Beach Park or the surrounding area.
- Kalaeloa Improvements — Airport (\$12M); Harbor (\$2.5M); Electrical Upgrades (\$47M).

EDUCATION

- Nānākuli High & Intermediate School (HB300 CD1) — CIP for performing arts center (\$6M).
- Nānākuli Elementary — Repairs and maintenance (\$1M; HB300 CD1); 20 pre-k seats (\$1M; Act 257 2022).
- Nānāikapono Elementary (HB300 CD1) — New sprinkler system (\$85,000).
- Kamaile Academy — 10 new classroom buildings (\$3M; HB300 CD1); 200 pre-k seats (\$20M; Act 257 2022).
- Wai'anae Elementary — Parking lot expansion (\$1.25M; HB300 CD1); 20 pre-k seats (\$1M; Act 257 2022).
- Youth Mental Health (HB300 SD1) — \$5M for FY24 and FY25 to offer mental health services for public school students.
- Teacher Housing (SB941 and HB300 CD1) — Appropriates \$170M to develop teacher and educator housing.
- The Recruiters — GIA for Music Production on the Wai'anae Coast \$400,000.
- After-School All-Stars HI — GIA for after school care and activities \$100,000.
- Read to Me International — GIA for \$200,000

ENVIRONMENT

- Pōka'i Bay Jetty (HB300 CD1) — \$5.75M CIP for re-design for improved circulation.
- Na Kama Kai — GIA for \$250,000.
- Landfills (SCR57 SD1; SR51 SD1) — Urging the City to exempt from real property tax those property owners of residential units within 1/2 mile of an active landfill.
- Ulehawa Canal (HR112) — Requesting the City to dredge and clean the Ulehawa Stream and Canal.
- Environmental Protection — Adding 4.00 permanent positions and \$4.6 million in FY24 and 29.00 permanent positions and \$4.3 million in FY25 for the enforcement of environmental conservation and protection.
- Red Hill — Adding 4.00 permanent positions and \$117,210 in FY24 and \$234,393 in FY25 for Navy's Red Hill Contamination.

AGRICULTURE

- Pig Farmers (HB300 CD1) — Hog, sheep, goat, chicken, and other small animal slaughterhouse at Kalaeloa (\$4m CIP).
- Kahua Paa Mua — GIA for Agricultural Education (\$200,000).
- Agricultural Warehouses (HB300 CD1) — \$5M
- School Gardens (HB300 CD1) — 1 permanent position and \$110,133.
- Buying Local — Adding \$450,000 in FY24 and \$500,000 in FY25 for prisons to purchase more local agricultural products for food (Act 144 2022).

HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

- DHHL (HB300 CD1) — Infrastructure and R&M (\$40M)
- DHHL Housing Credits (SB1357 CD1) — Extends Affordable Housing Tax Credits until 7/1/30.
- OHA Budget (HB133 CD1) — Appropriates \$3M per year in general funds to OHA for beneficiary advocacy. Supplements \$21.5M paid to OHA annually in ceded lands revenues.
- Hawaiian Independence Day (Act 011/SB731) — Designates November 28 as Lā Kū'oko'a to celebrate the historical recognition of the independence of the Kingdom of HI.
- Indigenous Peoples' Day (SB732 CD1) — Designates the second Monday in October as Indigenous Peoples' Day.
- Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement — GIA

for \$325,000.

- Polynesian Voyaging Society — GIA for \$200,000.
- Native Speakers — \$30,000 in FY24 for DOE to support traditional native speakers of Hawaiian.
- Waitlist Successorship (SCR104) — Urging Congress to re-introduce HR Res. 9614, to lower the blood quantum for successors of leases and waitlist placement from one-quarter to one thirty-second.
- Native Hawaiian Intellectual Property (SR196 SD1) — Urging the establishment of a Native Hawaiian Intellectual Property working group.

HEALTH

- WCCHC Emergency Room — GIA for operating funds (\$1m)
- Telephone Healthcare services (HB907) — Temporarily allows for the reimbursement of services provided through telehealth via an interactive telecommunications system and two-way, real-time audio-only communications in certain circumstances. Defines "interactive telecommunications system." Repeals 12/31/2025.
- WCCHC Family Medicine Residency Program — GIA for renovations and medical equipment to address shortage of primary care providers (\$100,000).
- Dialysis (SB473) — Exempts drug manufacturers, wholesale prescription drug distributors, and third-party logistics providers of home dialysis drugs, supplies, and devices from the license, registration and permit requirements for pharmacies, provided that certain conditions are met.
- KAMP Hawaii — GIA to help with over 1000 participants at 5 district parks on West O'ahu: Kalaniana'ole Beach Park, Mā'ili Community Park, Pīlīlāu Community Park, Wai'anae District Park and Mākaha Community Park. This is the 17th year providing the Healthy Lifestyle Summer program to these parks (\$100,000).
- Clean and Sober Homes (SR30 SD1) — Urging the City and State to address the inequitable location of various supportive living homes across O'ahu.

JUDICIARY

- Clean Slate (SB410 CD1) — Automatically removes expunged offenses from a person's public record.
- Juvenile Justice (SR202) — Requesting the Judiciary to collect and share data on the assessment of fees in cases against minors.
- Sex Trafficking — \$400,000 in FY24 and FY25 for Sex Trafficking Victims Support.
- Narcotics — \$152,420 for drug monitoring for narcotics enforcement.

PUBLIC SAFETY

- Youth Challenge Academy (HB300 CD1) — Upgrades and improvements (\$3M).
- Kaala Farm — GIA for fire prevention grant administrator (\$20,000).

Mahalo for the privilege of serving you. Please do not hesitate to contact me with your questions or concerns.

Aloha,

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