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HAWAI'I STATE SENATE 7TH DISTRICT

HĀNA, EAST AND UPCOUNTRY MAUI,
MOLOKA'I, LĀNA'I AND KAHO'OLAWĒ



2013 LEGISLATIVE SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

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MESSAGE FROM KALANI

The 2013 Legislative session was very successful for our district. \$139 million in capital improvement projects was appropriated for the 7th Senatorial district and additional funds were included in the operating budget to improve health-care, human services and education for our communities.

In this issue, we review legislation that the 2013 legislature passed, we take an in depth look at all the 2013/2014 Capital Improvement Projects for our District in addition to bills and resolutions I introduced that passed this year.

With a spirit of cooperativeness and compromise the Senate Committee on Ways and Means and the House Committee on Finance, passed the Hawai'i State Budget, **House Bill (HB) 200**, more than a week before the final day of session on May 2nd. The budget's early passage allowed the legislature to carefully assess the needs of Hawai'i residents and the direction of Hawai'i's government.

The Legislature fulfilled its commitment to start prefunding unfunded liabilities pertaining to other post employment benefits. The Legislature made appropriations in the Budget with \$100M for fiscal year (FY)14 and \$117.4M for FY15. Currently, the unfunded liabilities for the employer-union health benefits trust fund is \$13.6 billion. Paying down these liabilities will have a positive impact on the state's bond rating and ensure that Hawai'i's future is not handicapped by increasingly burdensome debt.

The State Budget also funded several capital improvement projects, which include the renovation of our airports and harbors and repairing our roads and bridges. Additionally, funding was allocated in the capital improvement program for projects such as a new building at the Honolulu Community College and a new high school in Kīhei. These projects will contribute to stimulating the economy and job growth.

Among many other legislative accomplishments, here are highlights of bills that have passed this session:

Senate Bill (SB) 593 expands livestock feed subsidies to include goat milk, sheep, lamb, fish, and crustaceans. Increasing livestock production is vitally necessary to meet the State's goals of ensuring food security and self-sufficiency.

SB 19 exempts landlords who install renewable energy systems from the onerous requirements imposed on public utilities and serves as an incentive for landlords to adopt renewable energy systems.

SB 120 (Act 37) authorizes the Public Utility Commission (PUC) to establish a policy to incentivize Hawai'i's electric utility companies to make needed reforms that attain lower electricity rates.

SB 1087 provides a lower cost financing alternative for Hawai'i businesses and residents to utilize green infrastructure equipment and technology to reduce electricity consumption by leveraging clean energy technology.

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SB 1003 authorizes the Chief Information Officer to conduct security audits, preventing intrusions and theft of the public's personal information.

SB 1349 reestablishes the income tax credit for qualified research activities to encourage job growth in research and development. This measure contributes to the diversification of the State's economy by creating and maintaining science, technology, engineering, and mathematics jobs in the State.

HB 726 increases the amount of the Motion Picture, Digital Media, and Film Production income tax credit for qualified production costs incurred by an authorized production company.

SB 237, establishes a program to optimize the use of public school lands for public purposes, generate revenue to build and retrofit twenty-first century schools and create more school-centered communities.

SBs 1093 and **1084** build the foundation for a future state-funded early childhood education program.

SB 1093 establishes a school readiness program as a major

component of the early learning system.

SB 1084 would allow voters to choose whether to allow for a publicly funded private early childhood education.

HB 114 requires all University of Hawai'i procurements for construction, including consultant services necessary for construction, to be subject to the supervision of the Department of Accounting and General Services on behalf of the Board of Regents. It also establishes an independent audit committee within the board of regents of the University of Hawai'i.

SB 515 appropriates funding for services and programs that target issues such as substance abuse, mental health, housing assistance, health care, and employment to help reduce the number of homeless in Hawai'i.

SB 1340 establishes the Young Adult Voluntary Foster Care Program to care for and supervise eligible foster youth until their twenty-first birthdays as long as they pursue higher education.

For more information on the bills:

<http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/>

\$139,256,844 TOTAL FOR 7TH DISTRICT 2013-2014 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

LĀNA'I		TOTAL:	\$678,000
Lāna'i Community Hospital (Reroofing and new generator)	330,000	Lāna'i High & Elementary (Reroof & rewire fire alarm)	348,000
MOLOKA'I		TOTAL:	\$16,167,844
Moloka'i Ohana Health Care (Plans, design, construction to expand facility)	500,000	Moloka'i Campus - Maui Community College (Design, Construction & Equipment)	2,250,000
Moloka'i Irrigation System Improvements (Plans and Design)	200,000	Puu Ali'i Natural Area Reserve (Watershed management)	350,000
Kaunakakai Elementary (Resurface)	366,000	Kualapu'u Elementary (Ramp)	90,000
Maunaloa Elementary (Ramp)	105,000	Moloka'i High School (Replace A/C, renovate restrooms, & roof repairs)	467,000
Moloka'i Middle School (Extend sidewalk)	15,000	Pālā'au State Park (Water system improvements)	500,000
Kaunakakai Small Boat Harbor Dredging	300,000	Moloka'i State Office Building (Air condition-chiller and roof/cap sheet)	10,425,844
Kamehameha V Highway (Makakupāia Stream bridge rehabilitation & or replacement)	599,000		

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CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

MAUI		TOTAL:	\$122,411,000
Upcountry Watershed (Design & construction of a new pipeline system)	3,000,000	Nakula & Kahikinui Reserves (Watershed management)	105,000
Hānawī Natural Area Reserve (Watershed management)	350,000	Hāna & Koʻolau Forest Reserves (Watershed management)	450,000
Upcountry Agricultural Park (Land, design, construction)	8,000,000	Kula Hospital (Asbestos & lead removal, cesspool closures & install new systems)	1,300,000
Haʻikū Elementary School (Plans, design and construction of two portable classrooms, various improvements and walkway reroof)	916,000	King Kekaulike High School (Design and construction of a new auditorium and repaving)	14,491,000
Hāna High & Elementary (Reroof)	530,000	Samuel Enoka Kalama Intermediate (Add retaining wall)	65,000
Kula Elementary (Sewer lines and various structural improvements)	565,000	Makawao Elementary (Flooring and ramp)	130,000
Pāʻia Elementary (Replace Lift & replace fire alarm)	110,000	Pukalani Elementary (Reroof)	210,000
Haleakalā Highway Improvements (Construction to install right turn lane at King Kekaulike High School entrance)	150,000	Kīhei - Upcountry Road (Land acquisition for a new two-lane highway)	3,600,000
Hāna Highway, Kailua Stream Bridge (Design for rehabilitation & or replacement)	600,000	Hāna Highway, Puohokamoa Stream Bridge (Design & Land acquisition for rehabilitation & or replacement)	730,000
Hāna Highway, Kopiliula Stream Bridge (Design & Land acquisition for rehabilitation & or replacement)	870,000	Hāna Highway, Makanali Stream Bridge (Design & Land acquisition for rehabilitation & or replacement)	615,000
Hāna Highway, Mokulehua Stream Bridge (Design & Land acquisition for rehabilitation & or replacement)	800,000	Hāna Highway, Ulaino Stream Bridge (Design & Land acquisition for rehabilitation & or replacement)	755,000
Haleakalā Highway Kaʻahumanu Ave -Haleakalā Hwy (Land acquisition for road widening)	19,000	Haleakalā Hwy Intersection Improvements, Makawao Ave (Construction)	3,250,000
Haleakalā Hwy Widening (Land acquisition & design for road widening at milepost 0.8)	300,000	Hāna Harbor-Improvements (Environmental plans, plans, design & construction for improvements)	20,500,000
Kahului Airport-Access Road (Construction)	10,000,000	Kahului Airport - Land (Land acquisition for Federal financing)	50,000,000

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7TH DISTRICT**

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**SENATOR'S ENGLISH'S BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS
PASSED IN THE 2013 LEGISLATURE**

SB 479, SD2

Status &
Testimony

Updates the membership of the Metropolitan Planning Organization policy committee to comply with the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act, Public Law 112-141.

**SB 482, SD1,
HD1**

Status &
Testimony

Clarifies the maximum number of gallons of honey that can be sold by a certified honey house or food processing establishment without obtaining a permit from the Department of Health. Exempts from the permit requirement sales of honey directly to retail stores that in turn sell the honey directly to consumers. Requires honey producers to include certain wording on labels of each container of honey, take a food safety class, and make records available to the Department of Health. Exempts the State and counties from liability. Enrolled to Governor (4/17/2013)

**SB 960, SD1,
HD1**

Status &
Testimony

Establishes a notice of postponement or cancellation of sale requirement under part IA, chapter 667, Hawai'i Revised Statutes, relating to judicial foreclosures.

**SCR 61, SD1/
SR31**

Status &
Testimony

URGING THE GOVERNOR, DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM, BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII, BOARD OF EDUCATION, AND HAWAII'S CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO STRENGTHEN THE SISTER-STATE RELATIONSHIP WITH TAIWAN IN COMMEMORATION OF THE TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SISTER-STATE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN HAWAII AND TAIWAN.

SCR 108/SR74

Status &
Testimony

URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO INCLUDE RESIDENT CITIZENS OF THE FREELY ASSOCIATED STATES WHO LAWFULLY RESIDE IN THE UNITED STATES AS "QUALIFIED ALIENS" UNDER THE PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY AND WORK OPPORTUNITY RECONCILIATION ACT OF 1996 IN RECOGNIZING THEIR UNIQUE HISTORIC AND ONGOING SACRIFICES AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

**SCR 158, SD2/
SR138 SD1**

Status &
Testimony

AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A TERM, NON-EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT COVERING A PORTION OF STATE SUBMERGED LANDS AT MANELE BAY, LANAI, FOR RENOVATION OF MANELE SMALL BOAT HARBOR.

**SCR 182, SD1/
SR144 SD1**

Status &
Testimony

EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE ENHANCED TRADE AND INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES AMONG MEMBER COUNTRIES OF THE TRANS-PACIFIC PARTNERSHIP AND ENCOURAGING SUPPORT FOR FINALIZATION OF THE PARTNERSHIP.

**SCR 189, SD1/
SR144 SD1**

Status &
Testimony

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO ADOPT RULES TO ENCOURAGE TAXIS TO USE HIGH EFFICIENCY VEHICLES, INCLUDING HYBRID ELECTRIC VEHICLES, AT HONOLULU INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT.