



Representing Hawaii Nationally as one of Our Emerging Leaders

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Over \$170 Million for Our Community Projects

The following are appropriations from the recently enacted State Budget in the form of Capital Improvement Projects, important monies released as part of the *New Day Work Projects, and DOE's Repair and Maintenance Projects for our district:

IMPROVING OUR SCHOOLS

Radford Complex

Aliamanu Elementary — Reroofing	\$98,000
Aliamanu Middle — Reroofing	\$184,000
Pearl Harbor Elementary — Reroofing	\$176,000
Radford High — Design/construction of all-weather track	\$1,350,000*
Radford High — Replacement of gymnasium floor	\$155,000*
Radford High — Campus drainage study, ADA compliance	\$750,000

Moanalua Complex

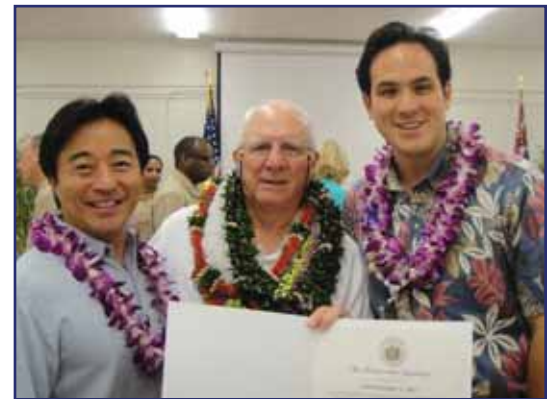
Moanalua Elementary — Improvements for dual-purpose basketball/volleyball courts	\$132,000*
Moanalua Elementary — Electrical upgrades	\$1,600,000
Moanalua Middle — Reroofing	\$263,000
Moanalua High — Construction of Performing Arts Ctr Ph1	\$600,000
Moanalua High — Program Bell System	\$162,000

Aiea Complex

Aiea Elementary — AC installation, site improvements	\$200,000
Aiea Elementary — Construction of covered walkway	\$100,000*
Aiea Intermediate — Reroofing, replace waterlines	\$290,158
Aiea High — Expansion/renovation of Admin. Building	\$230,000

IMPROVING OUR COMMUNITY

Aiea Public Library — Design and construction for a replacement library	\$9,525,000*
Honolulu International Airport — Construction/improvements of runways and terminals	\$155,112,000
Aloha Stadium — Planning, design and construction for hazardous conditions	\$10,300,000



Sen. Wakai and Rep. Johanson with Radford's V.P. Bob Frey. Your legislative delegation worked together to secure funding for our area schools.



Legislative Wrap Up Report

A Newsletter from State Representative Aaron Ling Johanson

District 32 · Kalihi to Pearlridge



Aloha Neighbors,

This legislative session, we saw significant debate and much proposed reform on issues that hit close to home for all of us. As such, I wanted to update you on the important bills that will affect you and your family.

I truly believe in working together with you and my fellow area legislators on behalf of our community. This report also provides important school and community updates. I look forward to hearing from you and continuing to work with you for our community.

It is a privilege to be your advocate and your voice in the House of Representatives. Thank you for the opportunity to serve you.

Aaron Ling Johanson

District 32 · Kalihi · Moanalua · Aliamanu · Hickam · Pearl Harbor · Foster Village · Aiea · Lower Pearlridge



Gwen Mau Testifying on HR 201

The Hawaii State Legislature addressed many significant concerns this year, but none was more critical than addressing the State's projected deficit of \$1.3 billion over the next two fiscal years. The Legislature balanced the budget by enacting both cost-cutting and revenue-enhancing measures as shown below.

TOTAL NEW REVENUE: \$642M

Includes Suspension of Tax Exemptions, Repeal of Standard & Itemized Deductions, Increased Fees, & Special Fund Transfers



Total Cuts (\$616M)
Total New Revenue (\$642M)

TOTAL CUTS: \$616M

Includes Cuts to Medicaid, Labor Costs Savings, & Various Executive Branch Cuts

Potential Impacts

- Higher Cost of Living for Residents
- Higher Cost of Doing Business, Especially in Construction, Transportation, Goods & Services



Potential Impacts

- Reduced Medicaid Eligibility
- Medicaid Benefit Changes
- Lower Salaries for State Workers through Governor's Planned Labor Savings
- Change in Government Operations & Services

The Legislature did NOT raise the General Excise Tax (GET) and did NOT take the Counties' share of the Transient Accommodations Tax (TAT), but capped the TAT amount at \$85M.

NOTE: Additional Analysis of 2011 Legislation and its Potential Impacts Inside

Because many of the best ideas for OUR community come directly from OUR community, Rep. Johanson introduced and advocated legislative ideas that came from community members like you.

ASSISTING SENIORS

HB 1614 – Creates a **Silver Alert** program that uses existing communications systems of the Maile Amber Alert to find **missing seniors** with a diminished mental capacity. (**HEARD IN COMMITTEE**)

IMPROVING GOVERNMENT

HB 1615 – Establishes an **Advisory Commission** to examine State agencies & regulations **to improve** function & performance. (**SENATE VERSION HEARD**)



News Coverage of Silver Alert Bill

EDUCATION REFORM

HR 201 – Moanalua Counselor, Gwen Mau, urged Rep. Johanson to help alleviate some of the No Child Left Behind (NCLB)-related high school testing load on students, while ensuring benchmarks & measurements of student achievement. He authored HR 201 urging the Dept. of Ed. to **study college entrance exams** as qualified substitutes for HI State Assessments mandated by federal laws. (**PASSED**)

2011 Legislation Summary

Issue	PASSED Legislation
Education Reform	<p>Easing Military Children's Transitions: Makes permanent the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children (H B4)</p> <p>Additional Accountability: Established Governor-appointed, Senate-confirmed BOE (SB 8) • Allows DOE to reconstitute under-performing public schools if little or no progress is realized after 4+ yrs (SB 1485)</p> <p>Changing Instructional Time: Delays certain required increases and plans for increases in instructional hours for middle & high schools (HB 945)</p>
Tax & Fee Increases	<p>Higher Fees for Drivers: Extra \$20 increase in Vehicle Registration Fee (SB 1328) • Increase in 1 cent per pound for Vehicle Weight Tax (SB 1329)</p> <p>Higher Fees For Consumers: Suspends Business' GET Exemptions (SB 754) • Increased Agricultural Inspection Fees (HB 865)</p> <p>Higher Taxes For Higher Income Earners: Removes State Income Tax Deduction for \$100K single & \$200K joint filers (SB 570)</p>
Economy & Business	<p>Economic Development: Broadband infrastructure improvements (HB 1342) • Excluding owners/partners from Workers' Compensation Coverage (HB 519)</p> <p>New Business Regulations: Counts each instance of a Contractor's Wage Law Violation as separate (HB 1434) • Increased civil penalties and criminal fines for OSHA violations (SB 1040)</p>
Government Reform	<p>Strengthening the Employees' Retirement System (ERS): Institutes a moratorium on new ERS benefits until system is 100% funded (HB 1035) • Increases employer contributions to ERS & raises the retirement age for entrants to the system after June 30, 2012 (HB 1038)</p> <p>Legislative Pay Cuts: Extends the 5% cut in legislative, executive, and judicial salaries from 06/30/11 to 12/31/13 (HB 575)</p>
Seniors	<p>Increasing Senior Safety & Rights: Stiffens penalties for unauthorized entry into homes of Elderly (Age 62+) or Incapacitated Persons (SB 1025) • Permits visitation rights to grandparents in child custody cases (HB 56)</p>
Quality of Life	<p>Greater Safety for People, Communities, & Pets: Allows temporary restraining orders to be in effect for up to 180 days (HB 968) • Requires graffiti removal from property within 250 yds by convicted offender (HB 555) • Makes killing, or attempting to kill the pet animal of another person without consent, animal cruelty in the 1st degree (SB 1068)</p> <p>Housing Assistance: Establishes a temporary mortgage foreclosure dispute resolution program (SB 651)</p>

Issue	FAILED Legislation
Tax & Fee Increases	<p>Higher Fees for Consumers: General Excise Tax increase (HB 793) • New 10–25 cent Sugary Beverages Tax (SB 1289) • 20% increase in Liquor Taxes (SB 741) • New 10 cent tax on Single-Use Checkout Bags (SB 1363)</p> <p>Higher Costs for Retirees: Pension Tax (HB 1092 & SB 570) • Elimination of Medicare Part B Reimbursements for beneficiaries & spouses (HB 1041)</p>
Economy & Environment	<p>Economic Development: Regulatory structure for the Inter-Island renewable energy Undersea Transmission Cable (HB 1176) • Media/Film tax credits (SB 318/HB 1308) • Aerospace Office Appropriation (SB 165)</p>
Quality of Life	<p>Greater Safety for People & Communities: Makes successful Weed and Seed Drug Eradication Program permanent (HB 1513) • Requires a visitor's pass to enter Public Housing (HB 231)</p>



Rep. Johanson Representing the State House at the Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission Meeting with Gov. Abercrombie and Members of the U.S. Military



Speaking on Creating & Maintaining a Vibrant Economy



Briefing 130 Moanalua Seniors on Legislation Impacting the Elderly



Inspecting Wind Farms as Part of State's Renewable Energy Strategy

Community Concerns

Pearlridge Traffic Mitigation



Kam Swap Meet Switching Current Entrance & Exit Mid-July.

Moanalua Gardens Dumping



Access Road Behind Moanalua Middle School is State DOT Property; Any Dumping @ **This Site** Can Be Reported to DOT Hotline: 831-6714

Aloha Stadium Renovations



Reroofing, New Field & Hand Rail Installation Completed by Sept. 3rd, UH's Season Opener vs. Colorado



Moanalua Freeway Resurfacing to be Completed by Early 2012

5 DISTRICT TOWN HALLS HELD



Worked Together with Sens. Ige, Kim, & Wakai and Reps. Ichiyama, Oshiro, Takai, & Takumi to Organize Community Town Halls in Moanalua, Aliamanu/Foster Village, & Aiea. **Mark your calendar for another one @ Pearl Ridge Elem. on Aug. 25th at 7:00 pm!**

New Radford/Moanalua School Boundaries

