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Aloha Friends and Neighbors,

Happy New Year! Thank you for the honor, privilege and humble opportunity to serve as your voice and advocate in the state House of Representatives. I look forward to serving you and our neighbors in Mililani Mauka, Mililani and Waipio Acres.

On Wednesday, January 16, 2019, we celebrated the opening day of the 30th Legislature of the State of Hawai'i. As of this morning, over 1,000 bills have been introduced. The deadline to introduce bills is tomorrow, Thursday, January 24, 2019. If you not done so already, please take some time to fill out the survey that I have included on the other side of this mailer. Your responses will assist me during the legislative session as we debate proposed legislation that may affect the people of Hawai'i.

Please feel free to contact me at (808) 586-9460 or via e-mail at repokimoto@capitol.hawaii.gov if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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*Member, Committee on
Agriculture*

*Member, Committee on Lower
& Higher Education*

*Member, Committee on
Tourism & International Affairs*

KIPAPA STREAM (ROOSEVELT) BRIDGE REHABILITATION PROJECT COMPLETE



Above - (From left to right) Kahu Kordell Kekoa; Representative Val Okimoto; CFL Project Manager Mike Will; Hawaiian Dredging Construction Co. President Gerry Majkut; HDOT Director Jade Butay; FHWA Hawaii Division Administrator Ralph Rizzo; Representative Ryan Yamane, Senator Donovan Dela Cruz; CFL Chief of Engineering Curtis Scott; Representative Lauren Matsumoto and her son Noah; Representative Henry Aquino, participate in the blessing ceremony for the new Kipapa Stream (Roosevelt) Bridge. / Right - Kipapa Stream Bridge (Photos courtesy HDOT)

On November 30, 2018, I attended a blessing ceremony to celebrate the re-opening of the Kipapa Stream Bridge on Kamehameha Highway. This \$19.4 million project made significant improvements to the 85-year-old bridge.

Improvements include repaving the road, widening the bridge, and making it stronger so larger vehicles can utilize this critical link to central O'ahu.

A special thank you to the state Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA).



NEW YEAR, NEW LAWS - 2019

COMMUNITY COLLEGE PROMISE PROGRAM - This law establishes the University of Hawaii Community College Promise Program to provide scholarships for qualified students enrolled at any community college within the University of Hawaii system.

EXTENDED TERMS FOR NEGLIGENT HOMICIDE - This law authorizes the courts to impose an extended term of imprisonment for an offender who is convicted of negligent homicide in the first degree and did not remain at the scene of the crime and render reasonable assistance to an injured person.

RESTRICTED USE PESTICIDES - This law requires all users of restricted use pesticides to report to the Department of Agriculture (DOA) and prohibits the use of pesticides containing chlorpyrifos as an active ingredient. Additionally, restricted use pesticide is prohibited on or within 100 feet of a school during normal school hours.

PASSING AND OVERTAKING BICYCLISTS - This law requires a minimum of three feet between the right side of the driver's vehicle and the left side of the bicyclist when the driver of the vehicle is passing and overtaking a bicycle proceeding in the same direction.

ABANDONED VEHICLES - This law requires the counties to take into custody any abandoned vehicle on a public road within ten business days. This also amends the conditions that constitute a derelict vehicle and allows abandoned vehicles to be disposed of by public auction.

SERVICE ANIMALS - This law establishes a civil penalty for knowingly misrepresenting an animal as a service animal and conforms Hawaii law with the definition of "service animal" under the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.

MOPED REGISTRATION - This law imposes a maximum fine of \$100 to moped owners who fail to comply with moped registration requirements.

EMPLOYMENT SALARY HISTORY - This law prohibits prospective employers from requesting or considering a job applicant's wage or salary history as part of an employment application process or compensation offer. This law also prohibits wage secrecy and retaliation or discrimination against employees who disclose, discuss, or inquire about their own or coworkers' wages.

MOTORCYCLES - This law authorizes the Department of Transportation under certain conditions to designate shoulders upon which the Department may authorize the driving of motorcycles.

HOUSE DISTRICT 36 - 2019 LEGISLATIVE SESSION SURVEY

At the beginning of each legislative session, it is useful to get a direct response from residents of Mililani Mauka, Mililani and Waipio Acres about their personal opinions on issues before the Legislature. In addition to fiscal issues, the Legislature will study and create laws that may not have any up front cost. These issues become much more complicated and nuanced since the issues are rarely black or white. Please respond to the following statements indicating how strongly you agree or disagree.

	Strongly Agree	Agree	No Opinion	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
1. The State should legalize gambling in Hawai'i.	<input type="checkbox"/>				
2. The State should legalize recreational use of marijuana in Hawai'i.	<input type="checkbox"/>				
3. I would support a carbon tax (i.e. gas tax) at the pump in order to address climate change in Hawai'i.	<input type="checkbox"/>				
4. I would support extending the general excise tax (GET) surcharge to pay for the City's rail project.	<input type="checkbox"/>				
5. I would support a tax increase to specifically fund education.	<input type="checkbox"/>				

We welcome responses from all residents of District 36, we only ask that one response is submitted per person. For your responses to be tabulated, we ask for both your full name and street address. This will allow us to verify if you are a valid resident, your information and responses will be confidential. Your email address will allow us to confirm receipt of your survey results. Please e-mail your completed survey to repokimoto@capitol.hawaii.gov. An online version of this survey is also available by visiting: <https://tinyurl.com/HD36SURVEY2019>

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