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Senate District 12 To Receive More Than \$46 million*

Senior Residence at Iwilei \$26,000,000
Construction of 160 low-income elderly rental apartments, including space for an adult day care center and non-profits.

Mayor Wright Homes \$5,600,000
Design and construction, to include the removal of solar water heaters, roof replacement, installation of instant hot water system, painting, and other improvements.

Waikiki Community Center \$460,000
Design and construction for improvements.

McKinley High School \$500,000
Plans, design, and construction for track and synthetic field, including ground and site improvements.

Washington Place \$4,761,000
Health and safety improvements and Queen's Gallery renovations.

* this is not a comprehensive list of Senate District 12 projects that are funded through House Bill 200. Δ

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Dear Neighbor,

Heading into the 2011 legislative session, I was honored to serve as the Senate Majority Leader and Chairman of the Committee on Hawaiian Affairs. Further, I served on the Committees on Commerce and Consumer Protection and Tourism. With that said, the members of the Hawaii State Senate came into this year's legislative session knowing that our State was in a deep financial crisis, facing a nearly \$1 billion deficit over the next two years. In addition to balancing the state budget, lawmakers focused on re-structuring the Board of Education, resolving the issue of civil unions and assisting various departments of the new Administration to get up and running.

Working together, the Senate Majority developed a plan that we felt would best improve the quality of life for Hawaii's people, especially those who are most in need. At its core, our plan was to strengthen our local economy and to create more jobs so that we could move forward with confidence. This meant many things: streamlining the county and state so that new businesses could emerge; investing in our infrastructure through capital improvement and modernization projects; assuring there was an ability for local agriculture to prosper and expand; and creating more jobs within the construction industry.

Furthermore, the severity of homelessness continues to be an issue that lawmakers are working hard to address. The Urban Caucus – a coalition of urban Honolulu lawmakers (City and State) and various stakeholders have met periodically to propose legislative solutions to address all facets of housing and homelessness. I have worked collaboratively with my colleagues and Mark Alexander, the State Coordinator on Homelessness to proactively address these issues. We await the Administration's status updates as to the success of the "90 Day Action Plan to Address Homelessness".

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns in our community, or if I can be of any assistance. Thank you for the opportunity to serve you.

With Aloha,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Brickwood Galuteria".

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2011 Legislative Session Highlights

Improving Education

SB 8 Appointed BOE (Act 5, SLH 2011) Signed into law by the governor on March 14, 2011, gives the governor the authority to appoint the nine-member state Board of Education, including its Chairperson, with the advice and consent of the Senate.

SB1284 Students with Disabilities Authorizes DOE to monitor students with disabilities who are placed, at DOE's expense, at private schools or placements.

SB 1503 Students with Disabilities Requires private special education providers who receive state funding to comply with federal and state laws, rules, and regulations. Also ensures special needs students are provided with high quality education by authorizing the Department of Education (DOE) to monitor those schools who care for and educate our special needs students.

HB 688 Creates a safe and civil learning environment for all public school students by requiring the Board of Education (BOE) to monitor the DOE for compliance with administrative rules or statutes governing bullying, cyberbullying, and harassment.

SB 1485 Reconstituting Schools. Authorizes the Superintendent to reconstitute public schools that are failing, not including charter schools. The Superintendent may replace staff, contract with a private entity to manage the school, and/or change the membership of the school community council.

SB 1174 Provides guidance on the operation of charter schools, and requires charter schools and their local school boards to develop internal policies and procedures consistent with ethical standards of conduct. Improves Charter Schools' governance, transparency, and accountability in order to meet their educational goals. Establishes a task force to address issues on charter school governance, accountability, and authority.

Promoting Renewable Energy

HB1520 On-bill financing. Supports the state's clean energy objectives by requiring the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) to investigate an on-bill financing program that would allow electric company (i.e. HECO) customers to purchase or acquire a renewable energy system or device, and provide for billing and payment through the customer's electricity bill. Allows the PUC to implement such a program.

SB1347 Achieving portfolio standard. An electric utility company and its affiliates may aggregate their renewable portfolios in order to achieve the renewable portfolio standard. This bill allows the spreading of renewable energy costs and expenses to a utility's affiliates and their ratepayers, and to recover costs and expenses through a surcharge.

SB1244 Biofuels. Expands the renewable energy siting process to include biofuel production facilities with the capacity to produce and distribute 100,000 gallons or more of biofuel annually.

SB181 Photovoltaic for single family homes. Establishes a working group to determine the feasibility of requiring all new residential single family construction to incorporate the design and minimum installation equipment needed for future adoption of a photovoltaic system.

Health and Human Services

SB 285 Requires the Department of Human Services to implement a mobile medical van telehealth pilot program, vital services would be provided to members with chronic conditions through a mobile health van operated by a qualified provider.

SB 40 Establishes an electronic tracking system for the sale of products containing pseudoephedrine or ephedrine base to further control access to the substance to hinder its illegal use.

HB 597 Quality Assurance Committees. Establishes that the proceedings and records of quality assurance committees made up of members from various healthcare organizations have similar protections as committees formed in hospitals, HMO's and statewide trauma care systems. Increases patient safety and overall quality of care.

SB 40 Pseudoephedrine tracking. Establishes a tracking system for the sale of over-the-counter products containing pseudoephedrine or ephedrine to prevent their use in the illegal manufacture and sale of methamphetamine (ice).

SB 1348 Health Insurance Exchange. Establishes the Hawaii Health Connector, the state's health insurance exchange, pursuant to the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010. The Connector will facilitate the purchase and sale of qualified health and dental plans, enable consumers to purchase coverage and manage health and dental plans electronically, and serve as a clearinghouse for information.

HB 484 Advanced practice registered nurses. Requires hospitals to allow advanced practice registered nurses to practice within the full scope of their allowable practice, including as a primary care provider. Authorizes prescriptive authority to request and dispense manufacturer's pre-packaged samples of over-the-counter and non-controlled legend drugs.

Consumer Protection

HB 663 Requires clear and conspicuous disclosure of automatic renewal clauses and cancellation procedures of all consumer contracts to ensure that consumers are not bound to a contract they may not want or burdened with cancelling a contract after learning of an automatic renewal clause that was not clear before the purchase of a product or service.

SB 651 Implements recommendations of the Mortgage Foreclosure Task Force by establishing a temporary mortgage foreclosure dispute resolution program and amend laws relating to mortgage servicers. Also establishes mortgage foreclosure dispute resolution special fund and makes an appropriation from the compliance resolution fund.