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Senate Draft of State Budget Includes Key Items for District 22

The Senate passed the State Budget bill, House Bill 1900 HD1 SD1, which adjusts appropriations for Fiscal Biennium 2017-19 funding for operations and capital improvement projects of Executive Branch agencies and programs.

With additional revenues projected by the Council on Revenues and from the arbitration settlement with the tobacco industry, the Senate draft adds \$53.9 million to Act 49, SLH2017 for Fiscal Year 2019. The Senate's total operating budget for the Executive branch is \$14.3 billion, with an additional \$674.8 million in general obligation bonds appropriated for Capital Improvement Projects

This draft reflects Senate priorities such as issues relating to homelessness, health, and education that impacts local residents in each county. Other highlights include funding for:

- Agriculture programs and services;
- Early Childhood Education, Early College, and Hawaii Promise;
- Natural resource preservation;
- Critical Medicaid and adult dental health care services;
- Rapid Re-housing, Housing First, and the implementation of Ohana Zones

The Senate prioritized Kupuna care in response to Hawaii's aging population. By 2035, one-third of the State's population will be over 60. The Senate recognized the need for home and community-based services and included \$3.9 million for Kupuna Care, \$4 million for the Kupuna Caregiver Fund and \$1.7 million for Aging and Disability Resource Centers around the State.

The Senate Draft also includes key projects that are critical for our district. These capital improvement projects are included:

- **\$6.5 million** for the **First Responders Tech Campus & Cyber Security Data Center**
- **\$10 million** in funds for athletic rooms for female athletes at **Mililani High School**
- \$325,000 to install a new bell and PA system at Mililani Ike Elementary
- \$640,000 for a covered play court at **Mililani Mauka Elementary**

I look forward to working with my colleagues in the Senate as well as the House to pass a balanced State Budget that provides needed services, invests in economic development as well as job creation for our community.

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The Senate had the honor of recognizing Colette Kajiwar, a Mililani Mauka resident, for being selected as the 2017 Outstanding Educator for the Central District.



Rep. Learnmont and I hosted a joint town hall meeting on emergency preparedness. The Hawaii Emergency Management Agency, Department of Education, and Department of Emergency Management were present to inform Wahiawa and Whitmore Village residents about how to



State Senators recognizing the Mililani Town Association's (MTA) 50th anniversary. Acknowledgements go to the MTA Board of Directors; President Bob Barrett, Vice President Michelle Kidani, Secretary Josie Hart Ka'anehe, General Manager David O'Neal, and Board Members Will Kane, Neil Takeda, Michael Magaoay, Val Okimoto, Noriko Salangron, and

Projects for the District

I am pleased to announce the following projects in the district will be moving forward soon:

- ALEA Bridge: \$ 1 million - Resource and Navigation Center

Please bear in mind that there will be some disruption and disturbance during the construction period. For more information, please feel free to contact my office.