



State Senator

# BRANDON ELEFANTE

Representing Senate District 16 - 'Aiea, Hālawā, and Pearl City

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SUMMER 2023

## Aloha Friends and Neighbors,

On opening day I felt a great sense of optimism that I could work with all of my colleagues to address the many issues that are a priority of the 16th Senatorial District. I immediately began working with my staff to identify effective ways to communicate with constituents and gather feedback on the important state issues being addressed at the Capitol. Your responses and comments have been very informative and have helped guide me as I had to make important decisions about how to vote - and what issues I would champion this legislative session.

I introduced twenty-four bills this year covering a large breadth of subject matters from mental health and social services, building codes, vehicle and transportation safety, fireworks, and Capitol Improvement Projects (CIP's).

I am very happy to report that my primary CIP's were approved and included into the 2023 Budget. They are **\$7M** to 'Aiea High School for a new synthetic athletic field and track, **\$4M** to Pearl City High School for lighting, electrical improvements, and equipment for the **Nakasone Performing Arts Center**, **\$500k** to 'Aiea Elementary School for an outdoor gathering area including a stage, associated seating, and other necessary infrastructure, **\$2.2M** to Alvah A. Scott Elementary for a new office area and health room, **\$2.2M** to Highlands Intermediate School for plans, design and construction of covered bus stop and seating area, and **\$1M** to Pearl City Highlands Elementary for plans, designs and construction for electrical upgrades and equipment.

I am also happy to report that **Senate Bill 497** - my bill relating to commercial vehicles passed out of the legislature and now goes on to the Governor for his signature. I would also like to thank Transportation, Culture and Arts Chair Chris Lee, and Water & Land Chair Lorraine Inouye for signing onto my bill as co-sponsors. This measure prohibits certain commercial vehicles over 10,000lbs from driving in the left lane on roadways with three or more lanes in the same direction.

Other bills that I co-sponsored that passed the legislature and are awaiting the Governor's signature are **Senate Bill**

**1267 - Relating to Protective Orders.** This bill expands the jurisdiction for where positions for domestic abuse protective orders/temporary restraining orders may be filed.

**Senate Bill 1166 - Renewal of Driver's Licenses.** Allows for the renewal of a class 1, 2, or 3 driver's license online in addition to by mail.

**Senate Bill 968 - Relating to Transportation.** Requires the Department of Accounting and General Services and the Department of Transportation to develop, implement, administer, and manage a program to enable parking stall sharing among public employees of the state and a pilot project to provide bicycle storage lockers at facilities where parking is made available to public employees.

I remain steadfastly committed to open and inclusive representation and I strongly encourage everyone in our communities to become personally involved in the legislative process. If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact my office. My staff and I are always available to assist you.

Mahalo for your continued support, it is truly an honor to be your voice in our state legislature.

## SENATE DISTRICT 16 ONLINE SURVEY

To participate, simply scan the code below with your smartphone, you will be directed to the survey.

- What are your top concerns?
- Do you have any ideas and or solutions to address concerns in Question 1?
- If there is a budget surplus, what would you prefer spending the funds on?



## SENATOR ELEFANTE'S 2023 LEGISLATIVE STAFF

I want to thank my dedicated staff for their work on behalf of the people of District 16.

Janice Salcedo/Office Manager  
Michael Greenough/Legislative Assistant  
Ashley Niibu/Legislative Aide



Senator Elefante with his 2023 office staff Michael Greenough, Ashley Niibu, Janice Salcedo, and Kahu Kekoa Kordell during an office blessing earlier this year.



**Senator Brandon Elefante**  
Hawaii State Senate  
District 16

Member of the following  
Senate Committees

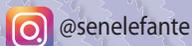
Public Safety - Gov't Affairs - Vice Chair  
Water and Land - Vice Chair

Judiciary

Transportation - Culture and the Arts

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## NOTABLE EVENTS OF THE 2023 LEGISLATIVE SESSION



L-R: Bandmaster Chadwick Kamei, Sen. Henry Aquino, Rep. Cory Chun, Rep. Jackson Sayama, Rep. Rachele Lamosao, Rep. Sam Kong, Bandmaster Nakasone, Sen. Michelle Kidani, Rep. Gregg Takayama, and Rep. Trish La Chica.

schools is invaluable. We wish him and his 'ohana continued joy of music and success in hitting the high notes in all of their endeavors.

On April 13 my fellow legislators and I honored and congratulated 'Aiea resident, Bandmaster Michael D. Nakasone on receiving the Al and Gladys Wright Distinguished Legacy Award. What a career he's had! From an illustrious 36-year career in Hawai'i's public schools, to being invited to perform in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, and the Ginza Parade in Tokyo, to the induction into the National Band Association Hall of Fame of Distinguished Conductors in 2020, Bandmaster Nakasone's impact on music education in Hawai'i's public

### Attorney General Anne E. Lopez



The Senate Committee on Judiciary voted to advise and consent Anne E. Lopez for the position of State Attorney General. Anne is also a constituent of District 16.

### Ed Sniffen, Director DOT



Senator Keohokalole, Sniffen 'ohana, Director Sniffen, Vice Chair Inouye, and Chair Lee. Ed is also a constituent of District 16.

Congratulations to Director Ed Sniffen, State of the Hawai'i Department of Transportation for his nomination and confirmation by the Senate.

### Pearl Harbor Historic Trail Cleanup



A big mahalo to all the volunteers (over 300 people) and to all the Pearl City and 'Aiea elected officials who dedicated their time to clean up the Pearl Harbor Historic Trail! We collected 4.79 tons of 'opala, 22 tires, and 8.24 tons of metals.

## Lieutenant Governor Sylvia Luke



I wish to thank newly elected Lieutenant Governor Sylvia Luke for hosting an exceptional open house of her offices at the Capitol. We had a great time getting to tour the LG offices and enjoying a rare opportunity to meet and greet public servants from other state agencies and their staffs along with the public on an informal and relaxed basis.

## USS Bowfin 80th Anniversary



A big mahalo to CAPT Pete Miller, USN (ret) and Executive Director CAPT Chuck Merkel, USN (ret) for hosting an incredible (and humbling) personal tour of the USS Bowfin Museum & Park in celebration of the 80th Anniversary of the USS Bowfin's commission!

## International Student Day



I was honored to host international student Shushanika Ergasheva from Uzbekistan who spent this last school year attending St. Andrew's Priory. Shushanika spent the day attending meetings, engaging in office tasks and learning about the legislative process.

## Friends of the Library Book Sale



Enjoying the Friends of the Library Book Sale at the Capitol with me were Senators Stanley Chang and Maile Shimabukuro. There were so many great books and CD's to choose from, and all proceeds go to help the library system.

## Take Down Tobacco Day



I joined our youth at the Take Down Tobacco Day at the State Capitol. The dedication these students have in working towards stopping youth tobacco use in Hawai'i is inspiring!

## Sea-Based X-Band Radar



In December I was fortunate to join other dignitaries and get a rare tour of the Sea-Based X-Band radar ship (SBX-1), a semi-submersible, self-propelled platform that provides ballistic missile-tracking information for the Missile Defense Agency.



SENATOR  
**BRANDON  
ELEFANTE**

*announces additional releases of  
these Capital Improvement Project  
funds for Senate District 16*

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**\$1,910,000**

'AIEA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
Finance design and construction for covered  
walkways and a solar canopy in the parking lot



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**\$594,000**

'AIEA HIGH SCHOOL  
Construction for slope remediation  
near Building A



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**\$2,000,000**

'AIEA INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL  
Design, and construction funds for an  
outdoor gathering area



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**\$1,150,000**

ALVAH A. SCOTT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
Design, and construction for renovations,  
including a new computer lab, new kindergarten  
playground, and electrical system improvements



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**\$396,000**

PEARL CITY HIGH SCHOOL  
Construction to resurface the parking  
lot driveway



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**\$5,500,000**

PALISADES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
Construction for covered playground



## Hawaii State Capitol

Our State Capitol building in Honolulu is the best in the nation. It has a rich history and a very unique beauty that no other state capitol can compare to.



I encourage everyone to come take a tour and experience this incredibly great building. Please let us know when you are stopping by, we would love to greet you and take a picture!

## Office of Senator Brandon Elefante

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## E-Updates

Periodically my office will be sending out an E-Update to constituents in the district to keep them informed regarding what is happening in 'Aiea/Pearl City. Oftentimes, we feature a section in our E-update asking for your input on a piece of legislation that is circulating throughout the Capitol, or a set of concerns in the district because we want your feedback and for your voice to be heard. If you would like to stay informed please send an email to be added to our list of recipients to:

[m.greenough@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:m.greenough@capitol.hawaii.gov)

## HAWAII STATE DEPARTMENTS & AGENCIES

<https://portal.ehawaii.gov/government/departments-and-agencies/>

Attorney General .....	808-586-1500
Child Support Enforcement.....	808-692-7060
Commerce & Consumer Affairs .....	808-587-3222
Department of Defense .....	808-733-4246
Department of Education .....	808-784-6200
Department of Health .....	808-586-4400
Department of Taxation.....	808-587-4242
Department of Transportation .....	808-587-2150
Hawaii State Ombudsman .....	808 587-0770
Human Services .....	808-586-4997
Information Practices.....	808-586-1400
Labor & Industrial Relations.....	808-586-8844
Legal Aid Society of Hawaii.....	808-536-4302
Long Term Care Ombudsman.....	808-586-7268
Office of Hawaiian Affairs OHA.....	808-594-1835
Hawaiian Homelands DHHL .....	808-620-9500

## CITY & COUNTY DEPARTMENTS & AGENCIES

<https://data.honolulu.gov/>

Emergency.....	911
For non-Emergency.....	Dial 911 and say "Non-emergency"
Abandoned Vehicle Reporting .....	808-768-2530
Complaints (About City-related Issues).....	808-768-4381
City Refuse and Recycling Services.....	808-768-3200
Graffiti Hotline (HPD) .....	808-723-3475 or 911
HART Hotline.....	808-566-2299
Pothole Hotline .....	808-768-7777
Satellite City Halls Information .....	808-768-4325
Senior Citizen Information .....	808-768-7700
Sewer Line Problem.....	808-768-7272
Street Line Markings .....	808-768-3638
Traffic Signal Malfunction.....	808-768-8387
Honolulu City Council.....	<a href="http://honolulu.citycouncil.org">honolulu.citycouncil.org</a>
City and County of Honolulu .....	<a href="http://honolulu.gov">honolulu.gov</a>
Honolulu 311 .....	<a href="http://honoluluhi.citysourced.com/default.aspx">honoluluhi.citysourced.com/default.aspx</a>