



DISTRICT 16

STATE SENATOR

# Brandon Elefante

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Proudly serving: 'Aiea, 'Aiea Heights, Hālawā, Pearlridge, Newtown, Royal Summit, Waimalu, Waiau, Momiāni, Pacific Palisades, and Pearl City



## Aloha Friends and Neighbors,

As we move through April, the 2025 Legislative Session is now past the halfway mark, with the final day quickly approaching on Friday, May 2nd.

Since the crossover deadline, I'm pleased to share that I still have eight active bills addressing critical issues for our community with topics like:

- **Enhancing Public Safety:** Measures to increase penalties and enforcement for firework violations (Senate Bill [SB]222 SD1 HD1, SB227 SD1 HD1), stricter penalties for excessive speeding (SB97 SD2 HD2), and pushing for a dedicated program to prevent and control wildland fires (SB223 SD2 HD1).
- **Advancing Corrections Reform:** We're working to restrict the use of solitary confinement in correctional facilities and improve essential reentry support for incarcerated individuals (SB104 SD2 HD2, SB224 SD1 HD1).

As we approach the final weeks of the session, I want to remind you that our office welcomes your calls, concerns, and feedback. Your input is invaluable as we work to shape policies that impact our community.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Art at the Capitol**  
The 16th Annual Art at the Capitol is on April 11th, from 4 PM to 7:30 PM.

Attendees can explore artwork in legislators' offices, enjoy live performances, and taste food from local vendors.

**Good Friday**  
State government offices will be closed to observe Good Friday.

**2 May Adjournment Sine Die**  
Sine Die marks the 60th legislative day and end of the first half of biennium.

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## COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT



### Pearl City High School

Sen. Elefante joined fellow area representatives in celebrating student success at Pearl City High School's 5th Annual ChargerPalooza.

For the first time, students from Pearl City complex elementary and intermediate schools also participated, sharing their work alongside high school students. The event highlighted the creativity, innovation, and collaborative spirit thriving in our schools.

### Palisades Elementary School

Palisades Elementary School celebrated its 60th Anniversary! Sen. Elefante, alongside Representative Gregg Takayama, presented an Honorary Certificate to Principal Gavin Tsue, recognizing six decades of education, empowerment, and 'ohana.

Recently, Principal Tsue was recognized as the 2025 Hawai'i Elementary and Middle School Administration and Association's National Distinguished Principal.



### 'Aiea High School Athletics

Congratulations to 'Aiea High School Boys' Varsity Basketball Team for winning the 2025 OIA Division II Championship—their first league title since 2008!

Sen. Elefante presented the team, coaches, and Principal Wayne Guevara, an honorary certificate in recognition of their commitment and teamwork.



## Funding Release

We are excited to announce the recent release of **\$2,500,000** in Capitol Improvement Project funding for the design and construction of a new work and play area for 'Aiea Intermediate School.



## AT THE CAPITOL



### Take Down Tobacco

During the National Day of Action, brought to the Capitol by the Coalition

for a Tobacco-Free Hawai'i Youth Council, Sen. Elefante joined community leaders and colleagues in speaking out to raise awareness about the dangers of tobacco use and the industry's impact on our youth.

### Education Week

During the annual Education Week at the State Capitol, Sen. Elefante had the honor of recognizing Kimberly Kim,



a constituent of 'Aiea and the **2024 Milken Teacher of Promise** from Moanalua Middle School!

### Trades & Motorsports Education Fair



'Aiea High School Auto Program showcased student projects. Sen. Elefante was able to learn more about the program directly from the students enrolled, program instructor Ethan Kwon, and Assistant Principals Carlos Ramirez and Henri Alyward.

UH Mānoa's Rainbow Warriors Racing Team unveiled their electric race car.



Present team members

Blaise Barry, Alena Bolosan, Sofina Firouzi, Zayd Hussain, Ryan Kawabata, Gavin Kawaguchi, Aadil Kher, and La-Marr Smith discussed the design and highlighted the significance of programs like theirs.

### Senate Confirmations

The Senate unanimously confirmed Major Mike Lambert (pictured to the right) as the Director of the State of Hawai'i Department of Law Enforcement and Major General Stephen Logan (pictured below with family) as the Adjutant General for the State of Hawai'i Department of Defense.



Before the vote, the Senate Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs (PSM) held a public hearing, receiving unanimous support for both nominees. Chair Sen. Elefante was pleased to support the confirmation of Major General Logan and Major Lambert, two highly skilled leaders who bring decades of dedicated service to our state.

## HELPFUL CONTACTS

### City & County Departments & Agencies

**Emergency** 911

**Non-Emergency** Dial 911 & say "non-emergency"

**Abandoned Vehicle Reporting** (808) 768-2530

**Complaints (City-Related)** (808) 768-4381

**City Refuse & Recycling Services** (808) 768-3200

**Feral Chickens** (808) 768-4381

**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** [honolulu.citycouncil.org](http://honolulu.citycouncil.org)

**City & County of Honolulu** [honolulu.gov](http://honolulu.gov)

**Honolulu 311**

**Smartphone App:** Honolulu 311

**Website:** [honoluluhi.citysourced.com](http://honoluluhi.citysourced.com)

## RESOURCES

### Hawai'i CARES 988

**Call/Text:** 988

**Chat:** [hicares.hawaii.gov](http://hicares.hawaii.gov)

### Aloha United Way 211

**Call:** 211

**Text:** (877) 275-6569

**Chat:** [auw211.org](http://auw211.org)

### State Departments & Agencies

**Attorney General** (808) 586-1500

**Child Support Enforcement** (808) 692-7060

**Commerce & Consumer Affairs** (808) 587-3222

**Department of Taxation** (808) 587-4242

**Department of Transportation** (808) 587-2150

### Fireworks Hotline

Report illegal fireworks to the Illegal Fireworks Task Force. All calls will be kept confidential. You may remain anonymous. After-hours and on weekends, please leave a detailed message.

**Call:** (808) 517-2182

### 643 Pest Network

Report invasive species sightings.

**Call:** (808) 643-PEST (643-7378)

**Online Report:** [643pest.org](http://643pest.org)

### Public Access Room (PAR)

**Call:** (808) 587-0478

**Email:** [par@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:par@capitol.hawaii.gov)

**Website:** [lrb.hawaii.gov/par](http://lrb.hawaii.gov/par)

**Smartphone App:** SaferWatch

**Online Report:** [law.hawaii.gov](http://law.hawaii.gov)