



DISTRICT 16

STATE SENATOR

Brandon Elefante

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



Aloha Friends and Neighbors,

Happy New Year to you and your 'ohana!

As we begin 2026, I want to share an update on our work over the past year and what lies ahead as we enter a new legislative session. I am deeply honored to continue serving as your State Senator and grateful for the trust you place in me to represent District 16 at the Hawai'i State Legislature.

As we begin this new session, I'm excited to announce my new roles serving as Chair of the Senate Committee on Labor and Technology (LBT), Vice Chair of the Transportation (TRS) Committee, and as a member of the Housing (HOU) Committee. I'm also grateful to continue my work on the Ways and Means (WAM) Committee, where I remain focused on responsible budgeting and sound fiscal priorities. I look forward to working with my colleagues to deliver meaningful results for District 16 and communities across Hawai'i.

IN THE COMMUNITY



Pictured, from left to right, are: Office Manager Janice Salcedo, Senator Brandon Elefante, Committee Clerk Taylor Sayles, and Legislative Aide Keila Okamura.

We are proud to serve our community and value your input as we continue this important work together.



A New Chapter for Senior Housing in 'Aiea

Touring Aloha Iā Halewilikō, 'Aiea's newest affordable senior housing project, Senator highlighted the importance of expanding housing options for kūpuna. The \$62 million development will provide 140 affordable units to help meet the growing needs of our community.



Emergency Preparedness

In September, a new emergency siren was installed in the Pearl City Palisades area, enhancing emergency preparedness and community safety. This important project was made possible through close collaboration with Representative Takayama, the Palisades community, the Pearl City Neighborhood Board, and HIEMA. *Photo Credit: @hawaii_ema*



Nāulu Apartments: Affordable Housing

Celebrating the opening of Nāulu Apartments in Hālawa, the Senator reflected on his role in the zoning approval process during his time on the Honolulu City Council. The \$168.13 million, 25-story development includes 302 affordable rental units and was completed ahead of schedule and under budget.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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Opening Day

January

Floor Session
10:00 am

The 2025 Legislative Session begins on Wednesday, January 21, at the State Capitol. Floor Session for the Senate Chamber begins at 10:00 a.m.

Join us in Senator Elefante's office, Room 217, to connect and share your thoughts and concerns as we kick off the new biennium.

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RESOURCE AT THE CAPITOL

Public Access Room (PAR)

The Public Access Room (PAR) at the Hawai'i State Capitol offers free resources and expert guidance to help the public engage with the legislative process, providing workspace, training, and materials in a non-partisan setting. PAR is accessible in person, online, and by phone!

Call: (808) 587-0478

Email: par@capitol.hawaii.govWebsite: lrb.hawaii.gov/parVisit: State Capitol Room 401
Hours: M-F 8am - 5pm

Note: The capitol entrances are open from 7am - 5pm; an ID is required for entry



Pictured are Daylin-Rose Heather, Jessie Faige, Senator Rhoads, Representative Tarnas, Chief Justice McKenna, Chief Court Administrator Kim, Vice-Speaker Ichiyama, Senator Elefante.

Restoring the Pearl Harbor Historic Bike Path

The Pearl Harbor Historic Bike Path has officially reopened, featuring upgraded paths, lighting, markings, and signage to improve safety and accessibility for pedestrians, runners, and cyclists. Years in the making, this milestone represents an important step toward strengthening active transportation and connectivity for our community, with more improvements to come.



Pictured are Deputy Director Furuto, Senator Dela Cruz, Director Hashimoto, Antonio Toafili, Director Butay, Senator Elefante, and Maricar Pilotin-Freitas.

ADDRESSING SAFETY

New Measures to Address Illegal Fireworks

A recent bill signing marked an important step forward in protecting our communities by strengthening enforcement against illegal fireworks. With the passage of HB 1483, HB 806, HB 550, and SB 222, these measures reinforce public safety efforts and respond directly to community concerns about fireworks-related harm.

SB97 (ACT 170) – Enhancing Traffic Safety

I am honored to share the passage of Senate Bill 97, relating to motor vehicles, which strengthens road safety by increasing penalties for repeat excessive speeding offenses. The measure elevates a third or subsequent violation within five years to a misdemeanor with a mandatory minimum jail sentence of thirty days. This legislation reflects a shared commitment to accountability and protecting our communities from dangerous driving behavior.

Nā Hulu Wehi Women's Court Initiative

The Kona community celebrated the launch of Nā Hulu Wehi, a new women's court program providing trauma-informed, culturally grounded support for justice-involved women. Modeled after the successful Mohala Wāhine program and funded through Act 228, this initiative offers an alternative to incarceration and supports healing, rehabilitation, and stronger families across Hawai'i.



Pictured are Senator Elefante with Councilmember Cordero and various community stakeholders.

Supporting Local Jobs and Careers

The Hawai'i State Job Fair brought together employers and job seekers committed to strengthening our local workforce and keeping talent here at home. The event also highlighted programs like Hele Imua, which connect community members with meaningful career opportunities in state service, supporting a stronger and more resilient Hawai'i.



Pictured are Governor Green with Senator Elefante, and various elected officials and community members.

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

GRAFFITI HOTLINE (HPD) (808) 723-3475 OR 911

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

FERAL CHICKENS (808) 768-4381

STATE DEPARTMENTS & AGENCIES

ATTORNEY GENERAL (808) 586-1500

CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT (808) 692-7060

COMMERCE & CONSUMER AFFAIRS (808) 587-3222

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (808) 587-2150

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE (808) 441-7000

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (808) 784-6200

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (808) 586-4400

DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION (808) 587-4242

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION (DCCA) 1-844-808-DCCA (3222)

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

643 PEST HOTLINE CALL: (808) 643-PEST (643-7378)

ONLINE REPORT: 643PEST.ORG

RESOURCES

Aloha United Way 211

211 Community Resource Specialists assist with food, housing, utilities, SNAP pre-screening, substance abuse, mental health, transportation, domestic violence, legal and financial aid, as well as support and care programs for kēiki and kūpuna.

Call: 211

Text: (877) 275-6569

Chat: auw211.org

Hawai'i CARES 988

Hawai'i CARES 988 connects individuals to behavioral health services through a coordinated and responsive system of care for crisis intervention, substance use treatment and recovery, and mental health concerns.

Call/Text: 988

Chat: hicares.hawaii.gov

Honolulu 311

Honolulu 311 is the official mobile app and online platform for the City & County of Honolulu, Hawai'i. It offers a free and user-friendly platform for reporting issues like potholes, broken streetlights, cracked sidewalks, illegal dumping, and vandalized signs.

Smartphone App: Honolulu 311

Website: honoluluhi.citysourced.com