



SENATOR

Ewa Beach to Lower Waipahu

WILL ESPERO



Community Legislative Newsletter

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Dear Constituents,

It has come to the end of a very successful legislative session. With more than \$300 million awarded to the Ewa/Kapolei region, there will be an incredible difference with the alleviation of traffic congestion, education opportunities, improved equal justice under law, enhanced crime prevention, and an overall revitalized community.

Below are the appropriations that were funded by the efforts and lobbying by the community, my colleagues and me. I am honored to service you. Your ideas and dialogue are important to me as it ensures that your needs are met. Please feel free to call my office at 586-6360.

Respectfully,

Will Espero



During final decking at the legislature, Senator Espero secured funds for Ewa. This is when bills are either amended to resolve differences in the House and Senate or deferred indefinitely.

PROJECT	AWARDED (in the millions)
University of Hawaii, West Oahu	\$ 135
Ewa Makai Middle School	\$ 68
North-South Road/Kapolei Parkway	\$ 55
East-West Road	\$ 17
Fort Barrette Road Widening	\$ 20
Kapolei Court House	\$ 25
Kalaeloa Airport	\$ 6
PM Zipper Lane	\$ 5
Total	\$ 331



ORGANIZATION	AWARDED
Weed and Seed	\$ 400,000
Coalition for a Drug-Free Hawaii, Ewalution	\$ 175,000
Hale Kipa	\$ 500,000
Total	\$ 1,075,000

West Oahu/
EWA
BIG
Winners

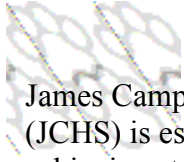
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The Junior Varsity and Varsity Girls Soccer team displays their pride in their accomplishments with big smiles



Waianae Kahananui was one of the awardees that were honored. "Reality Under the Smile," a film produced by fellow classmates Frankie Hagos and Desiree Agngaryngay is based on Waianae's life story.



James Campbell High School (JCHS) is esteemed with high achieving standards and the accomplishments to back it up. At a school where their Principal, Gail Awakuni was chosen to represent Hawaii in U.S. competition for principal of the year, it comes with no surprise that more than fifty students were honored by Senator Espero and State Representatives on Monday, May 7.

The awardees include a third place winner of the Cliff Keen Reno World Championships, Lowen Tyanes-Perez, winners of the Overall Grand Prize in the Island Movie Contest, the JV and Varsity Girls Soccer Team, and twelve Student Junior Council volunteers.



Members of JCHS's JROTC team were chosen to perform Color Guard duties at the dedication ceremony for Keone'ula Elementary School.



Democratic Senators united to speak in favor of an Ethanol tax break that restores an 11-cent-per gallon tax break on ethanol-blended gasoline.

Did you know?
Matteo's was founded
by Frank Sinatra's
touring chef
(Matty Jordan)



Students from JCHS's Business Education class were given a special guest lecture by Senator Espero (at left), where they learned about successful goals, strategies, and paradigms to have in order to become leaders in an ever evolving economy.



All of these students when asked about their after high school plans had responded with prospects to attend college. People with Bachelor degrees take home over 98% more lifetime pay, on average, than non-college graduates.



Hawaii is ranked eleventh nationally in pedestrian deaths and first in deaths among pedestrians age sixty-five or older.

Advocating for pedestrian safety, Senator Espero along with Ewa Beach Elementary students waved signs and showed their support in raising awareness. At their own school, Ewa Beach Elementary students are in the peril of motorists passing their school everyday. Their school lacks a sidewalk fronting its property, displacing students to walk dangerously on the road. A request to the City and County to appropriate funds and construct a sidewalk has been submitted by our office.

In this past legislative session, Senator Espero introduced two initiatives to decrease the pedestrian death rate statewide. The measure establishes a pilot project to test crosswalk safety enhancements and programs in the City and County of Honolulu around high-risk areas.

He also advocated for the establishment of a three-year pilot photo red light imaging systems program to reduce the prevalence of drivers violating Hawaii's traffic laws, particularly drivers who run red lights. These two bills were among the 3,634 bills that did not make it through the legislative process. Only 1 in 10 bills made it through both the House and Senate.

A community meeting to have your questions and concerns answered about phase 2 of the **Fort Weaver Road widening project** by its contractor (Hawaiian Dredging) and the Department of Transportation has been scheduled. Construction is anticipated this summer. It's about time!

Date: Thursday, May 31, 2007
Time: 6 pm – 7:30 pm
Place: Ewa Elementary School Cafeteria
91-1288 Renton Road



Mark Your Calendars!



On April 9, Senator Espero sponsored an event honoring the recipients of the esteemed Kalayaan Philippines Hawaii International (KPHI) Huwaran Award. The true essence of "Aloha Spirit" is epitomized by the generous and dedicated efforts of individuals who tirelessly contribute to their community. Seven such individuals through leadership and perseverance accomplished the renowned KPHI.

If you live in Iroquois Point or in a neighboring area come and join Senator Espero, the Department of Transportation, the Federal Aviation Administration, legislators, and community members to discuss noise abatement from airplanes in these areas.

Date: Tuesday, May 22, 2007
Time: 7:00 pm
Place: Iroquois Point Elementary Cafeteria
5552 Cormorant Avenue



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