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2008 LEGISLATIVE SESSION WRAP-UP

All of the bills listed here have been passed by both Houses of the Legislature and await Governor's action before becoming law. I have been responsible for several of them, both as introducer and as Chair of the House Committee on Human Services & Housing. Certain bills directly benefit District 45, which I have represented for the past six years.

HOUSING

HB 2500 (Budget) has \$3.1 for homeless services (\$550,000 for Kahikolu Ohana Hale O Wai'anae, \$360,000 for Kalaeloa shelter, \$1.85 mil for existing services); \$26 mil for Kukui Gardens; \$15 mil for Rental Housing Trust Fund; \$10 mil for Dwelling Unit Revolving Fund; \$1.4 mil for Kaloko Housing on Big Island; \$10m for Public Housing R&M; & \$6.4m for Public Housing elevator repairs.

- HB 2511 gives rental assistance applicants up to 3 mos to find qualified dwelling.
- HB 2238 requires public/publicly funded housing to be affordable in perpetuity.
- SB 3174 raises HulaMae multi-family revenue bond authorization to \$500,000,000.

TRANSPORTATION

- HB 357 funds pedestrian safety measures.
- HB 2954 prohibits towing company from charging fees if owner of vehicle appears on the scene; requires 24-hr consumer services from tow companies.
- HB 3377 permits installation of ignition interlock system on vehicle of person arrested for drunk driving.
- HR 190 requests city & state transportation departments to study feasibility of realigning Hakimo Rd at junction with Farrington Highway.
- HR 191 requests Department Of Transportation to update studies on identification & feasibility of alternate route into and out of the Wai'anae Coast.



L-R: Dona Leia Malinowsky, Angela Sacridier, and Rodlyn Brown of AARP, pictured with Maile. AARP was a strong advocate for pedestrian safety measures.

EDUCATION

- HB 2500 (Budget Bill) re-authorizes \$2 mil for AC & power upgrades at Wai'anae HS; funds improvements at Makaha Elem, Wai'anae Intermed & Wai'anae HS.
- HB 2971 establishes on-line learning task force.
- HB 2972 creates Facilities Alignment Commission to set criteria for school closings and consolidations.
- SB 2004 relates to due process hearings re unilateral special education placement.
- SB 2663 clarifies membership & nomination process of Teacher Standards Board.
- SB 2878 creates an early learning system administered by Early Learning Council.
- SB 2879 establishes a power of attorney for Special Education
- SB 3252 appropriates funds to address Hawaii's teacher shortage problem.



Maile with Waianae High Athletic Director Glen Tokunaga.



Maile with women who perpetuate the Hawaiian culture here on the Wai'anae Coast. L-R: Pearl Gomes, Maile, Momi Cruz-Lozano, Vicky "Sweetie" Willing, and Kim Haupū.

HAWAIIAN

- HB 2955 establishes an archaeological data survey under the state Museum of Natural & Cultural History in consultation with the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.
- HB 3126 increases loan ceiling for farm & ranch operations on Hawaiian Homelands from \$50,000 to \$200,000.
- SB 1035 establishes November 20 as Makahiki Commemoration Day
- SB 2499 makes kalo the official state plant-effective July 1, 2008
- SB 2915 creates and funds the Taro Security and Purity Task Force.

HEALTH

- SB 2459 permits dispensing pharmacies to operate in remote, underserved areas.
- HB 2062 allows persons eligible for Medicaid-funded nursing home care to remain at home and receive long-term care.
- HB 2519 enables Hawaii Health Corps Program to provide loan re-payments to physicians & dentists who agree to work in rural & underserved areas.
- SB 69 temporarily expands eligibility for the Keiki Care Program for children of workers unemployed by the closure of businesses from 2/29/08 thru 9/31/08.
- HB 2761 requires at least 6 months of post-partum & interconception care for women participating in QUEST health insurance program.
- SB 2542 ensures continued care for uninsured, under-insured, or Medicaid recipients by helping community health center system remain financially viable; provides \$1 mil to DOH for direct medical care to uninsured.



Maile with Wai'anae resident Michael Simpson, who works for the Department of Human Services.

HUMAN SERVICES

- HB 543 establishes guiding principles for foster children.
- HB 1337 facilitates enforcement of child support orders.
- HB 2730 sets relative preference for children needing protective services.
- HB 2830 deals with family caregiving issues: grandparents raising grandchildren, kupuna care, respite care; increases payments for ARCH homes.
- HB 1356 extends time for former foster youth to request educ. board allowance.
- HB 2770 expands the Bridge to Hope Program to help participants in First-to-Work Program to pursue a full range of post-secondary education.

LABOR

- HB 2710 allows state & county governments to hire retired employees.
- HB 2929 requires independent medical exams for workers compensation cases.

- SB 2262 follows up on Act 245 (2005) which established a Voluntary Employees' Beneficiary Association (VEBA) trust pilot program; extends the sunset date for program & requires state auditor to analyze cost & financial impact of Act 245.

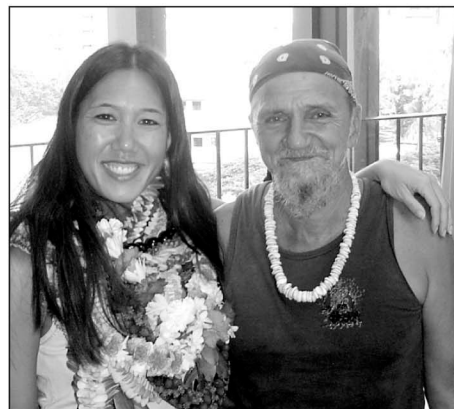
- SB 2652 requires the BOE to provide wage adjustments for substitute teachers comparable to adjustments negotiated for teachers in collective bargaining.

CONSUMER PROTECTION

- SB 2150 expands adult protective services to vulnerable adults.
- HB 2326 requires mortgage foreclosure rescuers to provide specific information & disclosures to distressed property owners & imposes prohibitions on rescuers.
- HB 2224 requires group health issuers to offer small group health plans to self employed individuals.

ECONOMY

- HB 3174 clarifies that state administrative rules are to be consistent with federal fisheries regulation
- SB 2196 grants regulatory authority to the Dept of Land & Natural Resources (DLNR) over certain commercial activities at boating facilities & on ocean waters
- SB 2838 allows splitting and direct deposit of income tax returns to checking or savings accts.
- SB 2840 requires DBEDT to establish an economic self-sufficiency standard.



Maile with James Manaku, an outspoken proponent of farming and maintaining a rural lifestyle on the Wai'anae Coast.

AGRICULTURE

- HB 2261 includes farm and aquaculture projects in existing loan programs
- HB 2739 allows agricultural business to qualify as enterprise zone
- MA'O Farm: a \$737,000 award, pending BLNR approval, has been made by the Legacy Lands Commission to Waianae's MA'O farm to purchase 11 acres in Lualualei Valley
- SB 2849 permits use of lands in agricultural land use districts to be used for agriculture energy facilities provided that primary activity is agricultural
- SB 2956 helps local dairies with pricing & funds strategic plan for milk industry
- SB 2850 establishes/funds biosecurity program to prevent/control invasive species.

MILITARY

- HB 2605 exempts vehicle weight tax for one non-commercial vehicle per member of the National Guard or Reserves.
- SB 3240 provides that military personnel whose driver's license has expired while on active duty outside of country can drive for 90 days on return to US.
- HCR 114/HR 97 requests state Department of Defense to study feasibility of using Navy facilities at Lualualei as emergency shelter for civilians.

PUBLIC SAFETY

- HB 2500 has \$43,000 for lifeguard services at Keawa'ula, Kaena Pt. State Park.
- HB 2034 makes it a violation to leave a child unattended in a motor vehicle.
- SB 2218 requires electronic monitoring of persons convicted of violating a domestic abuse TRO or protective order.
- SB 2373 requires pharmacies to maintain electronic log of sales of pseudo-ephedrine & related products and transmit data to Narcotics Enforcement Div.