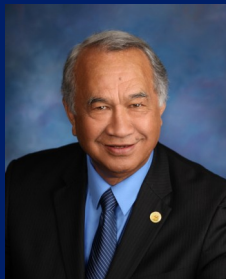
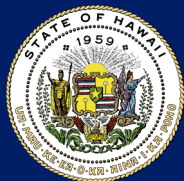


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A Message from Senator Kahele

Governor Abercrombie Releases Funds for Work in Hilo

Aloha Mai Kākou!

I hope your summer is going well and you are all safe and sound.

Officially as of July 1, 2013 the State Senate has made several changes to its Senate Committees. Specifically, the Committee on Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs has been split into two separate committees. I have been tasked with the responsibility of chairing the new Senate Committee on Tourism.

Hawai'i's tourism industry continues to lead the state's economic recovery, however, there is still much work ahead to promote the islands and strengthen our tourism base, while addressing the myriad of issues that affect the visitor industry and its direct relationship on the well-being of our residents.

I look forward to serving you in my new found role as Chairman but most importantly in my primary duty as your State Senator.

Hau'oli ka mana'o,

The Abercrombie Administration has released the following Capital Improvement Project funds for work in our district.

- Waiakea High School, All-Weather Track & Field Facilities (Phase 3, Replacement of Grass Turf) - **\$500,000**
- Waiakeawaena Elementary School, Playground Upgrades (design) - **\$350,000**
- Grant to Community Based Education Support Services for Connections Public Charter School - **\$1,500,000**
- Hilo Counseling Center and Keawe Health Center - **\$62,000** additional design funds for re-roof and other improvements.
- County of Hawai'i, Puainako Street Extension, Komohana Street to Country Club Road, land for easements - **\$300,000**
- Pier 4 Interisland Cargo Terminal, Hilo Harbor, Hawai'i Island – Construction for the new Pier 4 at Hilo Harbor which includes a new wharf, utilities, mooring system, and associated sitework; this construction will complete the new interisland barge terminal facility - **\$44,990,000**
- Keaukaha Military Reservation (KMR) - Construction of one, 100 person billet to house the cadets of the Youth Challenge Academy at KMR, as well as renovation of Building 621 for the addition of restrooms and other miscellaneous facility and infrastructure improvements - **\$5,900,000**

As Governor Abercrombie stated in his State of the State address, his Administration is dedicated to accelerating our economic recovery through a broad-ranged series of capital improvement actions called the New Day Projects.

The funds released are not only critical in terms of employment but more so influential in the areas of education, health, and infrastructure. Investing in our keiki and haumāna is and will always be the wisest investment for our future. Improving our health facilities ensures that we are capable of caring for all of Hawai'i's people, and upgrading our infrastructure helps us remain a strong and prosperous state.

Lieutenant Governor Shan Tsutsui Signs Several Bills



HB417 HD2 SD1 CD1 Relating To The Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation. Appropriates \$1,800,000 for the interdisciplinary Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation Primary Care Training Program at Hilo Medical Center.
Also attending: Gary Yoshiyama, Lori Rogers, Boyd Murayama, Howard Ainsley and Dr. Kristine McCoy



SB1221 SD2 HD2 CD1 Relating To Higher Education. Appropriates \$100,000 to hire a program coordinator and a technical support staff member for an international flight training center and associated aeronautical training programs at UH-Hilo and Hawai'i Community College.
Also attending: Major General Darryll Wong, Kaiali'i Kahele, Chancellor Donald Straney, Brigadier General Joseph Kim and Jerry Chang



SB 1256, Relating to the Pacific International Space Center for Exploration Systems (PISCES). The measure appropriates funds for PISCES to help foster the development and expansion of the aerospace, robotics, and related industries in Hawai'i.
Also attending: Major General Darryll Wong and Miguel Flores

Out and About....



On July 5, 2013 Senator Kahele welcomed home the Southside Volleyball Club whose 14 Boys won the United States Association of Volleyball 2013 National Championships and the 16 Boys who finished 7th out of 68.
Congratulations Gentleman!



Senator Kahele presents Dane Sako with a Senate Certificate in honor of his efforts in achieving the prestigious rank of Eagle Scout



Senator Kahele listens to Ron Kodani at the Pi'ihonua Hawaiian Homes Community Associations' General Membership Meeting at Carvalho Park on July 6, 2013



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