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A Message from Senator Kahele

Aloha!

This Fourth of July, like millions of Americans all over our great nation, I gathered with my family to celebrate the birth of our country more than two centuries ago.

The month of July also serves as a time of reflection. It reminds me of my own experiences as a young United States Marine and how fortunate we are to live in a free country when so many people around the world continue to fight for their own independence and freedom.

Many of you enjoyed the company of your loved ones and celebrated America's independence in your own special way. If you have not done so, I urge you to take a moment and acknowledge the ongoing efforts of our servicemen and women, many of whom are serving in danger zones overseas. With each day that they defend our great democracy, they ensure our continued quality of life which we have come to enjoy today.

I would like to thank you once again for the opportunity to serve as your State Senator. The summer season is a joyful time to spend with family and friends and I wish each and every one of you a fun filled but safe summer.

Hau'oli Ka Mana'o,

Hawai'i National Guard Youth Challenge Academy

On June 19, 2014 Senator Kahele attended a blessing ceremony for the Hawai'i National Guard Youth



Senator Kahele, Governor's East Hawai'i Representative Wendy Botelho-Cortez, Rep. Tsuji and Adjutant General Darryll Wong.

Challenge Academy - Hilo Campus located within the Keaukaha Military Reserve (KMR).

In both the 2013 and 2014 Legislative sessions, a total of \$7.9 million was appropriated to plan, design, and construct two billets and renovate Building 32.

Prior to the completion of the brand new facility at KMR, the cadets were housed at the site of the former Kulani prison which reopened on July 1, 2014.



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Governor's Notice of Intent to Veto

On June 23, 2014 Governor Abercrombie notified the Hawai'i State Legislature that he intends to veto 10 of the 245 measures passed in 2014.

The following bills are on the Governor's intent-to-veto list:

- House Bill 1288 (Relating to Order of Succession)
- House Bill 2163 (Relating to Parental Parity)
- House Bill 2427 (Relating to the Repeal of Non-General Funds)
- Senate Bill 60 (Relating to Victims of Crimes)
- Senate Bill 2431 (Relating to the Hawaii Tourism Authority)
- Senate Bill 2483 (Relating to Condominium Associations)
- Senate Bill 2589 (Relating to Law Enforcement)
- Senate Bill 2821 (Relating to Insurance)
- Senate Bill 2874 (Relating to the Board of Land and Natural Resources)
- Senate Bill 2682 (Relating to Financial Disclosure Statements). *NOTE: It has been reported in the press that the Governor intends to allow this measure to become law without his signature.*

The governor intends to line-item veto House Bill 1700 in order to address an inconsistency of approximately \$444 million between it and the bond authorization bill, House Bill 1712 passed by legislators that is preventing him from signing both into law.

Governor Abercrombie has until July 8th to make his final decision. All other bills will be signed or become law without his signature on July 8th.

Governor Abercrombie Holds Historic Bill Signing in Hilo

On July 1, 2014 before a crowd of community members and legislators, Governor Abercrombie signed five bills into law, making him the first Governor to do so on Hawai'i Island. These bills were:

- **SB 3093** Relating to the University of Hawai'i at Hilo (R.I.S.E. Program)
- **HB 1823** Relating to Public Lands (Kanoiehua Industrial Area Association Leases)
- **HB 2152** Relating to the PISCES
- **SB 2953** Relating to State Resources on Hawaiian Home Lands
- **SB 2583** Relating to the PISCES and National Aeronautics and Space Administration Laser Communications Ground Station Initiative



Senator Kahele, Rep. Onishi, Chancellor Straney, Kai'u Kimura, Rep. Nakashima, Keahi Warfield, Naomi Ahu, Rep. Hanohano, Wally Ishibashi, Senator Solomon and Jan & Stanley Roehrig watches as Governor Neil Abercrombie signs SB 3093.

Kulani Correctional Facility

In 2009, the Kulani Correctional Facility closed its doors as a cost-saving mechanism initiated by the Lingle Administration. The closure resulted in the loss of nearly 100 staffers and the transfer of almost 200 Hawai'i inmates to other facilities.

On July 1, 2014 Governor Abercrombie kept to his promise which he made in 2010 and reopened the Kulani Correctional Facility.



Rep. Tsuji, Senators Kahele and Solomon applaud Governor Neil Abercrombie and Warden Ruth Coller Forbes as they untie the maile lei to officially reopen the Kulani Correctional Facility.