

# Senator Malama Solomon

(D) #1 Senatorial District— Waimea, Hāmākua, North Hilo, Portion of South Hilo



## Aloha Friends

I look forward to a very productive 2012 Legislative Session, despite difficult economic pressures and obstacles. The state has a \$1.3 billion deficit in unfunded liabilities, which must be resolved.

I have introduced bills to address our State's fiscal challenges, improve our State Land Management, State Procurement, to buy local, and fast track the development of renewable energy resources, in particular geothermal energy.

The governor was giving to the Big Island, with appropriations totaling 139 million dollars. These appropriations targeted renovations and upgrades for hospitals; Hilo Medical Center, Ka'u and Hale Ho'ola Hamakua, and Kohala hospital. Harbor improvements; Kawaihae, Hilo, Honokohau and Kona International Airport. In Education, classrooms, student transportation, community education for adults and enrollment increases, in both lower and higher education. Water projects include over \$3.5 million to improve the North Kona Water system and the new exploratory water well system for Kulani. These projects will go far in boosting the economy of the Island of Hawaii and creating needed employment for our residents.

Mahalo for your continued support and Aloha.

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## 2012 Legislative Session Supplemental Budget Plans For the Big Island

### Harbors - \$73,150,000

Kawaihae Harbor improvements and upgrades **\$11,500,000**

Hilo Harbor Improvements - **\$61,000,000**

Honokohau small boat harbor improvements -650,000

### Hospitals - \$5,645,000

Hilo Medical Center Improvements and Upgrades -

**\$4,860,000**

Kohala Hospital Improvements and upgrades - **\$200,000**

Hale Ho'ola Hamakua repairs & upgrades - **\$185,000**

Ka'u Hospital Improvements and Upgrades - **\$400,000**

### Hawaiian Home Lands

North Kona water system - **\$2,000,000**

### Education

#### **Education Improvements**

-Kealakehe ES classroom bldg. - **\$500,000**

-Additional funding for weighted student formula due to enrollment increases - **\$13,557,502**

-Additional funding for student transportation program -

**\$25,000,000**

-Additional funding for community school for adults program to meet maintenance of effort -

**\$2,500,000**

#### **University Of Hawaii**

Additional funding for UH due to enrollment increases -

**\$5,000,000**

#### Airports

Kona International Airport - **\$10,400,000**

#### Department of Public Safety

Kulani Correctional Facility exploratory water well - **\$1,500,000**



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Senator Malama Solomon with members of the ILWU and OHA Trustee Rowena Akana



2012 Opening Day of Session for the Hawaii Legislature



Senator Malama Solomon with members of the UH Hilo Student Association

## Bills Drafted for the 2012 Legislative Session

<p>Relating to the board of regents of the University of Hawaii</p>	<p>Relating to Higher Education</p>	<p>Reestablish the governors authority to nominate and, with the advice and consent of the senate, appoint the members of the board of regents of the University of Hawaii by repealing the candidate advisory council for the board of regents of the University of Hawaii; effective upon ratification of the constitutional amendment to article x, section 6, of the Hawaii constitution, which would delete provisions related to the regents candidate advisory council.</p>
<p>Hawaii Tourism Authority; County Tourism Surcharge Tax</p>	<p>Relating to HTA &amp; DBET</p>	<p>Repeals Hawaii tourism authority. Transfers the functions of the Hawaii tourism authority to DBEDT. Eliminates distribution of funds to counties from transient accommodations tax. Allows counties to assess county tourism surcharge tax.</p>
<p>Relating to Taxation</p>	<p>Relating to Taxation</p>	<p>Amends general excise tax and use tax rates. Repeals general excise and use tax exemptions. Repeals income tax</p>
<p>Hawaii State Planning Act; Renewable Energy; Public Land Trust; Geothermal</p>	<p>Relating to the Public Land Trust</p>	<p>Amends the Hawaii state planning act to include promoting the development of geothermal energy resources that are located on public trust land as a source of firm power to achieve state energy objectives.</p>



2012 Hawaii State Senate

On January 6, 2012, Senator Malama Solomon successfully challenged the State Commission on Reapportionment, winning a Supreme Court Ruling. This means that the commission may not include non-residents in its reapportionment plan, resulting in an additional senate seat, and better representation for the people of Hawaii Island.



Senator Malama Solomon after her victory at the Hawai'i Supreme Court Hearing on reapportionment.