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Aloha Friends and Neighbors,

First of all, I would like to thank everyone for giving me the opportunity to represent District 39 in the Hawaii State House of Representatives. I am humbled by your continued support and it is my honor to serve our community. I would like to offer you these highlights about issues that affect our community.

Construction to stop light at Kunia Road and Anonui Street:

Construction on the intersection of Kunia Road and Anonui Street began on February 4, 2013, contributing to lane closures during off-peak hours. These improvements will convert the intersection in to a 4-way lighted intersection. The purpose of this project is to enhance the safety of the public traveling on Kunia Road, which will help reduce the risk of accidents along this part of Kunia Road.



Hawai'i State Science Olympiad Annual Statewide Tournament



This year's Hawaii State Science Olympiad Tournament was held at Leeward Community College on March 2nd. Students of James Campbell, Waipahu High School and Kapolei Middle School were among the thirty school participants. James Campbell High School created a cantilevered wooden structure also known as "Boomilever"(The picture on the left). Kapolei Middle School built and tested a vehicle using one mousetrap as the sole means of propulsion to reach a target as quickly, accurately and close to their predicted time as possible (Picture on the right).

Mauka Lani Elementary School's "Read Across America" Event

On March 5th, Mauka Lani Elementary School held their annual "Read Across America" event. In efforts to promote reading and literacy, my office had the opportunity to read to students in Preschool and 5th grade.



HPD Showcase:

Public safety has always been a priority in our state and our district. On March 7th, the Legislature hosted an HPD showcase at the State Capitol. This informational showcase gave me the chance to listen to the concerns of Law **Enforcement Officers.**



James Campbell High School:

On March 8th, I had the opportunity to present certificates to students from James Campbell High School for their participation at the Leeward District Science fair held from February 8th through 9th at Leeward Community College. These certificates recognized the students for their commitment and diligence in neo-science and data. Mahalo to Mr. Mark Adato and to everyone in the James Campbell Science Department for coordinating this event.



Early Education Day:

Early Education Day was held on March 14th, preschools from around the state congregated in the rotunda of the State Capitol to raise awareness of early education programs and benefits. I listened to the parents and educators voice their concerns over their children's' educational needs.



Challenger Learning Center:

Promoting science, technology, engineering and math (S.T.E.M) has been the mission of the Challenger Learning Center of Hawaii located at Barbers Point Elementary School. On March 18, the House of Representatives recognized the learning center for celebrating 20 years of educating students across the state of Hawaii.

Happy 20th Anniversary Challenger Learning Center!



Graffiti Busters:

Mahalo to HECO for painting the transformer boxes in our community. Please report graffiti on HECO transformers to the hotline at **543-7370**, provide the location by closest address or cross street. If available provide the transformer number located on the front of the transformer.



Current Resolutions Introduced by Representative Cullen:

HCR142/HR113

Urging Department of Transportation to examine alternative ways to redesign the H-1/H-2 freeway merge to alleviate traffic congestion

HCR143/HR1144

Requesting Department of Transportation to increase the minimum number of occupants required in a vehicle operating in the zipper lane.

HCR 41

Requesting the United States Congress to rename the Kilauea Point lighthouse located on the Island of Kauai, in honor of the late Senator Daniel K. Inouye.

HCR 42

Requesting the Department of Transportation to designate, when appropriate, route 200 on the Island of Hawaii as the Daniel K. Inouye legacy highway.

HCR 71 / HR 55

Requesting the Department of Education to support a student exchange program for students I Hawaii public schools and students in the provinces in the Republic of the Philippines with which the state has state province relationships.

Please support these resolutions when they are scheduled for hearings, by sending in testimony through the following website:

http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/

Announcements:

Community Clean up:

Representative Cullen will be holding a community clean up and graffiti paint out on **April 13**. If you would like to join us please call our office at 586-8490 or email repcullen@capitol.hawaii.gov . We will be meeting at the Village Park- park and ride at 8:30 a.m.



Free Tax Help:

Free statewide tax preparation sites for tax season 2013

Website; www.hawaiitaxhelp.org email; info@hawaiitaxhelp.org helpline call; 2-1-1

Free Lawyer Referral Services:

The attorneys on the Lawyer Referral Service panel are screened prior to placement on the panel for liability insurance, past or pending disciplinary action, and subject matter specialization. Individuals may be referred to HSBA Lawyer Referral Services as follows:

Phone: (808)537-9140; Fax: (808) 521-7936; Email: LRIS@hsba.org

Legal Line:

Every Wednesday evening from 6pm – 7pm attorneys are available via telephone to provide legal information. The legal line phone #: (808)537-1868

Pothole Problems:

To file a vehicle damage claim with the state visit:

http://hawaii.gov/forms/department-of-accounting-and-general-services/rmtc/view

To file a vehicle damage claim with the city and county of Honolulu:

Call the Department of the Corporation Counsel at (808) 768-5193. State Pothole Hotline: (808)536-7852 City and County of Honolulu Pothole Hotline: (808) 768-7777

Road work:

Roving pothole repair work on H1 freeway going eastbound April 2nd - 9th 9am till 3 pm