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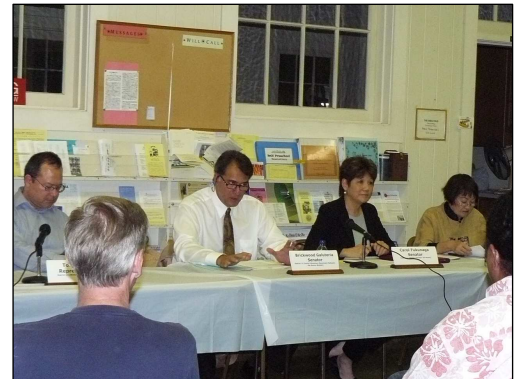
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Aloha,

The 2010 Legislative Session is now 2/3 of the way through. As we approach the homestretch we will hold conferences on a variety of measures that may have significant impact on our state. I wish to reaffirm my open door policy. Please stop by the Capitol, room 208 for a cup of coffee or to talk story with me and/or my staff. Should you have any particular questions, we are here to assist. Thank you to all of those who have participated in the legislative process thus far, through phone calls, letters, e-mails, and particularly by providing testimony to the subject committees. Your input is invaluable in helping us to make sound decisions.



On March 9th, in connection with the Native Hawaiian Legislative Caucus it was a pleasure to honor some of Hawaii's surfing legends. Pictured here: Senator Galuteria with Richard "Buffalo" Keaulana, Mitchell Alapa, Derek Ho, Clyde Aikau and Ben Aipa. Not pictured: Michael Ho. We also honored posthumously, the icons of surfing, Edward "Eddie Would Go" Aikau, Rell "Queen of Makaha" Sunn and the Ambassador of Aloha himself, Mr. Duke Kahanamoku.



On Thursday, March 11th I and the other Ala Moana and Kaka'ako area legislators, Senator Fukunaga, Rep. Brower and Councilwoman Kobayashi held a town hall meeting to discuss current issues of importance to the community. On the agenda was the topic of homelessness. The Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA) has instituted a pilot program to begin to address this very troubling trend. We heard details on the "Evan's Bus Project" from HCDA Executive Director, Mr. Anthony Ching.



On Saturday, March 13th, I and the other Waikiki legislators, Rep. Brower, Rep. Nishimoto and Councilman Charles Djou held a town hall meeting to discuss several issues of importance to the community, including natural disaster preparedness, homelessness and the economy. It was an honor to donate the American and Hawaiian Flags pictured here to the Waikiki Community Center during this special event.

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CURRENT BILLS OF CONSEQUENCE RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

The budget remains the highest priority as we move into the final month of Legislative Session. Some of the measures to follow –

- **HB2200 – STATE BUDGET:** To adjust and request appropriations for Fiscal Biennium '09-'11 funding requirements for operations and capital improvement projects.
- **SB2695 – NON GENERAL FUNDS:** Addresses the fiscal budget shortfall by transferring to the general fund an unspecified amount of excess balances from certain special funds.
- **SB2469 – EMERGENCY AND BUDGET RESERVE FUND:** Appropriates moneys from the emergency and budget reserve fund to maintain levels of programs for education, human services and health.
- **HB1948 – INCOME TAX REFUND:** Requires the Dept. of Taxation to provide refunds to taxpayers within 90 days of the filing of the return.
- **SCR233 – INVESTIGATION/LEGAL ACTION/AUCTION RATE SECURITIES –** Requesting the State Attorney General or independent examiner to investigate activities surrounding the State's purchase of auction rate securities and to take legal action as appropriate

URBAN CAUCUS

Many of the constituent concerns brought to me regularly have to do with nuisances that are highly prevalent in urban cores, such as the 12th Senatorial district. These are a few of the measures that were introduced by our Legislative Urban Caucus that are still alive to this point I the session –

- **SB2545 – INTOXICATING LIQUOR; BYOB ESTABLISHMENTS:** Restricts from 6:00 am to 12:00 am, BYOB liquor consumption on unlicensed premises. Establishes class 17 licenses for BYOB establishments operating to 2:00 am and requires liquor liability insurance.
- **SCR76 – BICYCLES; MOPEDS; ETC:** Requests a study to recommend statutory amendments to address the safe and proper operation of bicycles, mopeds, two-seat mopeds, Segways, hybrid bicycles, powerful mopeds and all-terrain vehicles
- **SCR183 and SR84 – URBAN NOISE POLLUTION:** Convening a legislative noise pollution task force to review best practices from others states in reducing urban noise pollution.
- **SB466 – RELATING TO POLLUTION:** prohibits the use of leaf blowers on or near residential zones, except within allowed time periods. Prohibits leaf blowing operations from blowing debris onto adjacent property without permission.

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