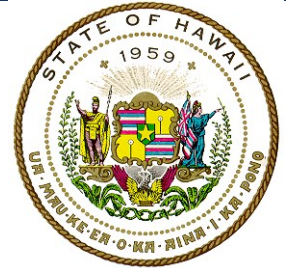


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## RACE TO THE TOP

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**Chinatown**  
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**Palama**



As a member of the Senate Standing Committee on Education and Housing (EDH), as well as my role of dad and Papa, I want to convey my congratulations to the DOE on their success with the Obama administration's Race to the Top grant.

Hawaii has been named a "RACE TO THE TOP" grant recipient as of August 24th. We will receive \$75 million in federal funding to implement comprehensive initiatives to reform our state's public education system in order to improve student achievement. Not only have we demonstrated a desire to reform but the capacity to do so successfully.

I was extremely impressed by the presentation of plans for transformation of our state's education system when the panelists came to speak to a joint Senate/House

Education Committee informational briefing on August 17th. And I must say, the US Dept. of Education must have also been impressed. If you are interested in receiving a copy of the presentation, please contact my office so we may e-mail you a copy. Additionally, the full application can be accessed through the DOE website.

I have watched our education system deal with numerous obstacles in the last year. From an H1N1 epidemic to the unpardonable "furlough-Fridays", the Department of Education has definitely had their work cut out for them. We had the desire and the drive to change and improve, but we simply lacked the funding and the blueprint to drastically overcome the obstacles. Operating off the bare essentials, our education system has long been in dire need of rehabilitation. We

jogged our minds into new perspectives and ran with several working ideas; and our efforts were greatly fruitful.

*Maika'i loa!* I commend the efforts of all the people who worked diligently to make this goal a reality. We will one day have a highly effective teacher in every classroom and a highly effective principal in every school. Although this grant is a momentous step forward for the public education system in Hawai'i, we should by no means let this be our last major achievement. Let us continue to work together to better improve our beautiful Hawai'i nei.



WAIKIKI



KAKA 'AKO/ALA MOANA



DOWNTOWN



CHINATOWN



PALAMA



WHAT A DIVERSE COMMUNITY!

**LEGISLATIVE URBAN CAUCUS**

During our August Legislative Urban Caucus meeting we discussed solutions to address our homeless population. One model that is very intriguing comes from King County (Seattle), WA. I recently spoke to Bill Block, the Executive Director, to learn more about their current initiatives. They have created a 10-Year Plan and Committee to End Homelessness. The Governing board is comprised of both public and private leaders which creates greater accountability. While building new housing is desired, it is by no means the only option. Following a blueprint that focuses on current rental inventory, with a landlord-liaison program that would encourage more units become available to those who may be "economically homeless" we can put people in homes more rapidly. These are just a few ideas. We will continue to explore as solutions building up to the 2011 Legislative Session.

**JUDICIAL APPOINTMENTS**

The Senate met in Special Session on Sept. 2nd in order to confirm two judicial nominees under the advise and consent procedure. We congratulate the following:

Governor's nominee:

JUDGE MARK RECKTENWALD for Chief Justice of the Hawaii Supreme Court

Chief Justice's nominee:

BLAINE KOBAYASHI for District Court Judge of the 2nd Circuit.

Congratulations are also in order for the recently confirmed judicial nominees: Circuit Court of the First Circuit: JEANNETTE CASTAGNETTI, FA'AUUGA TO'OTO'O, COLETTE GARBALDI. And District Court of the First Circuit: SHERRI-ANN IHA, STEVEN NAKASHIMA, MATTHEW VIOLA, MICHAEL TANIGAWA

**CONGRATULATIONS**

**Waipio Little League National Champs!  
We're so proud of you!**

For anyone interested in contributing much needed funds to the families for retiring their travel expenses, tax deductible donations may be sent to the Hawaii Children's Foundation, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations. All contributions will go to the Waipio team. Checks should be made out to the Hawaii Children's Foundation. Please indicate on the check that the donation is for the Waipio All-Stars Little League Team.

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