

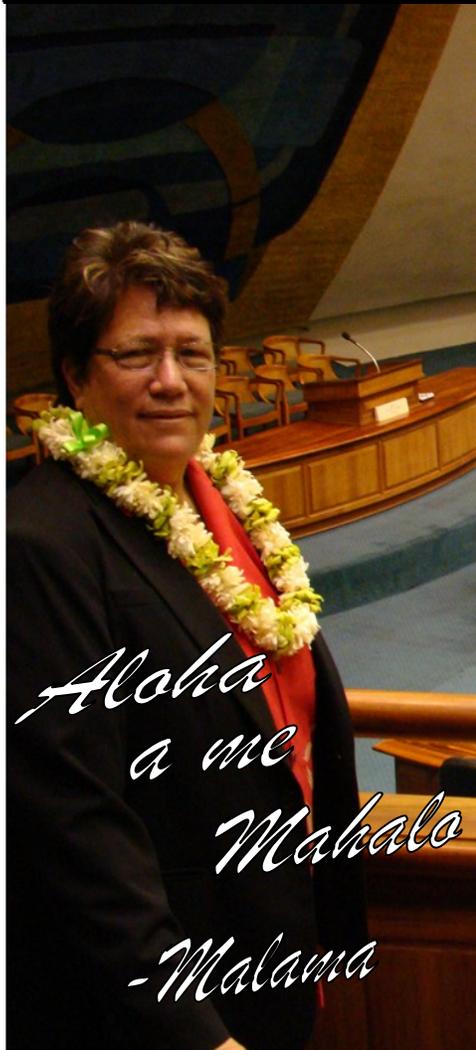
SENATOR MALAMA SOLOMON

Serving Hawai'i's Senate District 1

Encompassing the following communities:

*Waimea, Hāmākua, North Hilo, Rural South Hilo,
Hilo, Kaūmana, Keaukaha, Waiākea*

April 2012



*Aloha
a me
Mahalo
-Malama*

\$40 million released by Governor Abercrombie for projects to stimulate Our Economy

Projects receiving funding:
Install a hydropower plant in the
Waimea Irrigation System

Surveillance of Water-Side Threats
to Critical Infrastructure at Hilo and
Kawaihae Harbor

Hakalau Bridge: drainage
Improvements

Lower Hamakua Ditch Watershed
Project and Waimea Transfer Ditch
Improvements: construction and
improvements land acquisition, de
sign and construction to repair the
flumes, ditches, reservoirs, and
tunnels

Paauilo Rendering Plant and
Slaughterhouse: building
renovation, infrastructure
Improvements and equipment
Replacement

Design and construction
engineering of Waiakea radio
facility, Anuenue Radio Sites and
Towers

University of Hawaii at Hilo
Student Housing and Learning
Center

University of Hawaii at Hilo,
Student Housing



Senator Solomon (Vice Chair) and The Committee on Water, Land and Housing touring the Canada-France-Hawaii Telescope (CFHT)



The Senate celebrates the 10th anniversary of Title IX and pays tribute to late Congresswoman Patsy Mink
Title IX States no person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance.

Committees

- **Water, Land and Housing (Vice Chair)**
- **Commerce and Consumer Protection**
- **Economic Development and Technology**
- **Hawaiian Affairs**



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Senate's Budget

\$11 billion supplemental budget was passed by the Hawaii State Senate, supporting many of the governors initiatives.

Maintains the safety net to cover budget shortfalls, ensuring the ability of the government to perform necessary functions.

Including:

- Child Welfare
- Domestic Violence Shelters
- Medicaid
- and various shortfalls across the Department of Human Services.

Initiatives Funded

Economic recovery

Making state government more efficient.

\$30 million for Information Technology infrastructure projects that will increase efficiency in the restructuring of state government.

Modernize the Department of Human Services

Reducing fraudulent claims resulting in taxpayer savings.

Broadband initiatives to improve services on neighbor islands so every citizen has access. Enhanced communications improves business opportunities.

Development of the Honokohau Marina District.

Education

\$44million, our investment in education

Reform the charter school system

Ensure equal appropriations for public and charter schools

Community school for adults program.

Early learning

Student transportation

Construction of Hawaii Community College Palamanui campus.

Funding for the University of Hawaii at Hilo College of Pharmacy.

Public Libraries

\$500,000 funded for books and other curriculum related materials.

Restructured the governance of public libraries.



Senator Solomon with representatives from the University of Hawaii at Hilo Student Association during opening day

Health

Governor Abercrombie has released \$1,050,000 to go the Kona Community Hospital for design, construction and works of art and the installation of two new generators.

\$550,000 for Arc of Hilo for the construction of Client Support Services Community and Training Center.

Public Utilities

One of the Primary barriers to Hawaii's energy self-sufficiency is the conflict of interest that exists because the electric utility that owns & manages the grid is also in the business of energy generation using fossil fuels and facilities that can only be run on fossil fuels or their own bio-fuel plants. These facilities cannot interface with geothermal or other renewable energy sources.

HB 2644 & SB2427

(Introduced by Solomon)

Authorizing preferential water carrier service rates for ratepayers engaged in agricultural activities will help to ensure that Hawaii's farmers remain competitive and self-sustaining.

Adopting utility and regulatory practices will help ensure that Hawaii utilities are regulated by policies that are up-to-date, streamlined, subject to current information technology standards, and transparent.

Senate Education Week



Joyce Iwashita, principal of Kalaniana'ole Elementary and Intermediate School, was announced as Hawaii's 2011 National Distinguished Principal. She was selected by committee through a process conducted by the Hawaii Elementary and Middle School Administrators Association (HEMSAA). Senator Solomon presented Iwashita with a congratulatory Senate Certificate on the Senate Floor.

**FALLEN WAR
HEROES HONORED
BY LEGISLATURE
ON MARCH 28, 2012**

**24 Families Receive Hawaii
Medal of Honor at a Joint
Legislative Session**

As of December 31, 2011,
Hawaii had lost 308 service
members with Hawaii ties.

Marine Corps Lance
Corporal Christopher I. Camero, of Kailua, Kona, a 2010
graduate of Honoka'a High School, was the youngest
person remembered Wednesday. He died in a combat
operation in Helmand province, Afghanistan July 15.



2012 LEGISLATION

Public Safety

SB 3016 & HB 2848

Department of Public Safety to prepare a plan to create a
pu'u honua, or wellness center, that incorporates native
Hawaiian cultural practices

Creates a pilot program to allow certain incarcerated
individuals on Hawaii Island to work in the community
on projects that benefit the local community and the
State.

Public Lands Development: a proactive government/
private initiative to more efficiently utilize state lands.
Development of Banyan Drive, Hilo, to facilitate the
Expansion of hotel accommodations and increase job
opportunities. (SR 92 introduced by Solomon)

Geothermal Development

Hawaii is the most energy insecure State in the Union.
Hawaii is currently experiencing a crisis in energy as well
as a fiscal crisis. This is due largely to the fact that
Hawaii exports 7 billion dollars a year for fossil fuel.
These revenues are not being made available for growth
and expansion of our economy because they are diverted
to pay for fossil fuel despite the fact that Hawaii has a
great bounty of indigenous renewable energy, including
geothermal energy that is a 'mineral' and an asset of the
public trust.

SB 3003 Designates "geothermal resources exploration"
and "geothermal resources development" as permissible
uses in all state land use districts and conservation district
zones.

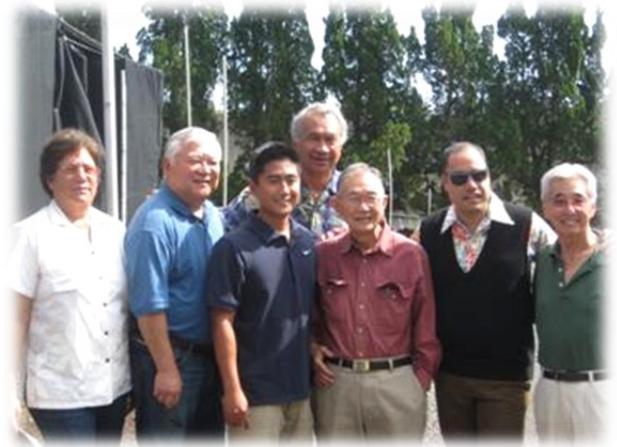
(Introduced by Solomon, and passed by Legislature)

SB 2001 Amends the Hawaii State Planning Act to
include promoting the development of indigenous
geothermal energy resources that are located on public
trust land as a source of firm power.

(Introduced by Solomon)

**Agricultural Development: Facilitate private sector
initiatives to develop and support agricultural
businesses**

SB 2375 Defines agricultural-based commercial
operations and authorizes agricultural-based commercial
operations in agricultural districts. Includes agricultural-
based commercial operations under the definition of
"farming operation" in the Hawaii Right to Farm Act



Senator Malama Solomon and members of the State Legisla-
ture visit the Tanouye Antherium Farms in Hilo, Hawaii



Senator Solomon and members of the Legislature visit the
Kamuela Vacuum Cooling Plant

Governor Enacts Bill to Resolve Ceded Lands Claims with OHA

Senate Bill 2783 was signed into law by Governor Neil Abercrombie on April 11, 2012 as Act 015



Signing of SB 2 & SB 1555. (introduced by Solomon, Dela Cruz)
Sen. Malama Solomon, Sen. Donovan Dela Cruz, Governor Abercrombie, Rep. Sharon Har, Rep. Jerry Chang

Act 015 will convey Kaka‘ako Makai lands to the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA). The State and OHA agreed that an approximately \$200 million settlement represents a reasonable compromise of all disputes and controversies relating to OHA’s portion ceded of lands income from the public trust lands for the period November 7, 1978 through June 30, 2012.



Senator Clayton Hee, Senator Malama Solomon, Former Governor John Waihee and Senator Gilbert Kahele, attending the signing of the Native Hawaiian Recognition Bill (introduced by Hee, Solomon)

The State is conveying contiguous and adjacent parcels in Kaka‘ako Makai, which include the parcels near Kaka‘ako Waterfront Park, including Fisherman’s Wharf. The settlement has no effect on claims related to sovereignty, or claims related to ceded lands receipts after July 2012, which are governed by Act 178 (2006)., which gives \$15.1 million to OHA’s share of ceded lands revenue.



Cast members, production team from “Hawaii Five-0” were presented certificates from both the Senate and House. commends the CBS Executive Team, Producers, Cast, and Crew of HAWAII FIVE-0 for an excellent performance during its first Season.

Senator Solomon and Staff with Governor Neil Abercrombie. From left: Marcus Hoeflinger, Senator Malama Solomon, Bruss Keppeler, Ethann Oki, Governor Abercrombie and Roth Puahala.

