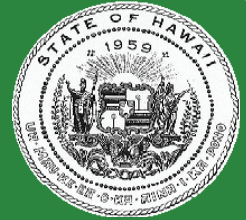




Ko'olau Konnections



From the Office of State Senator Jill N. Tokuda

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LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

Senate District 24 (Kaneohe and Kailua)

Chair of Senate Education Committee
Member of the Agriculture;
Water, Land and Housing;
and Ways and Means Committees
Majority Whip

ON THE MOVE...

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Senator Tokuda attended and emceed the 96744 5Rs Fair at King Intermediate on March 3rd.

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Windward Oahu students with Teen Pact spent the week at the Capitol. On March 20th, Senator Tokuda spent time talking to them and had great Q&A about qualities of a leader, delivery of justice, morals and how we make decisions.

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On March 22nd, Senator Tokuda attended the Castle Complex Redesign Team Meeting.

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Senator Tokuda attended and celebrated with Kainalu Little League with their opening day festivities at the Norman Aweau Field on March 24th.

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On March 25th, Senator Tokuda volunteered at the Friends of Kailua High School 5K/10K Fun Run.

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Senator Tokuda attend the Windward PONY Baseball League Opening Day Festivities at Kailua High School on March 31st.

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SB2545 - Relating to Early Education

Establishes the executive office on early learning and the early learning advisory board to replace the early learning council. Repeals junior kindergarten programs at the end of the 2013-2014 school year, but lays the framework for a statewide preschool program. Clarifies that beginning with the 2014-2015 school year, requires students to be at least five years of age on July 31 of the school year in order to attend kindergarten. *(Passed out of FIN on April 3)*

SB2115/SB2116 - Charter School Omnibus and Transition Plan

Establishes a new chapter governing charter schools & completely re-codifies HRS302B, based on the recommendations of the charter school governance, accountability, and authority task force established by Act 130, Session Laws of Hawaii 2011 & inline with the National Charter School Model Law. Provides resources & time for implementation & transition to the new system. *(Passed out of FIN on April 3)*

SB2540 Hawaii Revised Statutes; Clean up Bills

Amends or repeals various provisions of chapter 302A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, as part of statutory clean up & streamlining effort. *(Passed out of FIN on March 29)*

SB 2536 Relating to Clean and Sober Homes and Halfway Houses

Establishes a temporary clean and sober home and halfway house task force. Requires the task force to submit a report to the legislature containing findings and recommendations and any proposed legislation that may be necessary to effectuate those requirements. *(Passed out of FIN on March 30)*

HB2246 Relating to Haiku Valley

Establishes the Haiku Valley cultural preserve commission to provide policy and management oversight of the Haiku Valley cultural preserve. Initiates process of conveying Haiku Valley in fee simple to the Department of Land and Natural Resources. *(Passed out of WAM on March 30)*

HB2012 HD1 SD1 - Relating to the State Budget

Enchanted Lake Elementary (2011) \$1,400,000 for campus wide electrical upgrades.

James B. Castle High School (2011) \$585,000 to replace the lighting and sound system in Ron Bright Auditorium.

Kailua Elementary (2011) \$1,400,000 for campus wide electrical upgrades.

Kailua High (2011) \$2,500,000 for removal and replacement of soccer/football field bleachers and storage rooms. (2012) \$360,000 for the plans, design, construction and equipment upgrades for tennis courts.

Kalaheo High (2011) \$1,500,000 for athletic field improvements and (2012) \$410,000 for plans, design and construction of bleachers for athletic field and tennis courts.

Kaneohe Elementary (2011) \$780,000 and (2012) \$780,000 for the plans, design, construction and equipment for ADA transition plan.

Kapunahala Elementary (2012) \$400,000 for the plans, design and construction for covered walkways between buildings A, B, and C.

Olomana School (2011) \$88,000 for the plans, design and construction for a twelve-foot extension to physical education portable.

Puohala Elementary (2011) \$250,000 for plans and design for a structural assessment to address the separation of walls in buildings on campus.



Senator Tokuda joined KITV's Yasmin Dar to talk about the Senate's "Ask Your Senator" project, the new and innovative addition to this year's Education Week, which gives students and classrooms the opportunity to ask questions of their state senators. The Senators then respond via video to the students questions.

Two of the many honorees during this year's Education Week were from Kailua High School: **Chad Miller**, the 2011 Hawaii State Teacher of the Year and **Amber Strong Makaiau**, who received the 2011 Teacher Tolerance Award for Culturally Responsive Teaching.



Left: Senator Tokuda with Senator Tsutsui, Senator Kim and Senator Espero who represented the Senate in a friendly competition of "Punt, Pass and Kick" between the Senate, House and Governor's Office. The game was officiated by UH athletic coaches and administrative officials who were at the Capitol as a part of Education Week, sharing with the Legislators, staff and public about the various programs that the University system offers for Hawaii's students.

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DISTRICT EVENTS

- Mahinui Road Residential Development Community Meeting - Thursday, April 5, 2012 at 6:30PM @ Honey's Restaurant, Koolau Golf Course
- Aloha Aina Earth Day - Saturday, April 7, 2012 at 8AM-2PM @ Kalaheo High School
- Olomana Community Association Easter Egg Hunt - Saturday, April 7, 2012 at 2:00PM @ Maunawili Elementary School
- 3rd Annual Kalaheo High School Spirit 5K Run/Walk - Saturday, April 14, 2012 at 7:30AM @ Kailua Beach, across from Buzz's Steakhouse
- Kaneohe Community and Senior Center's 35th Anniversary Open House - Friday, April 20, 2012 at 8:30AM-12:00PM @ Kaneohe Senior Center
- 37th Annual Windward Complex Speech Festival - Saturday, April 28, 2012 at 8:00AM @ Castle High School
- Castle High School Graduation - Friday, May 18, 2012 at 6:30PM @ Blaisdell Center Concert Hall
- Kailua High School Graduation - Saturday, May 19, 2012 at 6:30PM @ Kailua HS
- Kalaheo High School Graduation - Monday, May 21, 2012 at 6:30PM @ Blaisdell Center Concert Hall

Senator Tokuda's Art Review (STAR) Program

Puohala Elementary School and Windward Nazarene Academy have student artwork on display at the Hawaii State Capitol as a part of the STAR Program for the month of April. The public is welcome to view the artwork at the State Capitol, Chamber Level, Monday through Friday from 6:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. (excluding holidays) and Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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