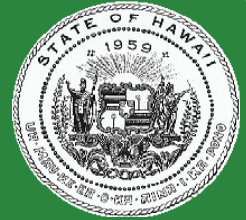




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Senate District 24 (Kaneohe and Kailua)

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

ON THE MOVE...

Senator Tokuda participated in the
48th Annual Kaneohe Christmas
Parade on December 4.

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In early December, Senator
Tokuda was interviewed by Hawaii
News Now Aha'i Ololo Ola
(Hawaiian Language News
Segment) about how to make sure
Furlough Fridays never happen
again. The show is being aired
throughout the month of January
on Sundays at 4:30pm on KGMB.

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In honor and remembrance of
Pearl Harbor Day, Senator Tokuda
attended the Official Stitching
Ceremony of the National 9/11
Flag restoration project at the USS
Missouri Memorial

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On January 3rd, the Hawaii
Secondary Student Conference
held a Lobby Day at the State
Capitol where the students
presented their ideas to the Senate
Education Committee and other
Legislators about what changes
they would like to see implemented
in the schools and in our state.

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Happy New Year!

The State Capitol is buzzing with meetings and informational briefings. With the present economic situation and the results of our recent elections, the 2011 Legislature is preparing for daunting challenges and exciting opportunities. This year I will be chairing the Senate Education Committee, which includes both lower and higher education. I will also be a member of the Committee on Agriculture, Committee on Water, Land and Housing, and the Committee on Ways and Means, and continue my role with the Senate Leadership as Majority Whip.

This session we will continue to focus on education reform efforts that lead to increased student achievement, while also focusing on national resource protection areas, such as Kawainui Marsh.

In December 2010, Governor Lingle released \$800K for updates to the 1994 Kawainui Master Plan. I have been working with the Department of Land and Natural Resources to get these funds awarded and work started. We will let you know when our next Community Meeting will take place.

We have also had some changes take place in our office. We thank our Community Liaison, Kamakana Kaimulua, for his dedication and commitment to the Kaneohe and Kailua areas. Kamakana has moved on to work for Congresswoman Colleen Hanabusa, but we welcome Kailua resident, Erin Conner as our new Community Liaison. Erin is a graduate of Kailua High School and has 4 years of experience at the Legislature and working with constituents. This session we also have veteran legislative staff returning to our office for their 5th sessions at the Legislature. Allen Awaya and Vaughn Tokashiki are both retired DOE teachers and have a wealth of knowledge of the Department of Education and Windward Oahu.

We want to wish you and your families a Happy New Year! Please contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

ACE INTERNSHIP

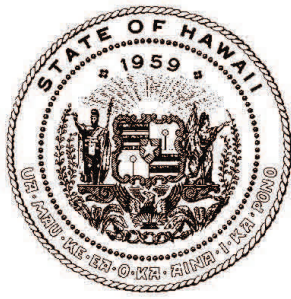
Our office is once again accepting applications from Windward high school students for the ACE (A Capitol Experience) paid internship. This year we've extended the opportunity to all Windward CC students. Interested students should talk to their student activities coordinator, counselors, or visit my webpage at <http://tinyurl.com/sentokuda> for the application. The deadline to submit applications for consideration is **January 12, 2011**.

*Opening Day
of the 2011
Legislature
is on
Wednesday,
January 19th*



COMMUNITY RECYCLING

Aloha 'Aina Earth Day Recycling on **Saturday, January 8** from 8:00-2:00pm at Castle High School. Please bring your HI5 recyclables, green waste, computers, cooking oil, Goodwill donations, tires, scrap metal and more turn trash into cash for our schools and clean up our community. For more information, please call Rene Mansho at 306-1876.



Talk Story

with Windward Oahu Legislators



Senator Jill Tokuda, Representatives Pono Chong, Ken Ito, and Chris Lee will be hosting a town hall meeting to provide you with an opportunity to share your thoughts and concerns about our community, as well as, discuss the 2011 Legislative Session.

Please join us for refreshments and light conversation between friends and neighbors.

Tuesday, January 25, 2011

7:00-8:30 pm

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