



**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, Senator
Kidani, and Senator Ige were
filmed by Olelo Media for a
Senate Spotlight focusing on
education that will be aired later
this month

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Senator Tokuda attended the
Castle Complex Education
Summit and Castle High
School's Performing Arts
Showcase at Windward Mall on
February 26th

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Senator Tokuda met with
students from Le Jardin
Academy in their classrooms to
discuss pollution impact on our
local environment and with
students from Okinawa as they
visited the Capitol on March 3rd

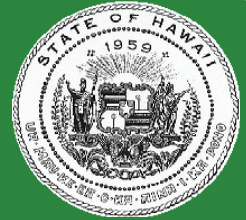
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Windward resident Kanekoa
Kukea-Shultz will be shadowing
Senator Tokuda on Friday,
March 5th as a part of the
2010-2011 Agricultural
Leadership Program

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Senator Tokuda will be hosting
a UStream conversation with
Kalaheo High School 11th and
12th grade leadership students
on March 8.

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2011 EDUCATION WEEK MARCH 14-18

MONDAY, MARCH 14

- Open House for University of Hawaii Culinary Students, Agriculture programs and Sustainability programs **10:00-12:00pm, Room 224 and 225**

TUESDAY, MARCH 15

- Early Learning Council Framework Presentation and Breakfast **7:45-9:15am, Room 224**

In order to correctly estimate the amount of food to prepare, please RSVP at <http://tinyurl.com/elcbreakfast>

- Open House for University of Hawaii Engineering programs, Medicine and Nursing programs, Science and Technology programs and Digital Media programs **10:00-12:00pm, Room 224 and 225**

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16

- Open House for Charter School Groups **8:30-12:00pm, Room 224**
- Hawaii Institute for Public Affairs/ 21st Century Schools Presentation **9:00-10:30am, Room 225**
- Senate Floor Presentations: State Librarian of the Year, Excellence in Service Awards, 2009 Presidential Awards for Math and Science Teaching, 30th Anniversary of the Kupuna Program

THURSDAY, MARCH 17

- Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) Program Presentation by Campbell High and Washington Middle students **10:00-11:00am, Room 224**
- Open House for Hawaii P-20 Partnerships in Education: P-3 Initiative, Step-Up Program and Gear Up **9:00-11:30am, Room 225**
- Hawaii State Council on Developmental Disabilities, Day at the Capitol **9:00-10:30am, Auditorium**
- Senate Floor Presentations: 2010 Milken Family Foundation Educator Awards, 2010 Blue Ribbon Schools, 2010 National Distinguished Principals

FRIDAY, MARCH 18

- Open House for Hawaii Education Matters – focusing on healthy meals and healthy foods in schools **10:00-11:00am, Room 224**
- Legislative Training Session and Hearing Day for high school students with the Committees on EDU, ENE, and HTH **1:15pm, Room 225**
- Senate Floor Presentations: 2011 Hawaii Teachers of the Year

Upcoming District Events

***96744 Fair-A 5Rs Festival of Fun**

March 5, 2011 11:00-5:00 at King Intermediate School

***Project C.L.E.A.N. Community Cleanup & Graffiti Paint Out**

March 19, 2011 8:00-11:00am at Kaneohe District Park, Kailua District Park, and Waimanalo District Park

CYBERBULLYING

by Fredrene Balanay, ACE Intern

What was once considered a growing pain has drawn the attention of legislators, educators, and youth intervention groups alike. "Bullying" and, now with the extension of technology, "cyber bullying" is no longer considered child's play but may become a criminal act.

In efforts to improve Hawaii's school learning environment, three bills were introduced at the beginning of the 2011 session that will affect a change in DOE regulations and adopt a stricter policy. SB 87, 919, 934 or "The bullying bills" as they are commonly referred to, defines the acts of both bullying and cyber bullying. They include details on reporting incidents, specific training for DOE personnel, intervention, treatment and punishment for students who violate its terms, amongst other things... (to read the entire article, please visit www.tinyurl.com/sentokuda)

Senator Tokuda's Art Review (STAR) Program

Ben Parker Elementary, Mokapu Elementary and King Intermediate student artwork is on display at the Hawaii State Capitol as a part of the STAR Program for the month of March.

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.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE ON BILLS OF INTEREST

The deadline coming up for the Legislature this month is going to be First Crossover on March 10, where all Senate bills cross over to the House and all the House bills come to the Senate. Each committee is then tasked with holding hearings on subject matter bills. Here is the status of two bills of particular interest to Senate District 24.

SB811 Relating to the State Hospital - Requires the department of public safety to provide security at the Hawaii State Hospital. Requires a report to the legislature on strategies and plans to address the needs for appropriate security and the needs of the increasing and aging forensic population at the Hawaii state hospital. **HTH/PGM did not pass SB811, but the parties have assured us that they will be working together on this issue and have asked that we turn the bill into a resolution for their follow up action.**

SB812 Relating to Clean and Sober and Halfway Homes - 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 recommendations. **Senator Espero, chair of the Senate Committee on Public Safety, Government Operations, and Military Affairs (PGM) did not hear SB812, but heard SB166 instead, which is very similar to SB812 which establishes a task force within the Department of Health to regulate clean and sober homes and halfway houses.**

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Senator Tokuda met with Leeward Community College administrators as a part of their leadership cohort to discuss such things as funding for the UH System and to learn more about how the Legislative process works.



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