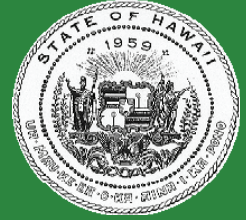




Ko'olau Konnections



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...

Senator Tokuda attended Mahinui Road Residential Development Community Meeting on April 5th.

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On April 7th, Senator Tokuda attended the Bay View Golf Park Blessing for Windward Nazarene Academy.

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On April 14th, Senator Tokuda volunteered at Kalaheo High School's 5K Fun Run Walk in Lanikai.

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Senator Tokuda attended and celebrated with the Kaneohe Senior's at the 35th anniversary of the Kaneohe Senior and Community Center on April 20th.

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On April 21st, Senator Tokuda helped judge Senior Projects at Castle High School.

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Senator Tokuda volunteered for the Hawaii Foodbank on April 21st for their 23rd annual food drive at Windward City Shopping Center.

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On April 28, Senator Tokuda participated as a judge in the 37th Annual Castle Complex Elementary Schools Speech Festival.

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 Final Reading in the Senate and House on May 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 \$500,000 for resources & time for implementation & transition to the new system. *(Passed Final Reading in the Senate and House on May 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 Final Reading in the Senate and House on May 1)*

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 Final Reading in the Senate and House on May 3)*

HB2012 CD1 - Relating to the State Budget

Enchanted Lake Elementary (2012) \$1,400,000 for campus wide electrical upgrades.

James B. Castle High School (2012) \$585,000 to replace the lighting and sound system in Ron Bright Auditorium.

Kailua Elementary (2012) \$1,400,000 for campus wide electrical upgrades.

Kailua High (2012) \$2,500,000 for removal and replacement of soccer/football field bleachers and storage rooms.

Kalaheo High (2012) \$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 (2012) \$780,000 for the plans, design, construction and equipment for ADA transition plan.

Kapunahala Elementary (2013) \$330,000 for the design and construction of a mechanical lift.

King Intermediate (2013) \$700,000 for the design and construction to convert cafeteria to cafetorium with bathrooms and stage.

Olomana School (2012) \$88,000 for the plans, design and construction for a twelve-foot extension to physical education portable.

Puohala Elementary (2012) \$250,000 for plans and design for a structural assessment to address the separation of walls in buildings on campus.

Kaneohe Public Library (2013) \$20,000 for plans, design, and construction of new ADA compliant circulation desk.

Kawainui Marsh (2013) \$1,055,000 for construction and equipment for restoration of endangered habitat and wetlands.

Hawaii State Hospital (2012) \$11,614,000 for various repairs and improvements (2013) \$2,800,000 for the planning and demolition of Goddard Building.



Above: Senator Tokuda, Senate Conferees and House conferees led by Representative Della Au Belatti voted on and passed out SB2115, Relating to Charter Schools on April 26th.

Below: Senator Tokuda participating in the Senate's Dunking Booth Foodbank Fundraiser. Senator Tokuda is dunking Senate Minority Leader Senator Sam Slom. 14 State Senators volunteered to be targets in the dunking booth.



Senator Tokuda's Art Review (STAR) Program

Kaneohe Elementary School and Saint Mark Lutheran School have student artwork on display at the Hawaii State Capitol as a part of the STAR Program for the month of May. 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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DISTRICT EVENTS

- Heeia Elementary School May Day - Friday, May 4th at 9:00AM @ Heeia Elementary
- Windward Nazarene Annual May Day Program - Friday, May 4th at 5:30PM @ Windward Mall
- Windward Community College Commencement Ceremony - Saturday, May 12th at 12:00pm @ Paliku Theater
- Kailua High School Awards Night - Monday, May 14th at 6:00PM @ Kailua High
- Kaneohe Elementary May Day Celebration - Friday, May 18th at 9:00AM @ Kaneohe Elementary
- Olomana School Graduation - Friday, May 18th at 11:00AM @ Olomana School
- Castle High School Graduation - Friday, May 18th at 6:30PM @ Blaisdell Center Concert Hall
- Kailua High School Graduation - Saturday, May 19th at 6:30PM @ Kailua HS
- Kalaheo High School Graduation - Monday, May 21st at 6:30PM @ Blaisdell Center Concert Hall

Congratulations to all 2012 graduates!!

Senator Tokuda giving a floor speech in support of one of the hundreds of bills that passed out of the Senate for Final Reading on May 1st. If they passed out of the House, the bills now go to the Governor for his signature.



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