



## House District 33

'Aiea, 'Aiea Heights,  
Halawa, Halawa Heights  
Red Hill, Waimalu

# Community Newsletter

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Aloha Neighbors,

It's been a hectic and exciting two months since I was sworn-in as your Representative for District 33, and I would like to take this opportunity to update you on some of the key issues being addressed this 2012 legislative session, as well as inform you of upcoming community events and meetings.



I was very fortunate to have been appointed to serve as a member of the House Finance Committee since a majority of the over 2,000 bills introduced this session will, once heard and acted upon by other legislative committees, end up in the Finance Committee for final disposition. This has enabled me to not only learn about many of the varied and important concerns of people throughout our state, but also to keep a close eye on funding for projects of significance to our community, such as the new 'Aiea Public Library.

I am pleased to report that construction bids for the new 'Aiea Public Library were formally opened on April 5<sup>th</sup>, and an announcement regarding the selected contractor will be made in the near future. I am also working vigorously on the release of funding to build a quiet wall along the H-1 Freeway near the 'Aiea Hongwanji which will not only ease the noise from the freeway, but also enhance the safety of the residents living in that area. Finally, I am grateful that Governor Abercrombie released \$1,150,000 for improvements to Pearl Ridge Elementary School, including electrical upgrades to support the expanded use of technology in classrooms.

In this newsletter, I have highlighted some of the important community meetings and events taking place in May and I hope you will be able to participate in them.

Your voice is my platform, and I urge you to call or email me to share your ideas and concerns. Together we can make our community a stronger, safer, and better place for everyone.

Aloha,

Representative Heather Haunani Giugni

## FUNDS RELEASED FOR PEARL RIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Governor Abercrombie has released **\$1,150,000** for *Pearl Ridge Elementary School!* The funds will be used for design and construction of electrical upgrades to support greater use of technology.



Senator David Ige (District 16) worked diligently to provide the funding for this project and we are grateful to him for his dedicated efforts.

## Lawmakers Listen Community Meeting

*"I will be hosting this community meeting with key House legislators as a unique opportunity for District 33 to meet informally, ask questions, and discuss concerns and ideas. The meeting should be extremely informative, and I look forward to seeing you there." - Heather Giugni*

**Wednesday, May 2, 2012**  
**7:00 pm to 8:30 pm**  
**'Aiea Public Library**

**Guest speakers to include:**



Representative Calvin Say  
Speaker of the House



Representative Pono Chong  
House Majority Leader



Representative Marcus Oshiro  
House Finance  
Committee Chair

*Please come and share your concerns and ideas with our key legislative leaders.*

**Refreshments will be offered**

*For more information, please contact Representative Heather Giugni's office at 586-6340 or email repgiugni@capitol.hawaii.gov*

## Community Developments



At the future site of the 'Aiea Public Library with (from left) Tyler Fujiyama, Project Coordinator, Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS); Glenn Miura, Principal, CDS International; Representative Heather Giugni; Gayle Hirohata-Goto, Branch Manager, 'Aiea Public Library; Keith Fujio, Assistant to the State Librarian; and Stacie Kanno, Branch Director, State Library System



At the 'Aiea High School Family Fun Fair with 'Aiea Lions Club President and Chairman, Wilbert Ho, and his wife, Helen Ho



Rep. Giugni with the 'Aiea High School 2012 State Champion Girls Wrestling Team at the 'Aiea High School Family Fun Fair

### 'Aiea Public Library Update

This landmark community project, which was featured in our March Newsletter, continues on-schedule. On April 5<sup>th</sup>, bids were opened and the contractor for the project will be selected soon. Construction will begin later this year and completed in about one year. I continue to work this session on passage of the \$1.75 million supplemental appropriation, covering the community meeting room and photovoltaic systems, so the full library design can be implemented.

### 'Aiea High School 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Banquet

The recent Family Fun Fair on March 30, part of 'Aiea High School's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations, was a big success and raised valuable funds for school programs. Another important event, the **'Aiea High School Anniversary Banquet**, will take place on **Saturday, May 5 at Honolulu Country Club from 5:30pm to 10:30pm**. The banquet will also generate funds for school programs, and past and present faculty and administration members will be recognized for their valuable contributions to 'Aiea High School. Tickets are \$80 per person and can be obtained at the 'Aiea High School office or send in the ticket order form on the school website at [www.aieahs.org](http://www.aieahs.org), and click on "Community" and then "50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary".

**'Live, Work, Play 'Aiea' Development (Kam Drive-In Site):** I continue to monitor closely activities and constituent reaction to the Robertson Properties Group's "Live, Work, Play 'Aiea" development at the former Kam Drive-In site in 'Aiea. PBR Hawaii, which produced the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), will respond to all public comments on the EIS. I have also communicated my concerns about the development's impact on traffic congestion and sewer capacity which are raised in the report. PBR Hawaii will make final changes to the EIS before submitting to the City Department of Planning and Permitting this summer. The City Council is expected to hold public hearings on rezoning the site to Community Business Mixed Use District (BMX-3) in early 2013.



*U.S. Senator Akaka, OHA Trustees, and Legislators at the Senate Bill 2786 signing event on April 11, 2012 with Governor Abercrombie*



*What's in the white tent? The temporary home of 'Aiea Fire Station Engine 10 located at the old 'Aiea Sugar Mill*



*Honoring Senator Daniel Akaka for receiving the Harry S. Truman Award for distinguished service in support of National Defense*

The 2012 Legislative Session is now in its final weeks and will wrap-up on May 3. Below are a few bills that have generated interest and discussion. If you would like to comment on these bills, or any other bills, please contact me or my staff at 586-6340 or email [repgiugni@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:repgiugni@capitol.hawaii.gov).

**Senate Bill 2786—Public Trust Lands:** On April 11, 2012 Governor Neil Abercrombie signed SB 2786 into law. The bill conveys Kaka'ako Makai lands to the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) in order to resolve all disputes and controversies. It also extinguishes, discharges and bars all claims, suits, and actions relating to OHA's portion of income and proceeds from public trust lands during the period of November 7, 1978 through June 30, 2012. This landmark legislation will be effective on July 1, 2012.

**House Bill 1875 – Foreclosures:** Implements the 2011 recommendations of the mortgage foreclosure task force and other best practices, to address various issues relating to the mortgage foreclosures law and related issues affecting homeowner association liens and the collection of unpaid assessments.

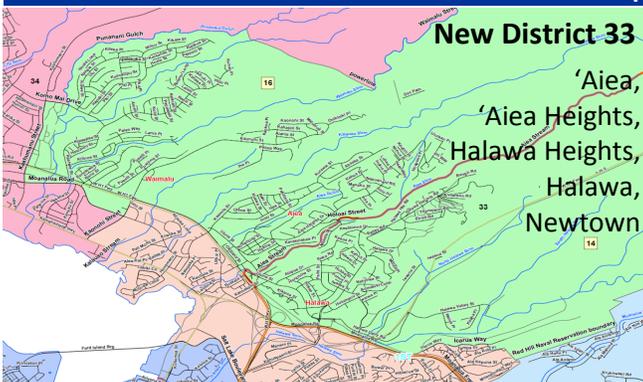
**House Bill 2030—Statewide Traffic Code:** Also known as the “Move Over Bill”, House Bill 2030 requires motorists to vacate the lane closest to the stationary authorized emergency vehicle or reduce driving speed until safely clear of the stationary emergency vehicle when passing. Representatives and Senators will be working together to finalize the bill.

**Senate Bill 2939—St. Francis Health Care System:** Authorizes the issuance of \$80 million in special purpose revenue bonds to finance the construction, improvement and equipment of St. Francis Health Care System of Hawai'i. The bill will end up in a conference committee where a final determination will be made by Senate and House members.

**Senate Bill 2545 – Early Learning Education:** Establishes the executive office on early learning, and establishes the early learning advisory board to replace the early learning council. Repeals junior kindergarten programs at the end of the 2013-2014 school year. 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.

**House Concurrent Resolution 141—Dog Breeding Task Force:** Requests the Director of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs to convene a task force on dog breeding. Task force will find ways to prevent future instances of animal cruelty by large-scale commercial dog breeders and to protect the public from purchasing sick and unhealthy dogs.

## Reapportionment



Every ten years, legislative districts are re-drawn, or “reapportioned”, to ensure proper representation as the population grows and shifts. The 2011 Hawaii Reapportionment Commission in late February approved a plan which will change the boundaries of House District 33. The change will take effect on November 6, 2012, the day of the General Election. District 33 currently covers 'Aiea, 'Aiea Heights, Halawa, Halawa Heights, Red Hill, and Waimalu. The “reapportioned” District 33 will no longer include Waimalu and Red Hill, and will add Newtown. For updated information on the recent reapportionment and current lawsuit, please visit my website at [www.capitol.hawaii.gov](http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov), click on “Legislators”, and then “Giugni”.



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**UH-West O’ahu:  
 Empowering Our Community  
 through Education**

The ‘Aiea/Pearl City Community Town Meeting on May 17 will feature Chancellor Gene Awakuni who will provide an overview of the beautiful new campus that will welcome its first group of students this August. Dr. Awakuni will also discuss some of the exciting educational programs and resources UH-West O’ahu will bring to our communities, such as the innovative library/media center. Located there will be the unique ‘Ulu’ulu: Henry Ku’ualoha Giugni Moving Image Archive of Hawai’i which will preserve and digitize our moving image history. The new campus is another milestone in West O’ahu’s development and we urge you and your family to attend this informative presentation.



Construction continues at UH-West O’ahu, the home of ‘Ulu’ulu, Hawai’i’s moving image archive



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**Community Calendar**

**Lawmakers Listen  
 Community Meeting**  
 Wednesday May 2, 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm  
 ‘Aiea Public Library

**‘Aiea High School, 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Banquet**  
 Saturday May 5, 5:30 pm - 10:30 pm  
 Honolulu Country Club  
*(For additional information, please visit the ‘Aiea High School website at [www.aieahs.org](http://www.aieahs.org), and click on “Community” and then “50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary”.)*

**‘Aiea Neighborhood Board Meeting**  
 Monday May 14, 7:30 pm  
 ‘Aiea Public Library

**‘Aiea/Pearl City Community  
 Town Meeting: “UH-West O’ahu:  
 Empowering Our Community  
 through Education”**  
 Thursday May 17, 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm  
 Pearl Ridge Elementary School

**‘Aiea Lions Club Graffiti Clean-Up**  
 Saturday May 19, 8:00 am – Pau  
 Alvah Scott Elementary School to  
 Pearl Ridge Elementary School

**‘Aiea Intermediate & High Schools  
 Music Concert**  
 Saturday May 19, 5:00 pm  
 Pearl City Cultural Center

**‘Aiea Community Association Meeting**  
 Monday May 21, 7:00 pm