

Representative Gene Ward



2011 MAY Report

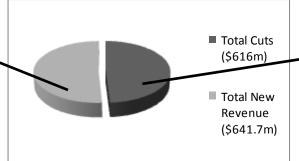
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How the Legislature Balanced the Budget

Facing a \$1.3 billion budget deficit over the next two fiscal years, the 2011 Legislature has raised taxes and fees to generate revenue without restructuring the \$11 billion per year State government as illustrated in the graphic below. Rep. Ward voted in opposition to raising taxes and fees (see rationale at www.hawaiistatebudgetonline.com).

TOTAL NEW REVENUE \$641.7m

Includes Suspension of Tax Exemptions, Repeal of Standard Deductions, Increased Fees, & Special Fund Raids



TOTAL CUTS \$616m

Includes Cuts to Medicaid, Labor Costs Savings, & Various Executive Branch & Departmental Cuts



Potential Impacts

- Higher Cost of Living
- Higher Costs in Construction, Transportation, & Goods & Services



Total Biennium
Operating Budget:

\$ 22 Billion



Potential Impacts

- Reduced Medicaid Eligibility
- Medicaid Benefit Changes
- Salary Reduction for Government Workers
- Changes in Government Operations & Services

KA IWI WATCH UPDATE:



The City's
Department of
Planning and
Permitting stated
on May 26, 2011
that no applications
have been filed for
development on
Ka Iwi.

HAWAI'I KAI FARMERS ALERT:



As of May 31, 2011, Kamilonui Valley Farmers are near final negotiations with the Kamehameha Schools (KSBE).

REPS WARD & OSHIRO ON THE AIRWAVES



Rep. Ward (House Minority Leader) and House Majority Leader, Rep. Blake Oshiro for the past three months participated in a weekly radio show hosted by Rick Hamada on KHVH 830AM titled "Both Sides". The show aired every Wednesday from 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. and the respective party leaders discussed the major issues occurring at the 2011 Legislature, including taking calls and questions from the public.

Rep. Ward and Rep. Barbara Marumoto (House Minority Policy Leader) also participated in a radio show hosted by Hawai'i Public Radio's Beth-Ann Kozlovich called "Town Square". The April 28, 2011 episode covers how the House Minority Caucus balanced the state budget without raising taxes or fees. You can listen to April 28th radio show or download it from the Hawai'i Public Radio website at:

http://www.hawaiipublicradio.org/talkshows/

VIDEOS FOR THE MONTH

May 10, 2011—Town Hall Meeting

Part 1 - http://tinyurl.com/3e6f6rv

Part 2 - http://tinyurl.com/3ctqbto

Honoring the U.S. Navy SEALs

http://tinyurl.com/3b8z7nw

Supporting Legislative Pay Cuts

http://tinyurl.com/3f3yhn8

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PAY CUTS EXTENDED



Rep. Ward believes that elected officials should have to make the same sacrifices as the people in our community. On the final day of the 2011 Legislative Session, he spoke up about the importance of keeping a 5% pay cut in place for members of the Legislature (HB 575).

MEET THE KING!



Rep. Ward congratulates Daniel Kang, King of the 2011 Kamiloiki Elementary School May Day Court. The school held its May Day festivities on May 6, 2011 in the morning followed by a celebration of its 40th Anniversary later in the evening.

Attending the later celebration as well, Rep. Ward presented a congratulatory certificate from the House of Representatives to Principal Susan Okano.



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CONGRATULATIONS KAISER HIGH SCHOOL JROTC



The U.S. Air Force JROTC Outstanding Unit Award was presented to Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Sean Bresnan on Saturday, May 14, 2011.

The Henry J. Kaiser High School Air Force JROTC program has earned the award five years in a row. The program has also been recognized as a distinguished unit with merit for two years in in row.

The 140 cadets in the JROTC program logged over 1,240 hours of community service during the 2010-2011 school year. Congratulations Cougars!

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS



Projects that benefit the 17th Representative District include:

- Kaiser High School - \$7.2 million

Plans, design and construction for a girls athletic locker room.

- Maunalua Bay Launch Ramp Facility - \$2.0 million

Plans, design, construction and equipment to renovate the Maunalua Bay Launch Ramp Facility.

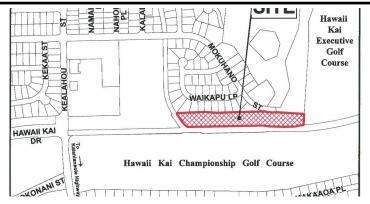
CONGRATULATIONS COUGARS!



Rep. Ward pictured with graduate Alexander Fong attended the Henry J. Kaiser High School Commencement Ceremony for the Class of 2011 on Friday, May 20, 2011.

Congratulations and best wishes to the 200 graduates of the Class of 2011 as they open up the next chapter of their young lives.

MOKUHANO CLUSTER DEVELOPMENT UPDATE:



The City and County of Honolulu informed our office that the developer ("Pololei Partners, LLC") submitted revised drawings/plans of the proposed Mokuhano Cluster Development, per the requirements of the Department of Planning and Permitting's conditional approval. These revised drawings/plans are currently **under review** by the department.

Reports concerning overgrown brush posing a fire hazard, and plants from the vacant property impeding onto properties along Waikapu Loop prompted Rep. Ward to contact the property owner's agent to address the maintenance issue.

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May 5, 2011

<u>UPDATE ON</u> <u>HAWAII KAI</u> <u>POT HOLES</u>

The Honorable Gene Ward, Ph.D. House of Representatives State Capitol Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Representative Ward:

Thank you for your letter of February 23, 2011, expressing concerns regarding the pavement condition of City-owned roadways in the Hawaii Kai area of Honolulu.

The Department of Facility Maintenance has requested funding in the City's Fiscal Year 2012 Capital Improvement Projects budget for the resurfacing and rehabilitation by contract of Hawaii Kai Drive, Keahole Street and numerous residential roadways in the Hawaii Kai area that have been identified as in need of resurfacing.

The actual dates when this work will be done have not been determined. Resurfacing will depend on the availability of the requested funds and clearances for possible conflicts with planned underground utility projects.

Meanwhile, the Department of Design and Construction has programmed the resurfacing by contract of Lunalilo Home Road, Wailua Street and the residential roadways in the Niumalu Loop subdivision. The project is presently in the design stage and is tentatively scheduled to be advertised for bids from interested contractors in July of this year.

Should you have any questions, please call Charles Pignataro of the Division of Road Maintenance, at 768-3697.

Very truly yours

Peter B. Carlisle

Mayor