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Ala Moana

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Waikiki



Almost Halfway There

On Tuesday, March 2nd the Senate convened to vote out a whole host of bills in order to send them to the House for consideration by hearing and keep them on track for ultimate passage. Here are a few of the measures we passed out that I feel are of importance to the communities I serve and the state's best interest.

SB 2470 – EDUCATION; MINIMUM CLASSROOM INSTRUCTION DAYS.

(PASSED UNANIMOUSLY)

Requires all public schools, including charter schools, to implement a minimum of two hundred days of classroom instruction per school year. Prohibits any collective bargaining agreement under chapter 89, Hawaii Revised Statutes, from containing provisions that would shorten the school year for public school employees to less than two hundred days of classroom instruction per school year.

SB 2124 – RESTORATION OF INSTRUCTIONAL DAYS

(PASSED 23-2)

Makes an appropriation from the Hawaii hurricane relief fund to restore the remaining public school instructional days for the 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 school years; provided that the moneys shall only be released upon completion of negotiations of parties necessary to execute the restoration of instructional days. Allocates a proportionate amount of the appropriation to charter schools

SB 2545 – INTOXICATING LIQUOR; UNLICENSED ESTABLISHMENTS

(PASSED UNANIMOUSLY)

Authorizes liquor commissions to regulate BYOB establishments by issuance of permits. Requires adoption of rules regarding permit applications, fees, and renewals. Authorizes liquor commission to enforce liquor laws regarding BYOB establishments. Allows customers to bring home an unfinished bottle of wine that the customer brought into the establishment.

SB 2144 – HAWAII TELEVISION AND FILM DEVELOPMENT; HAWAII TOURISM AUTHORITY

(PASSED 21-1)

Part I transfers the television and film industry activities and responsibilities and special fund under the department of business, economic development, and tourism to the Hawaii tourism authority and establishes the Hawaii film office under the authority; authorizes the Hawaii film office to administer the tax credits under section 235-17, Hawaii Revised Statutes; deletes unnecessary provisions; part II amends the Hawaii community-based economic development revolving fund uses to require that moneys in the revolving fund be used to fund the community-based economic development program and enterprise zone program operational and staff costs

TOWN HALL MEETINGS

Makiki "Town Meeting" successful

On Thursday, February 25th I joined with Senator Fukunaga, Representative Au Belatti, and Director Wayne Yoshioka, Dept. of Transportation Services, City and County of Honolulu to discuss various issues of importance to the community, including traffic congestion. This was a productive and well attended meeting. After the transportation issues were discussed, we provided a comprehensive briefing on legislative status. Additionally, a lively and smart Q&A session ensued. I am always pleased to hear what the public has to say about the issues of the day. You help me craft a publicly motivated legislative agenda.

DOWNTOWN



CHINA TOWN



KAKA'AKO/ALA MOANA



WAIKIKI



PALAMA



WHAT A DIVERSE
COMMUNITY!



Please attend the next "Town Hall" meeting to hear our legislative update and share your views and opinion on the issues of the day.

COMING UP...

Ala Moana Town Meeting

Senator Fukunaga, Senator Galuteria,
Representative Brower, & Representative Rhoades
Councilmember Kobayashi
Community presentations, department reports
Thursday, March 11, 2010 5:30pm-7pm
Makiki Christian Church 829 Pensacola Street

Waikiki Town Meeting

Senator Galuteria, Representative Brower, Representative Nishimoto
& Councilmember DJou
Meet and Greet, Q&A session with your elected officials
Saturday, March 13, 2010 9am-10:30am
Waikiki Community Center
310 Paoakalani Ave., Waikiki

***Please do not call locations. For information call Senator Galuteria's office at 586-6740**

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