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# SENATOR MALAMA SOLOMON, PhD

## 2013 Legislative Session Report

Sen. Malama Solomon's Votes No on Senate Bill 286 SD 1

### Here We Go Again: Hawai'i Island/ Neighbor Islands Iced Out

Honolulu –Senate Bill 286 Senate Draft 1, Relating to Reapportionment, reinstates the definition to include the military and their dependents in the population data which will be used in 2020 to determine redistricting. *"I was one of the four plaintiffs in Solomon v. Abercrombie, 126 Haw. 283, 270 P.3d 1013 (2012), who were successful in proceedings before the State Supreme Court on the reapportioning of the State Senate to add a fourth State Senate seat to the County of Hawaii and overturned this decision."*

### Bills Crossover to the House

Long Term Lease to County of Hawaii:

SB 1361 SD1 Banyan Drive

SB 456 SD2 Mauna Kea State Recreational Area

SB 457 SD 2 Hapuna Beach Park

Water Conservation:

SB 454 SD1 Water Pollution; Gray Water; Irrigation

SB 1166 SD1 Watershed Protection and Invasive Species Control

Land Management:

SB 5 SD1 Public Lands Leases; Compensation; Takings

SB 707 Repeal of Public Land Development Corporation

SB 708 Legacy Land Conservation; Easement

SB 722 State Asset Management System; Facilities

SB 1162 Shoreline Vegetation; Beaches

SB 1168 SD1 Limited Liability; Mountain Climbing, Rock Climbing, Rappelling, and Bouldering

Aquatic Management:

SB 1161 Impounded Vessels; Vessel Registration

SB 1371 Small Boat Harbors; Native Hawaiian Canoes

### Constitutional Amendment

SB 452 SD2 Board of Regents; Candidate Advisory Council; Repeal

SB 453 Constitutional Amendment; UH; Board of Regents;

I appreciate your vote of confidence and your continued support, working together we can improve the quality of our lives in our newly created State Senate District 4.

District Priorities:

Waimea District Park— Over \$5 Million

Kahilu Theatre— \$1.5 Million

North Hawaii Community Hospital— \$2 Million

Hawaii Community College, Palamanui —\$9 Million

Hamakua Youth Centers— \$570,000

Kanu O Ka Aina Charter School— \$681,000

Livestock Revitalization Program

Renewable Energy

My goal is to support solutions to maintain the fiscal solvency of our State without raising taxes. The \$1.2 billion unfunded liabilities deficit is real. If we do not pay it down, it will affect our AA bond rating and reduce our ability to float bonds at a low interest rate, restricting government to be able to provide basic services.

Aloha and Mahalo nui loa,

**Water and Land, Chair  
Commerce and Consumer Protection  
Transportation and International Affairs  
Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs**



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Group Photo: March 7, 2013 Senator Malama Solomon presents the family of the late Hawai'i County Councilmember Spencer Kalani Schutte with a Certificate of Recognition for his Outstanding Community Advocacy.

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## As Chair of the Senate Committee on Water and Land, Our Kuleana is the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

The purview of the Department is broad and complex. The Department has nine divisions, more than 800 employees, and is responsible for our water resources, endangered species, Hawaii's historic and cultural sites, coral reefs, small boat harbors, fisheries management, dam safety, rock fall mitigation and natural disasters on our public lands. It encompasses 1.3 million acres of state land, 2 million acres of conservation land, and 3 million acres of ocean waters.

With your help, we need to restructure our commitment to protect and improve our robust natural resources. To do this we must seriously consider sources for increased revenue creation for our parks, small boat harbors and heavily used recreational destinations. If we do this, we can provide the best experience for our residents and visitors alike.

We must also aggressively develop renewable energy resources on public land in order to lower our electricity costs. This will improve our quality of life and spark economic recovery without jeopardizing our robust natural resources.



Leiomalama (Daughter),  
Senator Malama,  
Hulali Covington (Sister),  
and Pu'uwai (Grand niece)

## Governor Releases \$18.5 Million for Airports and Harbors on Hawaii Island

**HONOLULU** – Hawaii Island airports and harbors have received \$10.7 million for various capital improvement projects (CIP). The funds are part of the \$113 million CIP package for various statewide projects that Governor Neil Abercrombie released earlier this week. University of Hawaii Board of Regents approved \$9 Million for Hawaii Community College's Palamanui campus' Phase I project.

### Airports

\$10.7 Million — Repair Maintenance, New Construction, Security Improvements, Car Rental Improvement and Facilities

### Harbors

\$7.8 Million — Repair/ Maintenance and New Constructions

### Resolutions

- SCR 43 / SR 21 Daniel K. Inouye Legacy Highway;  
Route 200 Saddle Road
- SCR 37 Stranded Cost Recovery Mechanism; Public  
Utilities
- SCR 38 Public Utilities; Shared Cost Savings Incentive  
Mechanism
- SCR 39 Taxation; Electronic Commerce; General Excise  
Tax



### Ted Sakai as Director, Department of Public Safety

On February 14, 2013, the Hawaii State Senate confirmed Theodore I. Sakai as Director of the Department of Public Safety.

Director Sakai is born and raised in Waiakea. He also attended Hilo High and UH Hilo.



Robbie Cabral,  
Indigenous  
Development  
Robbie Cabral  
OHA Maui Trustee  
Hulu Lindsey

### Resolutions in the Works

- SCR Land Use Regulation Update
- SCR Children Justice Center
- SCR Exemption Airline Deregulation Act
- SCR State Finances; Task Force
- SCR Department of Agriculture; Irrigation Water Rates
- SCR Airport Revenue Percentage to Office of Hawaiian Affairs
- SCR Dept. of Land and Natural Resources; Deputizing of  
Individuals

## Agreement Calls for HELCO To Drop Rate Hike Request

Hawaiian Electric Co. has reached an agreement with the State's consumer advocate to drop its request for an increase in electrical rates on the Big Island.

Governor Neil Abercrombie said the State needed to take action to reduce the impact of high oil prices on Hawaii's families and businesses "who are struggling to make ends meet."

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