



Capitol Corner



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**Aloha Chair, Board members
and Community,**

**We are in the last months
of the 2011 session. Many
bills are still alive as we work
to keep core governmental
services—education, public
safety and human services in
tact while addressing the
budget shortfall. By law, the
legislature is mandated to
balance the budget before
the end of the session.**

**Thanks to all who have sub-
mitted their 2011 Surveys.
Your input will help to formu-
late legislation as well as
guide me when voting on
important measures that will
affect our state.**

**Representative
Karen Awana**

“PAPA” FRED PEREIRA IS RECOGNIZED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



Representative Awana with “Papa” Fred Pereira on the House Floor.



“Papa” Fred shown here with friends and supporters after the certificate presentation.

On March 22 the State House of Representative proudly honored “Papa” Fred Pereira on the House Floor to acknowledge his accomplishments for our community and state. Papa Fred, who is a resident of Maili has been the Waianae Boxing Club Coach for over 30 years. Papa Fred, being an outstanding boxer himself, has produced Golden Glove Champions and U.S. Olympians. Waianae Boxing Club has won an unprecedented 16 national championships, and holds 53 belts. His club has garnered the most titles in the State of Hawaii. Through his actions, he managed to keep kids off the streets and away from gangs and drugs. He has also fostered many youths to bring them back on the right track. Congratulations Papa Fred!

REPRESENTATIVE AWANA CONVENES BRIEFING TO SUPPORT FUTURE JOB GROWTH



Founder and CEO Louis Perez III briefs members on the AKAMAI Finance Academy which trains students in Waianae.



Students pose with Representatives. Background features Bloomberg Technologies.

On March 30, the House Committee on International Affairs was briefed on the AKAMAI Finance Academy. This program is a 5-year, Asia-focused financial analyst training program that begins in the senior year of high school and runs through the senior year of college. The AKAMAI Prep Program is a 4-year program that runs from 7th—11th grade. Students participate in a Statewide Portfolio Competition using Bloomberg Pro which is identical to what professionals use in the stock markets of New York, Chicago and Hong Kong. AKAMAI’s founder, Louis Perez III is a graduate of Waianae High School who returned to the islands after having been an analyst himself. This Hawaii-based non-profit provides specialized training in the areas of Investment Banking, Private Equity and Asset Management.

Are you ready for a natural disaster?

Let us all keep our thoughts and prayers with those affected by the March 11 earthquake and tsunami that devastated Sendai, Japan.

Last year, the legislature passed a bill to establish a disaster preparedness plan for the Waianae Coast. Waianae coast residents are leading this effort through meetings and discussions. Staff and I have been attending Disaster Preparedness Classes at the Nanakuli High and Intermediate School. Valuable information is gathered and disseminated at these meetings. If you are interested please link into <http://karen44.blogspot.com>. For more details please contact Irene at 586-8552.

Testimonies Needed

HB 505 HD1 SD1 Relating to Flood Mitigation passed out of the Senate Ways and Means Committee. Your testimonies are needed to ensure that this measure passes. For an update please contact Irene at 586-8552.

HB 688 HD2 SD1 Relating to bullying, cyber bullying and harassment was also passed out of the Senate Education Committee. This measure will be heard in the Senate Judiciary Committee. Your testimonies are needed. For an update on this measure please contact Yoon at 586-6367.



On April 4 union members assembled at the State Capitol supporting and uniting public workers.

APEC Is Coming to Town

As Chair of the House Committee on International Affairs, I convened a meeting to gather information on the upcoming Asian Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) scheduled for November 8 – 13 later this year. Twenty one economies, including America will be present. Other economies participating include Japan, China, Philippines, Australia, Chile, Mexico, Canada, and Russia. This year America was given the opportunity to be the host economy. Hawaii was selected by President Obama. Over 17,000 people will be arriving to Oahu – heads of state, dignitaries, support staff and media from throughout the Pacific Rim. Tax revenue generated is estimated at \$120 million for this 5 day event which brings much relief for our state during this difficult economic climate. The purpose of the briefing was to allow the APEC Hawaii 2011 Host Committee to provide an update on measures being performed in preparations for the arrival of large groups along with impacts that residents may experience. Other initiatives are being developed that may assist in future residual effects created by this gathering.



Representative Awana visits the Japanese Consulate to sign the Book of Condolences that was sent to residents of Sendai, Japan.



Office Manager Enoka Lucas Attends FirstWind groundbreaking on March 24.



Kamehameha Schools CEO Dee Jay Mailer and Melissa Teves met with Representative to discuss issues relating to the Waianae Coast.



Tune in to channel 54 Monday night's for Representative Awana's Capitol Commentary.



Speaker Say, Majority Leader Oshiro, Rep. Chang and Rep. Awana present a certificate at the Peace Lighting Ceremony at Aloha Tower.

C a l e n d a r o f E v e n t s

- April 6/7, 2011** Tune into Olelo Channel 54 at 6pm on April 6th and 1:30pm on April 7th to meet the staff of Representative Awana
- April 7, 2011** Nanaikapono El 5th grade class tour the Capitol
- April 8, 2011** Hawaii Prayer Breakfast at the Hilton Hawaiian
- April 11, 2011** Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization meeting
- April 22, 2011** Good Friday (Observed)
- April 29, 2011** Final Decking