



# 4th of July

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## Representative Faye P. Hanohano

Happy Independence Day to you. We are at the midpoint of the year and looking at our top priorities for Session 2013.



In 2010, more than 8,500 papaya trees in Kapoho were chopped. This created a \$100,000 loss for the farmer who grew it. This incident is an example of the security problem that is plaguing farmers. In response to this agro-terrorism at local farms, law enforcement officers and the agricultural community have joined forces to

establish the Agriculture Security Watch on Oahu. The priority for Puna is to create an Ag Security Watch for Puna and write a House Bill that increases judicial penalties, prosecution for agriculture crimes, and sharing of adverse information about anti-agriculture groups. There are some of the areas on which the Ag Security Watch focuses.

Last year, thieves made off with palms, taro plants, avocado, banana crops, pots, tools, farm equipment, pipes, a farm truck and a taro restoration project.

Please call our office, email, or fax us a letter if you are interested in helping to create a group that will become a community effort to keep our district, our farmers, and our State clean from vandalism, theft and agro-terrorism.



### "SOCIAL SECURITY ALERT"

Reminder all social security checks and other government benefits will no longer be mailed effective March 2013. Payments will be received electronically. These changes is to prevent postal loss or theft. Call 1-800-772-1213

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Medicare Questions???

### What's the best plan for me?

The plan your providers will work with, covers your medication.

### Does it pay for dental?

Some medicare supplement plans do or a dental ride can be bought.



## Proposed 2013 Kupuna Caucus Priorities

\*STATE BIENNIUM-Fully funding kupuna Care, health AgingPartnerships, senior Centers, Aging and Disability Resource Centers.

\*Falls Prevention

\*Long term Care-public Education

Long term care Social Insurance Program

Financial Exploitation

\*Support to caregivers(caregivers, paid family leave, training, transportation, family medication/facilitation, etc.)

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