



REPRESENTATIVE SHARON E. HAR

District 40 Update

Royal Kunia - Makakilo - Kapolei - Kalaeloa

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Dear Friends and Neighbors:

I hope this finds you and your families well.

At the Capitol, we completed the legislative session on May 3, 2012. This year, in addition to the budget conference committee, I served on 56 conference committees, both for bills I had introduced and for bills relating to my position as Vice Chair of the Committee on Water, Land, and Ocean Resources. During conference the House and Senate put in long hours coming to agreement on a number of important bills which we then voted on in the days before adjourning on May 3rd.

Some of the bills upon which I focused for West Oahu include: (1) Special Purpose Revenue Bond for Saint Francis Hospital, with the hope of getting a new hospital opened at the former HMC West site, (2) a study to extend the zipper lane to Kapolei, (3) incentives for a film studio to be built at UHWO, (4) amendments to the ignition interlock law allowing repeat offenders into the program, (5) \$400,000 in funding for the Malama Learning Center, and (6) funding for additional ambulances for the leeward side.

As always, please contact me at rephar@capitol.hawaii.gov or 586-8500 with concerns or questions.

Aloha,

Sharon Har
Representative, District 40
Kapolei, Makakilo,
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THE 2013 BUDGET

The 2013 budget was finalized on Saturday, April 28th at 3:00 a.m. Subsequently, forty-seven bills were held until the budget closed, and were approved in conference committee on May 1st, and May 3rd the final day of session. This session was challenging but rewarding. As always, it has been a great honor to once again serve as your Representative for our district.

One of our biggest challenges this year was the State Budget. Fortunately, the budget is in a far better position this year than it has been in the past and I believe that we have made real progress towards long-term financial stability for our state. Reaching this point required very long hours and very tough compromises on the part of lawmakers, particularly in regards to Capitol Improvement Projects (CIPs).

District 40 Receives More Than \$56 Million in State Budget for Capital Improvement Projects

Kapolei High School <i>Plans, design, and construction for a new locker room and showers</i>	<u>\$4,665,000</u>
Makakilo Elementary School <i>Design and construction for a portable building for special education</i>	<u>\$375,000</u>
Royal Kunia Elementary School <i>Plans for a new elementary school campus in Royal Kunia</i>	<u>\$150,000</u>
University of Hawaii West Oahu (UHWO) <i>Design and construction of a road on the campus of UHWO to connect to Farrington Highway</i>	<u>\$1,250,000</u>
University of Hawaii West Oahu (UHWO) <i>Plans, design, construction, and equipment for campus-wide sitework and improvements</i>	<u>\$2,500,000</u>
University of Hawaii West Oahu (UHWO) <i>Plans and design for an Academy of Creative Media facility to be located on the campus of UHWO</i>	<u>\$900,000</u>
University of Hawaii West Oahu (UHWO) <i>Plans and design for the Allied Health Building</i>	<u>\$995,000</u>
Kualakai Parkway Extension <i>Construction for an approximate 1/2 mile extension between Kapolei Parkway and Roosevelt Avenue</i>	<u>\$15,000,000</u>
Kalaeloa East Energy Corridor <i>Plans, design, and construction of an electrical distribution system between Roosevelt Road to Tripoli Road</i>	<u>\$3,500,000</u>
Kalaeloa Airport, Utility Corridor <i>Construction of a utility corridor at the airport</i>	<u>\$500,000</u>
Kalaeloa Barbers Point Harbor <i>Plans and design for a new fuel pier facility</i>	<u>\$2,000,000</u>
Kalaeloa Barbers Point Harbor <i>Plans and land acquisition for Kalaeloa Barbers Point Harbor improvements</i>	<u>\$25,150,000</u>

Save the Date: Talk Story with Representative Har

Join us to talk story with Rep. Har at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 12, 2012 at the Makakilo Elementary School Cafeteria

Transit Alert: H-1 Lights Coming Back On

It has been promised for a long time, but the lights are now actually coming on. I am very pleased to announce that work has begun on replacing the non-functioning streetlights at the Makakilo exit on H1. The project began in mid April and is anticipated to continue for 90 days. I have asked the Department of Transportation to provide me updates on the status of completion, and I hope to pass them on to you via email updates.

Congratulating and Recognizing the Ten Outstanding Young Filipinos of 2011



From left to right Representative Ty Cullen, Radiant Cordero, Cheryl Agcaoili, Vice Speaker Joey Manahan, Desirea Aguinaldo-Helsham, Kristian Lei, Zhoydell Magaoay, Yvonne Midkiff, Gabriel Torno, Representative Kymberly Pine, Rouel Velasco, Representative Sharon Har, and Representative Henry Aquino.

On April 2nd, 2012 (above) the Hawaii State House of Representatives recognized the Ten Outstanding Young Filipinos of 2011. (pictured right with Rep. Har) Rouel Velasco of Kapolei is an Operations Coordinator for the Associated Students of the University of Hawaii at Manoa's Student Life and Development Office, where he advises and trains highly motivated student leaders who are elected to serve their peers. He has dedicated his life to serving others through various organizations as a Youth Representative for the National Federation of Filipino American Associations Region XII since 2005; as a deacon, exhorter, praise and worship member, and children's ministry teacher at Amazing Grace Ministries, and as 2011-2012 President of the Sariling Gawa Youth Council. Mr. Velasco is sincere and self-sacrificing, and says that his greatest sense of honor comes from seeing the results of his work with young people and inspiring them to make a difference in their communities.



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BGCH YOUTH OF THE YEAR FINALIST

At this year's Boys and Girls Club "Youth of the Year" awards I was honored to present a certificate of recognition on behalf of the House of Representatives to Finalist Kristie Kodama of Kapolei High School. Kristie has distinguished herself as an exemplary member of the Boys & Girls Club of Hawaii Hale Pono Clubhouse and has demonstrated commitment, dedication, and hard work by participating in the Torch Club program and the Leaders In Training program. She has put great effort and much of her time, including many weekends, towards community service and implementing activities at the clubhouse.



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2012 Hawaii National Guard Legislative Day

On April 11th the Hawaii State Legislature held the 2012 Hawaii National Guard Legislative Day. Legislators, staff and attendees were treated to a day of informative and eye opening conversations with members of the Hawaii National Guard.

