



Representative Bertrand Kobayashi Community Update

DIAMOND HEAD, KAHALA,
KAIMUKI, KAPAHULU

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CATHERINE CAINE OF WAIKIKI ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NAMED HAWAII'S 2015 STATE TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Waikiki Elementary teacher [Catherine Caine](#) was named Hawaii's 2015 State Teacher of the Year. Caine, a national board certified educator, received the state's top teaching award during a ceremony held at the State Capitol Auditorium on November 7th. This is the second year in a row that a Waikiki Elementary School teacher has been chosen as Hawaii's State Teacher of the Year.

The honor is presented annually to a classroom teacher selected from more than 11,000 educators within the Hawaii State Department of Education. Caine was among seven District Teachers of the Year. Caine has helped lead implementation of the Hawaii Common Core standards, and made recommendations on the Educator Effectiveness System. She has presented in international conferences on topics such as Philosophy for Children and English language learners.

Caine will represent Hawaii in the National Teacher of the Year Program. Each April, the national winner is announced by the president of the United States.

KAIMUKI MIDDLE SCHOOL'S FRANK FERNANDES CHOSEN FOR NATIONAL GOVERNING BOARD

Kaimuki Middle School Principal [Frank Fernandes](#) is one of five educators appointed to the National Assessment Governing Board by U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan. He becomes the first principal from Hawaii to serve on the board, which will help set policy for the National Assessment of Education Progress (NAEP), also known as The Nation's Report Card. Their terms run from October 1, 2014 to September 30, 2018.

Fernandes, who became head of Kaimuki Middle School in August of 1986, is the longest-serving principal at a single school in the Hawaii State Department of Education (DOE). An accomplished administrator, Fernandes has twice been honored with the MetLife/National Association of Secondary School Principals' Hawaii Principal of the Year award – once in 2000, then again in 2012. He has overseen several initiatives at Kaimuki Middle, including the Hawaii Common Core, a new teacher induction and mentoring program, teacher and administrator evaluation systems, a comprehensive student support system, and full implementation of the middle school concept.

COCONUT RHINOCEROS BEETLE FOUND AT DIAMOND HEAD

One live adult coconut rhinoceros beetle (CRB) was found near the Diamond Head Lookout on October 16, 2014, by CRB crews checking survey traps. This is the first time that a CRB was found east of the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPH-H) 6-mile zone where the CRB were initially found in December 2013.

CRB is a major pest of palms in India, the Philippines, the Palaus, Fiji, Wallis, Nukunono, American and Western Samoa and Guam. CRB is mainly a pest of coconut and oil palms, but may also attack other palm species. Adult CRB are dark brown in color and very large – measuring 1 ¼ to 2 ½ inches long. CRB larvae are white in color with a brown head. The beetles damage palms by boring into the center of the crown where they injure young, growing tissue and feed on the sap. As they bore into the crown, they cut through developing leaves, causing damage to the fronds. V-shaped cuts in the fronds and holes through the midrib are visible as leaves mature and unfold.

Suspected CRB should be reported to the **state's toll-free PEST HOTLINE – 643-PEST (7378)**. For updated information on CRB in Hawaii, go to the HDOA website at: <http://hdoa.hawaii.gov/pi/main/crb/>.

HOUSE SPEAKER JOE SOUKI ANNOUNCES 2015 LEADERSHIP TEAM AND COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Speaker Joseph M. Souki announced the appointments of the House of Representatives Majority leadership lineup for the 28th Legislature which convenes on January 21, 2015.

Members of the House Leadership are as follows:

Speaker of the House	Joseph M. Souki
Speaker Emeritus	Calvin K.Y. Say
Vice Speaker	John M. Mizuno
Majority Leader	Scott K. Saiki
Majority Floor Leader	Cindy Evans
Majority Whip	Ken Ito
Asst. Majority Leader	Chris Lee
Asst. Majority Leader	Roy M. Takumi

2015 House Committee Chairpersons:

Agriculture (AGR)

Clift Tsuji, Chair

Economic Development & Business (EDB)

Derek S.K. Kawakami, Chair

Veterans, Military & International Affairs (VMI)

Romy M. Cachola, Chair

Tourism & Culture and the Arts (TCA)

Tom Brower, Chair

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