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NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD REPORT

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Legislative Issues — Marumoto 2011 Bills

HB 15 PICKUP TRUCKS

Prohibits passengers in pickup beds in counties over 300,000

HB 16 HELMETS

Requires helmets operating or riding on two-wheeled vehicles

HB 17 ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES-HELMETS

Requires helmets

HB 18 ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES-MINORS

Prohibition operating or riding

HB 19 SCHOOL BUSES – SEAT BELTS

Required on new buses after July 2112

HB 20 REPEAL ACT 17-09 – PROCUREMENT

Repeals unconstitutional preference

HB 21 REPEAL ACT 68-10 – PROCUREMENT

Repeals unconstitutional “hire 80% local” for public works projects

HB 22 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

Conform to mainland changes

HB 124 LUPUS

Working Group in Dept. of Health to Promote Education & Awareness

HB 125 CRIME – Removes statute of limitation on rape

HB 128 PROSTITUTION

County may impound vehicles used in commission of crime

HB 132 REQUIRE DNA COLLECTION FROM THOSE ARRESTED FOR SEX OFFENSES AGAINST MINORS

HB 137 REQUIRES DNA COLLECTION FROM THOSE ARRESTED FOR VIOLENT FELONIES

HB 236 NUISANCE

Makes multiple property nuisance a misdemeanor

HB 237 REAL PROPERTY BLIGHT

Creates a cause of action for property nuisance

HB 450 SALARIES

Requires public hearings by the Commission on Salaries before submittal of report to the Legislature

HB 473 TORTS

Cap non-economic damages on Medical Malpractice judgments

HB 474 TORTS

Exempts agricultural landowner from liability if injured party is convicted of criminal trespass

HB 511 KUPUNA CARE

Appropriation to Alzheimers Assn. Wanderers Registry

HB 1259 – CIP 19th House District

HB 1260 CAMPAIGN SIGNS

Limits number of signs/candidate to 1 per street frontage. Exception for large properties.

HB 1431 COVENANTS

Requires counties to enforce covenants that impose use, maintenance, landscaping and setbacks.



Rep. Joey Manahan, Vice-Speaker and House Speaker Calvin Say (with backs to camera) greeted Republican Representatives on Opening Day: (from left) Kymberly Pine, Corrine Ching (hidden), Cynthia Thielen, Gene Ward, George Fontaine, Barbara Marumoto, Aaron Johanson and Gil Riviere.

Bill Action - The Marumoto bills relating to ATVs and Covenants passed unamended to the next committee. Thank you to Kahala residents Lucinda Pyles, and John Ishikawa for showing up to testify on the Covenant measure. Nina Reppun Carney and Carole Berg get gold stars for coming to the Capitol, but arrived late because there was no parking. Arnie Brady, Scotty Anderson, Shirleyanne Chew sent in written testimony.

A bill to require public hearings for Legislative Salary Increases was held. Apparently, the Salary Commission is not exempt from the Sunshine Law so this Commission should have held hearings these past 30 years! Marumoto's Lupus Task Force companion bill was heard in the Senate Health Committee.

Overall Action – The main thrust of the House and Administration appears to create dozens of new special funds for various programs that can charge fees. Old fees will go up and new ones will be created. Departments are cannibalizing each other – the Department of Business & Economic Development wants to take \$8 million over 4 years from the license fees collected by the Department of Commerce & Consumer Affairs. The Governor wants to take \$10 million from the Tourism Authority to give to the counties. New taxes loom on the horizon – on pensions, soda pop, barrel tax on crude oil (from \$1.05 to 2.05/bbl.), and anything else that moves. The State Constitution may be amended to allow for slot machines and video poker. Auwe!!! Anyone for cutting superfluous or obsolete programs?



Provisional members of the Honolulu Junior League met in the House Minority Caucus room, a place rarely visited by the public. Before the smoking ban in public buildings, it was one of those legislative "smoke-filled" rooms. They are pictured at the podium of the House Chambers.

Shadow from Russia – The Hawaii International Hospitality Center that handles 33 US congressional grantees under the Future Leaders Exchange Program and Youth Exchange & Study Program assigned students from the former USSR & Moslem countries to various legislators for a day. Aleksandra Ivakina, Rep. Marumoto's shadow, hailed from Russia. She is attending Waianae High for the fall and spring semesters.



Waialae resident Sunshine Topping (left), the newly appointed Director of the Department of Human Services, joined Marumoto and others on a panel before the Society of Human Resource Management

District Concerns



'AINA In Schools is a Farm to School program that teaches the connection to land, water & food to grow a healthier Hawaii. Parents, teachers, administrators, community members and students attended the Garden Party at Waialae Charter School.

Schools – Liholiho will undergo its Total Renovation Project starting Feb. 23 through July 13. Four to five classes will be moved during each renovation phase. Building G, lower floor will be first to get new rugs, ceiling and floor tiles, light fixtures, lock re-keying, carpentry repairs, renovated storage and sink areas as well as new bulletin and tack boards. In addition, Principal Christina Small announced that some playground equipment will be replaced. Hurray!

Waialae Charter School is also slated for renovation. Waialae parents, students & community volunteers expanded its vegetable and herb garden. Friday is Salad Bar Day at Waialae.

Harry's Music Store for sale – \$2 million will buy you this long time neighborhood landmark on Waialae Avenue. Aloha and good fortune to the Yoshioka Family.

Mahalo Kahala Nui – Pat Duarte, President/CEO of Kahala Nui presented AUW \$46,500 from residents. The money is earmarked for Catholic Charities Housing Assistance program - \$16,500, Palama Settlement seniors program - \$17,000, Kokua Kalihi Valley elderly services - \$10,000, Palama Settlement - \$7,000 for gift baskets of food and personal care items and Meals on Wheels.

Kalani - The *Star-Advertiser* East Oahu Islander section featured Arden Matro, Kalani High girls soccer team star, for her outstanding ability and leadership. Last season Kalani finished 15-3-1 for a 3rd-place finish in the Division 1 State championships. She will be attending Seattle Pacific University after graduation. Congratulations also to the Falcon Relay swim team for winning the OIA East title.



The Diamond Head Advisory Committee climbed Diamond head to view completed improvements as well as the site where the new Summit loop trail will be constructed. Pictured with Rep. Marumoto are Clark Hatch, Dean Carol Hoshiko of KCC, Sid Snyder, Chair of the Committee and a DLNR staffer

Teachers – Federal law requires that students be taught by “highly qualified” teachers in core subjects such as English and math. These are teachers who have a bachelors degree or higher, are fully licensed, have demonstrated subject matter competency in the courses they teach, and have passed required teaching exams. According to a November Star-Advertiser article, 81% of Hawaii teachers are qualified. Kalani High scored highest in the state with 97%. In contrast, Olomana only had 26% and Nanakuli had 46% teachers in the highly qualified range.

Marumoto Activities



Rep. Marumoto & Sen. Kidani visited Judge Steve Alm’s courtroom to learn about the Project Hope program. Probationers must call in daily and report in periodically. Not following these terms means going back to jail immediately. This program saves money as recidivism has been found to be much lower.

Marumoto Committees – The representative will sit on 7 committees this year: Finance, Judiciary, Consumer Protection, Agriculture, Economic Revitalization, International Relations and Tourism. She will be very busy.

Groups that Rep. Marumoto and legislators met with include: National Council of State Legislatures, Hawaii Energy Policy Forum, Hawaii Justice Coalition, Partners in Care, Association of Hawaii Resort Development, Hawaiian Air, Hawaii Theatre for Youth reception sponsored by Ohana Community Health Center, Hawaii Auto Dealers, Kalani Complex Middle School Science Fair at KCC, and Kick Butts Day.

OB-GYN Dr. Trisha Wright (with lei) was recognized by the Women’s Caucus for her work with pregnant women at the Salvation Army Residential facility on 22nd Ave. By the time most mothers deliver, they are off drugs and receive education and support in raising their infants. *From left: Rep. Marilyn Lee, chair of the Women’s Caucus; Waiālae Iki resident Nancy Partika who worked to get Dr. Wright’s program situated at 22nd Ave.; Dr. Wright and Rep. Marumoto.*



Kaimuki Christian fifth-graders took turns sitting in Rep. Marumoto’s chair, pretending to be federal, state or city elected officials.



We send our condolences to the family of Charley Warrington, Ainakoa resident who passed away last month. He was a retired state appraiser and a popular musician.