

# Representative Kymberly Pine



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If you or someone you know is interested in volunteering or interning at Rep. Pine's office or in her district, please call our office at 586-9730, email [reppine@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:reppine@capitol.hawaii.gov) or visit room 333 at the State Capitol. Mahalo!

## EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS IS TOP PRIORITY

Aloha!

Like you, I am happy to see that our community is returning to normal after storms caused the power blackout on March 4<sup>th</sup> and the tsunami led to evacuations and damage on March 11<sup>th</sup>. I am proud that our community pulled together and did its best to manage.

**You are invited to a Town Hall Meeting on Tuesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> to discuss our community's emergency preparedness and learn how to apply for reimbursement from HECO for lost power.** Please see below for details of the meeting, and invite your friends and neighbors!

I spent time on-site during and after both events, speaking with residents and workers tasked with evacuation, restoration and clean-up assistance. While many things worked very well, I did hear comments from constituents who were frustrated with other aspects of the aftermath.

Experts and agency representatives will be there to answer your questions and help your family stay safe, healthy and comfortable should we endure events like these again.

We hope to see you at the meeting on March 22.

Mahalo,

### TOWN HALL MEETING

Rep. Pine will host a Town Hall Meeting on **Tuesday, March 22 at 7:00pm** to discuss our community's emergency preparedness.

It will take place in the **'Ewa Makai Middle School cafeteria**, located at 91-6291 Kapolei Parkway in 'Ewa Beach.

[Learn how to apply for reimbursement from HECO for lost power during the outage period.](#)

Invited guests include HECO management, State Civil Defense, state and local elected officials, Hawaii Medical Center and local businesses and organizations.

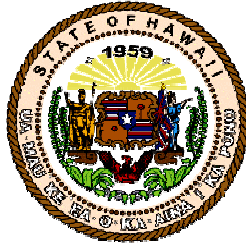
**Bank of America**



### HAVE YOU BEEN FORECLOSED ON BY BANK OF AMERICA?

Many of Rep. Pine's constituents have contacted her office regarding foreclosures and unfair practices of Bank of America.

Please call Rep. Pine's office at 586-9730 if you have been affected by the company so we can help to facilitate a resolution.



**REPRESENTATIVE KYMBERLY MARCOS PINE**

March 4, 2011

Dear Governor Abercrombie,

Pursuant to Section 209-2, I am asking you to immediately issue an executive order using your emergency powers to restore electrical power to the communities in Leeward 'Oahu and the North Shore, covering a significant portion of the island.

Since early this morning, the people of these communities have been without basic power. This has affected health and safety including the ability of grocery stores to stay open and maintain food supplies and the ability of pumping and water stations to supply drinking water to the community.

The power outage has also affected traffic signals which impact the ability of emergency medical personnel, police, fire, civil defense and other emergency services. We are also concerned that hospitals and care facilities may not be able to run the equipment necessary to maintain the health and welfare of their patients.

I believe this situation meets the criteria of a sudden and ordinary event causes losses and suffering as required under Section 209-2 of the Hawai'i Revised Statutes.

You have the authority to issue a proclamation calling upon the Hawaiian Electric Company to ensure that power is restored promptly. This includes calling those HECO staff who walked off the job this afternoon back into work to address this community emergency.

I urge your prompt and immediate attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Representative Kymberly Marcos Pine  
Minority Floor Leader  
District 43, 'Ewa Beach

## RESOLUTIONS PROPOSED BY REPRESENTATIVE PINE

The following are three resolutions I am proposing this session. The bills I introduced on which these resolutions are based can be found in the “Quick Find” box at [www.capitol.hawaii.gov/](http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/).

- **Require state and county candidates to live within a district for one year prior to an election:** Candidates who live in their district for a longer period of time are more familiar with the community can better represent their constituents. This would hold candidates more accountable. This resolution is based on three bills I introduced to prevent carpet bagging.  
**Resolutions based on:**  
 Constitutional Amendment: **HB 934**  
 State Elections: **HB 935**  
 County Elections: **HB 936**
- **Make it more difficult for the legislature to raise your taxes:** All it takes to raise your taxes or to impose new taxes is a simple majority vote in the legislature which can be as low as 51 percent. This resolution instead requires a two-thirds supermajority. Given the permanent and invasive nature of taxation, votes on increasing taxes should be held to a higher standard and to further consideration and justification. States with this requirement have managed to avoid raising taxes as well as cut spending.  
**Resolution based on: HB 471**
- **Reduce traffic by removing uninsured drivers from the roads:** According to the 2011 State Insurance Commissioner, 17% of all drivers on Hawai'i roads are uninsured. There are 122,301 drivers on 'Oahu roads that should not be. This action would remove 61,151 cars within 30 days at a low cost of \$50,000 in software. This is more efficient than the proposed rail project, which would remove 40,000 cars from our roads for \$5 billion and 19 years of disruptive construction (assuming the rail is completed by 2030).  
**Resolution based on: HB 1351**

## TAMURA'S MARKET OPEN IN KALAELOA

Representative Pine met with Glenn Tamura to discuss the opening of his new Tamura's Market location in Kalaeloa.



Rep. Pine and Glenn Tamura at his new location

Since Star Market closed unexpectedly, Rep. Pine has been working hard to ensure that new grocery markets open to accommodate the needs of the community.

She toured the departments of the new location and discussed how business has been in the 'Ewa Beach community.

“I'm very pleased with the outcome of the area. The community seemed to really embrace us being here,” Mr. Tamura said.

Rep. Pine's priority is to create a more business-friendly environment in 'Ewa. She worked with the Navy to fast track permits for the new location. Tamura's Market was needed to serve 'Ewa Beach and the nearby homeless shelters.

A video of Rep. Pine's tour with Mr. Tamura can be found at: [www.youtube.com/kymberlymarcospine](http://www.youtube.com/kymberlymarcospine).

## CAREER DAY AT KAIMILOA ELEMENTARY



Rep. Pine speaking to Kaimiloa students

Rep. Pine believes that one of the most important roles of elected officials is to support and inspire our youth.

She visited students at Kaimiloa Elementary to talk about her job as a member of the Hawaii House of Representatives and answer their questions.

"I was so impressed by these kids because they chose to be there and clearly had an interest in learning about what happens in their government," said Rep. Pine.

She continued, "I told them that government officials work for the communities they serve, so they are all my bosses, and I think they liked that idea."



Rep. Pine with students of Kaimiloa Elementary for Career Day

## REP. PINE'S OFFICE PARTICIPATES IN READ ACROSS AMERICA

Education and literacy are top priorities of Rep. Pine. Her office participated in the Read Across America program with reading visits to 'Ewa Beach Elementary, Kaimiloa Elementary and Iroquois Point Elementary.

Rep. Pine believes that literacy is the foundation for our youth to become successful students, workers and members of their communities so they may

compete internationally.

"It is the responsibility of not only teachers, but also families, school administrators and government officials to create an atmosphere that encourages and supports reading education," she said.

According to ProLiteracy, the US ranks 5<sup>th</sup> on adult literacy skills when compared to other industrialized nations.

## "TIME WITH KYMBERLY PINE" PREMIERES ON OLELO PUBLIC ACCESS TELEVISION



Rep. Pine and Councilman Berg in the Olelo studio

Stay tuned for scheduling details for Rep. Pine's first public access TV program, "Time with Kymberly Pine."

Councilman Tom Berg returned to the Capitol as a guest for this month's show.

They discussed the FY2011 Budget and the Governor's proposed tax increases, new grocery options in the district, and the rail project groundbreaking event.

Many public access programs can be found on Olelo TV on channels 49 and 52-56.

### RAIL PROJECT HAS BROKEN GROUND



Rep. Pine attended the rail transit groundbreaking on February 22<sup>nd</sup>. Construction on the project will not begin for a few more months.

Many Leeward Coast residents expressed excitement for the project, as it should lessen commute times into town, but supporters and opponents alike were present for the event.

Mayor Carlisle, Senator Inouye, Lt. Governor Schatz and a number of state senators and representatives were also in attendance.

It is estimated that the project will not be completed until the year 2030 and will cost over \$5.5 billion.



Local, State and Federal officials at the rail project groundbreaking ceremony

### RAIL PROJECT STUDENT FORUM AT ‘EWA MAKAI MIDDLE SCHOOL

Seventh graders at ‘Ewa Makai Middle School invited Rep. Pine to a student forum to discuss the plans and political issues of the rail transit project.

The kids asked many questions about the implications of the project in light of their observation that many residents within their community are not in favor of the city’s plans.

Rep. Pine explained that a majority of her constituents do support the project, as it is believed to ease traffic into town. She explained that it is her job to represent the opinions of people within her district.

She encouraged the students to stay informed and involved in the political process so they can have an impact on issues that are important to them.



Map of the proposed rail transit routes

## TAX INCREASE CONCERNS

As many of you are aware, Governor Abercrombie recently released his budget proposal which includes numerous tax increases in an effort to balance the budget.

The proposal that has perhaps received the most attention is the **Pension Tax**.

I have heard from many worried constituents and want to assure you that I am, in principle, opposed to any tax increases – specifically any tax increase that will hurt our retirees.

Our residents work hard for many years to earn the benefit of their pensions. Balancing the budget on the backs of our seniors is unacceptable.

I will soon present an alternative budget to Governor Abercrombie – proof that we can balance the budget without taking from our retirees.

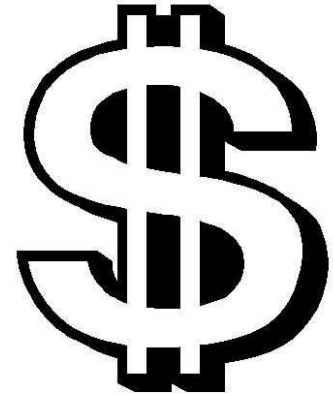
## HOUSE APPROVES MANY TAX AND FEE HIKES TO BALANCE BUDGET

In its effort to balance the 2011 budget, the Hawaii House of Representatives approved a total of 16 taxes and 10 fees. These hikes cover areas like repealing the ethanol tax credit, raising motor

vehicle registration fees, raising permit costs for film companies, taxes on time share units, assessment fees for physicians, and liquor and cigarette purchases.

Representative Pine opposes most of these increases, as she believes they will hurt hardworking families of Hawaii. She prefers an approach that does not take so much out of your paychecks and bank accounts.

As always, she would like your feedback on what measures you support to balance the budget.



## STAY CONNECTED WITH REPRESENTATIVE PINE AND JOIN HER EMAIL LIST



Throughout the year, Rep. Pine generates surveys to poll the sentiments of her district. To participate on the surveys and provide your feedback, please consider getting on the email list by emailing her at:

[reppine@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:reppine@capitol.hawaii.gov)

Once you are on the list, you will also receive updates on community and legislative events – as well as notices from various state and city departments to help residents navigate through construction zones and other issues of importance.

For monthly newsletters, links to videos and to get messages posting important announcements, visiting Rep. Pine's website at:

[www.kymberlypine.com](http://www.kymberlypine.com).

You can also reach Rep. Pine and receive updates by visiting Facebook at:

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