



2015 Legislative Session E-Newsletter:

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Salvador Panem of State DOT. Diagrams of roundabout behind him.



Traffic Engineer with one of the roundabout charts.



Councilman Daniel Paleka, Councilman Greggor Ilagan, Sen. Lorraine Inouye, Sen. Russell Ruderman, First Deputy Director Ed Sniffen, and Rep Joy San Buenaventura

Pahoa roundabout informational meeting held at Pahoa Community Center on July 29, 2015 Pahoa, construction survey began on August 10, 2015 - projected completion: 9 months.



Speaker Souki addressing the attendees in the House Chambers

**HAWAII-OKINAWA ENERGY INNOVATION FORUM:** (Hosted by Speaker Joseph Souki & Senate President Ronald Kouchi) Sister city collaboration on energy. Okinawans learned from our ocean thermal energy producer: OTEC & Maui's "Hawaii First" solar initiative. While we learned of their use of biomass, wind and solar power to be less dependent on fossil fuels.



Governor Ige with House Speaker Souki and Senate Pres. Kouchi in the background.

**\*\*\* DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH: \*\*\***

Public hearings on Administrative rules regarding prohibition of new cesspools construction; tax credits on upgrading qualified cesspools will be held:

- ◆ **KONA: Tuesday August 11, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. at the Kona Council Chambers, West Hawaii Civic Center, 74-5044 Ane Keohokalole Highway, Kailua-Kona.**
- ◆ **HILO: Thursday, August 13, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. at the Hawaii District Health Office, Conference Room, 1582 Kamehameha Avenue, Hilo.**

**HAWAII ISLAND FOOD BASKET** (for more information visit: <http://www.hawaiifoodbasket.org/> )

A new program: "DA BOX" features locally grown fruits & vegetables for everyone weekly. No income requirement necessary to receive fresh produce at a low cost: \$160.00 for 10 weeks but \$10/week for EBT users. Delivered or Pick up at the various distribution centers.

Program benefits local farmers who sell their goods to Food Basket and everyday people.

This week there were 5 bananas, 1 papaya, grape tomatoes, 1 Manoa lettuce, 1 cucumber & Hamakua mushrooms in "Da Box".



At the sorting station with Food Basket Director, Ed Young (in the green shirt) and Rep San Buenaventura



Above: Eligible seniors receiving their monthly produce give-away.



Left: Soup kitchens and pantries shop at the food basket for their ingredients.



**PHOTO ABOVE:** Top is a copy of the first Constitution of the State of Hawaii; Bottom: photo of Hawaii State Constitutional Convention in 1950. Photo of Nelson Doi adorned with leis

**NELSON K. DOI MEMORIAL :** Nelson Doi, a Puna native, was born in Pahoia, Hawaii, and achieved his highest office as Lt. Governor under Gov. Ariyoshi in 1974-1978.

Nelson Doi's legislative career began in 1950 when at the age of 28 he was the youngest delegate and one of only 5 delegates that were selected to lobby for Hawaii's statehood in 1959.

He then became a Deputy County Attorney, and was appointed Third Circuit Court judge.



Legislative Certificates from the Hawaii State Legislature, House of Representatives, and Senators



Senator Gil Kahele, Representative Joy San Buenaventura, Senator Lorraine Inouye and former Congressman Ed Case.

**HAWAII'S FIRST CANNABIS EXPO:** Representative Joy San Buenaventura was a speaker at the first Hawaii Cannabis Expo that was held at the Hawaii Convention Center on July 17-19, 2015.



July 17, 2015 Panel included Rep San Buenaventura, Rep Belatti.



Rep San Buenaventura addresses the audience

## SPARK M. MATSUNAGA VA MEDICAL CENTER

(for more information visit:

<http://www.hawaii.va.gov>)

Learned that VA has significantly reduced wait time for veterans seeking health care with

97.5% getting an appointment within 30 days & the existence of

Pacific Islands Healthcare system which supplements Tri-care, and provides significant medical benefits, including travel, education and training, and the VA Pacific Islands Hospital at Home (HaH) program.



with Rep. Lynne DeCoite and US Sen. Mazie Hirono



Dummy used to train receptionists, medical & nonmedical staff who have patient contact to alert them to signs of distress. This dummy can mimic a stroke, seizures, heart attack by having pulse points, lip discoloration, etc.



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