



# Joy A. San Buenaventura

## State House of Representative

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**REMINDER: HURRICANE SEASON continues until November 30** (for more information, check the website at <http://www.scd.hawaii.gov/>)

**what can we do to be prepared?** Now that hurricane season is in full force and we are only in September, below are some tips when a hurricane or tropical storm threatens:

- Tune in to your local radio/television station to find out if there is an evacuation order and for shelter locations nearest you.
- Review your Emergency Plan- escape routes in your home, meeting location, emergency phone numbers, and your Emergency Kit (items in your kit should include 7 days of food, water and medications, battery or solar powered radio, flashlight and extra batteries, plastic bags and ties for waste, whistle, matches, blankets and tarps, personal hygiene items, and a first aid kit).
- Keep important documents such as your passport or driver's license, banking and credit card information, insurance information, healthcare directives, copy of property titles/deeds, prescriptions and dosages, list of family and important numbers, etc. in a sealed plastic bag.
- Store and secure outdoor lawn furniture and other loose, lightweight objects, such as garbage cans and garden tools that might be blown away by high winds, and become flying debris.

### NA`I AUPUNI

Are you a Native Hawaiian? If so, do you want to be part of the process of organizing an `Aha ?

For more information, check out <http://naiaupuni.org/faq.html#faq1>.

#### Deadlines:

September 15, 2015 - deadline to file as a delegate

October 15, 2015 - voter certification by the Hawaii Roll Commission closes

November 2015 voting will commence and end on November 30, 2015

### REMINDER: THE 14TH ANNUAL NATIVE HAWAIIAN CONVENTION

is scheduled for Tuesday, September 22, 2015 - Thursday, September 24, 2015. This years theme is "Waves of Change - Oceans of Opportunity" and will be held at the Hawaiian Convention Center, in Honolulu, Hawaii.

For more information or to register visit <http://www.hawaiiancouncil.org/our-programs/convention> or call them at (800) 709-2642

### UPDATE

- Pahoia roundabout construction shall begin before the end of October 2015 - projected completion: 9 months
- Shower Drive intersection traffic light construction begins 2016.
- Highway 130 4-lane expansion project design begins 2016, construction 2018



Rep Joy San Buenaventura attended the monthly 1st Friday opening at the Hawaii Museum of Contemporary Art (formerly East Hawaii Cultural Center) on September 4, 2015. Puna residents Steve Bohlert, Bryn Berg and Nancy Chaney had their chosen photos displayed as part of Hilo Photoshooters annual display. Entertainment and



Nancy Chaney



Steve Bohlert



refreshments were provided.



**2015 NCSL Legislative Summit Conference:** Legislators from all over the nation gathered in Seattle Washington for the annual National Conference of State Legislators summit. We learned what other states are doing and voting on behalf of Hawaii legislators for positions that NCSL will represent us on in the federal level. I learned what costs and benefits Washington and Colorado received from their recent marijuana legislation; the benefits of body-worn cameras by police officers; 2014-2015 US Supreme Court decisions; the use by some states of Mental Health courts to reduce recidivism by the mentally ill; and how 5 states mandated employer-provided pension/deferred compensation/savings plans to relieve States of the



Rep San Buenaventura, one of the Hawaii Legislators representing Hawaii in the National Conference of State Legislators.



Rep San Buenaventura, Rep. Karl Rhoads and Rep. Richard Creagan at the Law Committee conference



Diagram of on-line voter registration legislative process. Hawaii will start educating the public on its new on-line registration soon.

**FREE** workshop: The Public Access Room (PAR) of the State Capital will be scheduling a series of workshops on the neighbor islands. This gives them an opportunity to share with neighbor island residents our Legislature and the legislative process. They are currently planning to be on the Big Island from October 19—23rd possibly the 24th. As we receive information we will pass it on to you.

To the men and women who put their lives on the line in service to our country.  
We thank you for your service.



Rep San Buenaventura attended a number of military ceremonies, programs.

- August 25, 2015: Military Display of Capability at Pohakuloa Training Area (PTA).
- September 2, 2015: 70th Anniversary of the End of World War II on the battleship Missouri.
- September 3, 2015: the Commander Submarine Force, US Pacific Fleet, Change of Command Ceremony.



Pictured at PTA in army transport helicopter ( no flight) Rep. Mark Nakashima, Rep. Nicole Lowen and Rep. Joy San Buenaventura. We were shown the math skills necessary in coordinating maneuvers and what they do to be prepared for combat.



On the Mighty Mo at the 70th anniversary of the signing of surrender ending WWII: Rep. Joy San Buenaventura, Rep. Ty Cullen, Sen. Gil Kahele, US Rep. Tulsi Gabbard and Sen. Brickwood Galutera.

### QUEEN LILIUOKALANI FESTIVAL



Hilo's Queen Liliuokalani Festival was held on Saturday, Sept 5, 2015 with 360 degree hula from multiple halaus, while flowers dropped from the sky; the Royal Order of Kamehameha and Kaahumanu.



Rep Joy San Buenaventura presenting her ho'okupu.



September is library card sign-up month and this year's Honorary Chair of Library Card Sign-Up Month is none other than SNOOPY!! You know that cool dog?

With a library card not only can you borrow books, but you can download ebooks and audiobooks.

For more information click on the following website: <http://hawaii.sdp.sirsi.net/client/default> or visit your local library.

### **LAWMAKERS LISTEN:**

**Are you wondering what's coming up next session? Would you like to become more involved, but are unsure as to how to go about it? Are you wondering what you can do to get a bill passed? Do you have any suggestions/input?**

**Then you'll want to meet the State House of Representative Leadership at the upcoming Lawmakers Listen in Pahoehoe. The specifics are still being worked on but we intend to have it in January 2016, right before the 2016 session.**

**More information will be provided in future newsletters.**

If you wish to stay up on all of the legislation, events, and news happening in the Hawaii State House of Representatives then check out the Hawaii House Blog! It has news and updates along with photos from the House at: <http://hawaiihouseblog.blogspot.com/>



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