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Aloha Friends and Neighbors,

Hau'oli Makahiki Hou (Happy New Year)!

As we start this new year and head into the 27th Legislative Session, I am sincerely thankful for the honor and the privilege of representing you as your Senator for a second term, and remain dedicated to serving you with integrity and honesty.

I also want to pay homage to a truly great man, a person whom President Obama called "a true American hero," Senator Daniel K. Inouye. We thank him for his many, many years of service to the people of Hawai'i, and bid him a fond aloha.

We look forward to the upcoming session with excitement, and anticipate a very productive year. I am glad to report that I will continue to serve as the Senate Majority Leader and the Chair of the newly expanded Committee on Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs (previously the Committee on Hawaiian Affairs).

I am also happy to introduce Jeannin Russo as my Committee Clerk, and welcome back Marlene Sai to our office. The addition of these two lovely ladies round off my staff for the legislative session.

If you are ever in the neighborhood, please stop by and visit us to share your views, concerns, or to just say "hello." If you cannot make it in person, you are welcome to give us a call or send us an email.

My warmest mahalo for the privilege of serving you.

A Final Farewell To Senator Daniel K. Inouye

Members of the Hawai'i State Legislature and the public gathered at the Hawai'i State Capitol Rotunda on December 22, 2012 to pay their final respects to Senator Daniel K. Inouye, an American hero who inspired many across the nation with his integrity and compassion. Members of the public visited the Hawai'i State Capitol until midnight to express their fond aloha to the great Senator. On December 20, 2012, Senator Inouye received the rare honor of lying in state at the U.S. Capitol Rotunda. Senator Inouye passed away on December 17 at the age of 88. He was the most senior member of the U.S. Senate and the President Pro-Tempore — the third in line to the presidency. He was first elected to the U.S. Senate in 1962, and was serving his ninth consecutive term when he died.



*The Honorable Senator Daniel K. Inouye
with Senator Brickwood Galuteria*

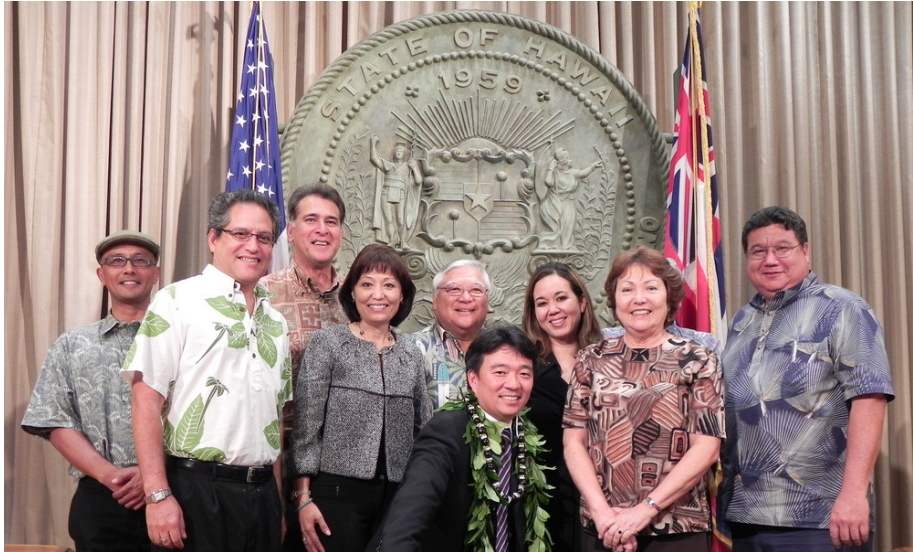
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Senate President Shan Tsutsui Accepts the Position of Lieutenant Governor

On December 27, 2012, former state Senate President Shan S. Tsutsui accepted the position of Lieutenant Governor of Hawai'i, effective immediately under the order of succession. The office was vacated on December 26, 2012 by the appointment of former Lieutenant Governor Brian Schatz to the U.S. Senate.



A complete listing of Senate Leadership and Committee Chairmanships is as follows:

President	Donna Mercado Kim
Vice President	Ronald D. Kouchi
Majority Leader	Brickwood Galuteria
Ways and Means, Chair	David Ige
Ways and Means, Vice Chair	Michelle Kidani
Majority Floor Leader	Will Espero
Majority Policy Leader	Les Ihara, Jr.
Majority Whip	Gil Kahele
Majority Whip	Jill Tokuda
Judiciary and Labor, Chair	Clayton Hee
Commerce and Consumer Protection, Chair	Roz Baker
Agriculture, Chair	Clarence Nishihara
Technology and the Arts, Chair	Glenn Wakai
Economic Development, Government Operations, and Housing, Chair	Donovan Dela Cruz
Energy and Environment, Chair	Mike Gabbard
Education, Chair	Jill Tokuda
Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs, Chair	Brickwood Galuteria
Health, Chair	Josh Green, M.D.
Higher Education, Chair	Brian Taniguchi
Human Services, Chair	Suzanne Chun Oakland
Public Safety and Military Affairs, Chair	Will Espero
Transportation and International Affairs, Chair	J. Kalani English
Water and Land, Chair	Malama Solomon

Senator Donna Mercado Kim Selected as Senate President

Senate Vice President Donna Mercado Kim (Sen. District 14) has been selected as the President of the Senate, and will preside during the 27th Hawai'i State Legislative session which will convene on January 16, 2013. Senator Ronald D. Kouchi (Sen. District 8) will serve as Senate Vice President, and Senator David Ige (Sen. District 16) will continue as Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means, with Senator Michelle Kidani (Sen. District 18) again serving as his Vice Chair.

The Senate acted quickly to organize after Maui State Senator Shan Tsutsui (Sen. District 5) took the oath of office as Lieutenant Governor. The Senate line up remains mostly intact to allow members continuity in their committee work as the Senate has been preparing for the new session.

"We are solidified in dealing with the pressing issues facing our State. The Senate continues to be organized in a cooperative and focused manner. I'm humbled to receive the confidence and support of my colleagues," Senate President Kim said in a statement to the media.

I look forward to working with President Kim throughout the upcoming session, and am pleased and proud to be part of the Senate Leadership team!



Senate President Donna Mercado Kim with the Honorable Senator Daniel K. Inouye in 1985