

SENATOR DAVID IGE

APRIL 2012



SERVING HAWAII'S
SENATE DISTRICT
16

Pacific Palisades

Pearl City

Waimalu

Upper Aiea

Aiea Heights



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Senator Ige will be updating his page with highlights from the session, news in the community and a recipe every Monday by a member of his staff.

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THE HOME STRETCH...

Aloha...

It certainly has been a very busy legislative session for my staff and I as we once again charged our way through the many bills that pass through the Ways and Means Committee. As the chair, I am humbled by the responsibility of managing our state budget while advocating for the people of our community.

While our state continues to rebound from the recent economic downturn, we have seen many encouraging signs that our state is heading in a positive direction. The economic forecast indicates a more stable economy including positive numbers with our unemployment rate dropping. Having said that, we must continue to invest in our local businesses and take the necessary steps to ensure economic stability for the future.

There have been many highlights coming out of our Aiea and Pearl City district and I applaud those who have represented our community with pride and honor. I thank you for allowing me the privilege of serving as your senator and look forward to working with you on the issues that continue to impact our schools, families, and environment.

I encourage you to please contact my office if you have any concerns, questions, or comments about the legislative process or any other issue. Our contact info is listed and we look forward to once again working with you to ensure a great future for our community.

Mahalo...

David Ige



Aiea / Pearl City Legislators



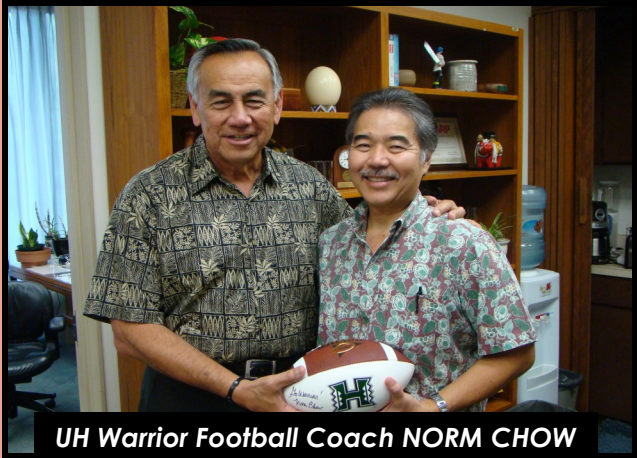
Senator Ige in WAM hearing



**TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATIVE SESSION
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Aiea Inter Principal Tom Kurashige



UH Warrior Football Coach NORM CHOW

INVEST IN HAWAII ACT OF 2012

On February 21st the Senate unanimously passed The Invest in Hawaii Act of 2012 (Senate Bill 2012). The bill will go to the House next for consideration.

Senate Bill 2012, is an aggressive \$500 million general obligation bond-funded Capital Improvement Program package aimed at creating jobs by investing and stimulating our local economy from all corners of the state.

With Hawaii experiencing the lowest interest rates on record and significant savings made from the State's most recent bond authorization and issuance, now is the time to invest in our State. The program will appropriate funds for shovel-ready projects that will create jobs for all trades in the construction industry – from carpenters to consultants. According to conservative estimates by the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism's (DBEDT)

job multiplier, this measure could create or sustain more than 5,000 jobs.

Projects under consideration will focus on repair and maintenance needs to address aging infrastructure concerns and to extend the useful life of existing state-owned assets and facilities. It will also include those that address health and safety code concerns. A portion of Governor Abercrombie's \$300 million request for construction projects that are shovel-ready or address repair and maintenance concerns are funded by the measure.

Another priority of the bill is to develop sustainable and renewable energy resources, such as photovoltaic technology. Investing in renewable energy and upgrades to information technology initiatives throughout schools, hospitals, and office buildings will ultimately lead to cost savings and a reduction of the State's carbon footprint.

- Highlights of the funding:**
- \$150,000,000 for repair and maintenance projects and to address infrastructure needs, such as science and technology, electricity, and other utility infrastructure improvements, within the public school system.
 - \$3,000,000 for repair and maintenance projects within the Hawaii State Library system.
 - \$90,000,000 for capital renewal and deferred maintenance projects of the University of Hawaii at Manoa and the University of Hawaii at Hilo.
 - \$25,000,000 for capital renewal and deferred maintenance projects within the University of Hawaii community college system.
 - \$60,000,000 for repair and maintenance projects of the Department of Accounting and General Services.
 - \$40,000,000 for repair and maintenance projects of the Department of Human Services.
 - \$40,000,000 for repair and maintenance projects of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation.

HAWAII FOOD BANK

Each session, different offices in the Hawaii State Capitol participate in a friendly competition to see who can generate the most points by hosting events or donating non-perishable items to the Hawaii Food Bank.

Our office raised over \$1,000 for the Hawaii Food Bank in two fundraising events. Earlier in the session, the staff created a WAM special (Waffles, ice cream, and toppings). Just last month, the office held a salad sale creating a variety of healthy salads for the hungry workers in the capitol. The Food Bank continues to accept donations to help feed Hawaii's hungry.



SENATE HONORS SEN. DANIEL AKAKA



On April 3, the Hawaii State House and Senate honored US Senator Daniel Akaka for his years of service for the people of Hawaii. Senator Akaka was also recognized for his selection as a recipient of the Harry S. Truman Award by the National Guard Association of the United States. After 36 years of public service, Akaka will enter retirement and not seek re-election.

IGES KITCHEN...

A RECIPE FROM SEN. IGE

Tofu Spinach Salad

Dressing

- 2 T sesame oil
- 2 T vinegar
- 2 T Sugar
- 2 T Kim Chee Base
- 1 T Shoyu



- 1 Block Fresh Tofu
- 1 Pkg. Baby Spinach (Fresh)

*Add Fresh Strawberries and cherry tomatoes for an added touch of color

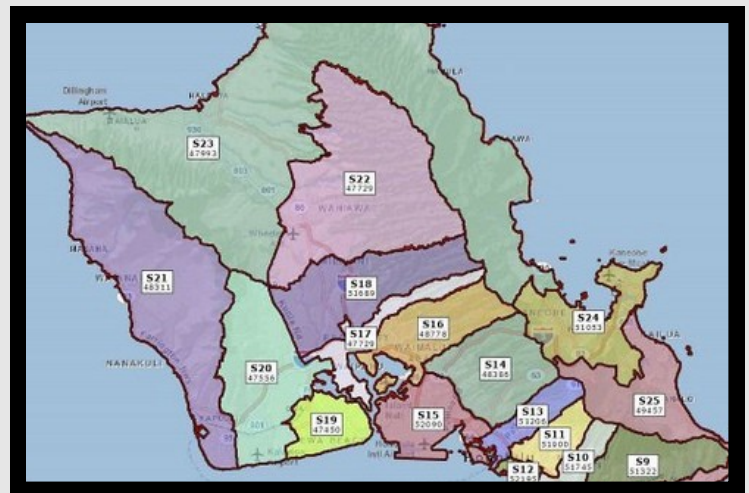
REAPPORTIONMENT LINES DRAWN FOR 2012 ELECTION

After the 2010 census, the Hawaii State Reapportionment Commission was given the task to redraw the voting districts throughout the state. This redistricting was necessary to adjust to the population changes and will be permanent for the next 10 years until the next census is taken.

Following a challenge by the Hawaii Supreme Court, the Hawaii Reapportionment Commission was forced to redraft the district lines to accommodate these population changes.

There have been a few changes made to district 16 including the loss of the Pacific Palisades neighborhood. For a detailed description of all the newly drawn district lines, log onto the Office of Elections website at :

<http://hawaii.gov/elections/reapportionment>



Community Corner

AIEA HIGH SCHOOL CAPTURES GIRLS WRESTLING STATE TITLE

Last month, the Aiea High School girls wrestling team captured the Hawaii High School Athletic Association State title beating out runner up Punahou by 4.5 points. The team won three individual titles which helped lift the unit to the overall team title. **Samantha Higa, Darcie Manning-Obrien, and Candace Segi** took home individual honors. This was the first state title for the Na Ali'i in girls Wrestling. Pearl City followed behind the Buff-N-Blue capturing a respectable third place finish. Congratulations to all the talented and gifted athletes for making us proud!



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- **Aiea High School** admin building expansion and renovation **\$230,000**
- **Pearl Ridge Elem.** electrical upgrades **\$1,150,000**
- **Pearl City High** weight training and athletic training facility **\$53,000**
- **Pearl City Highlands Elem.** Electrical upgrades **\$950,000**
- **Waimano Ridge:** complex and re-roof order. **\$ 32,000**

APRIL 9 -

Aiea Neighborhood Board Meeting
(Aiea Public Library 7:30)

APRIL 12 -

Aiea / Pearl City Community Meeting
"Going Green Sustainability"
(Pearl Ridge Elementary 7:00 pm)

APRIL 16 -

Aiea Community Association Meeting
(Aiea Public Library 7:00 pm)

Pearl City Community Association Meeting

(Pearl City Shopping Center Conference Room 7:00 pm)

APRIL 21 -

Friends of Aiea Library Book Sale
(Aiea Public Library 10am - 3pm)

23rd Annual Pearl City Food Drive

(Pearl City Shopping Center 8am - 3pm)

MAY 5 -

Aiea High School 50th Anniversary
(Honolulu International Country Club)

MAY 21 -

Aiea / Pearl City Community Meeting
UH West Oahu New Campus
(Pearl Ridge Elementary 7:00 - 8:30 pm)



Aiea High School was honored at the State Capitol as the school celebrated its 50th anniversary. Principal Michael Tokioka and representatives from the school were recognized at the State Capitol as the school celebrates the milestone.

Students Visit the Capitol

Throughout the session, students from our Aiea and Pearl City community have visited the State Capitol to witness the legislative process in action. One group of students from Pearl City Elementary even witnessed the signing of a bill by Governor Neil Abercrombie. We invite you to come down and be part of the legislative process the next time you find yourself in the downtown area.

