

SENATOR GILBERT KAHELE

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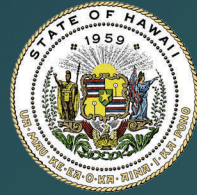
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Congratulations to all our graduates!

May was a month of graduations in the district as students at the high school, college, and graduate school level took the next step in their lives. I am proud of all they have accomplished to this point and I am looking forward to the bright futures that they face as they continue to grow and contribute to our community.



*UH Hilo graduation with Miss
Aloha Hawaii and Miss Filipina.*



UH Hilo graduate, Valerie Dionne



UH JABSOM graduation



Kea'au High School graduation



Hilo High School graduation

An Afternoon with BJ Penn



Senator Kahele met with Hilo native, and mixed martial arts champion, BJ Penn, on May 17 showing his support to the venture of bringing the UFC to Hawai'i. Governor Abercrombie is also in support noting that with BJ leading the way "we are gonna make this happen".

There was also discussion about creating a sports council that would highlight the many athletes that we have in Hawai'i. This sports council would have BJ as its "heart and soul".

West Hawaii Veteran's Cemetery Receives National Recognition



Photos taken by Ricky Li

On May 8, Governor Abercrombie recognized the West Hawaii Veteran's Cemetery for their achievement of being awarded "shrine status" by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs. They are only one of three state-owned veterans cemeteries in the country with that status. In order to have achieved this status the cemetery had to meet design and features standards set by the National Cemetery Administration.