

# SENATOR GILBERT KAHELE



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## A Message from Senator Kahele

Aloha!

As I write this over the memorial day weekend, I, along with my family gather to remember those who sacrificed everything in defense of our nation.

It is fitting that our nation chooses the last Monday in May as Memorial Day. This day marks the beginning of summer, and what could be a more fitting tribute to men and women who died in service to their country than the day that gives birth to a season filled with warmth and life.

From this weekend until Labor Day students will be out of school, high school graduation celebrations will take place, summer fun activities will begin and many of us will enjoy traveling, trips to the beach, camping, hiking and enjoying the special place we all call home, Hawai'i.

I want to thank you again, for the opportunity to serve as your State Senator. I wish each and every one of you a safe, fun filled and productive summer.

Hau'oli Ka Mana'o,

## Memorial Day

On Monday, May 26, 2014 Senator Kahele gave the keynote address at the Hilo Memorial Day Ceremony at the Hawai'i County Veterans Cemetery No. 1. On this day, we remember and honor the American Soldiers, ordinary men and women, who died serving our great country.

"So today, just as in years gone past, we decorate each memorial, each gravesite, with a flag, flowers or a lei, and we pay tribute to those who gave their all in service to a grateful nation. The observance of their names, the acknowledgement of their contribution during their shortened lives, and the recognition of their sacrifice, is the greatest honor we can give them. When we think about them, for a moment they live again, in our memories, in our imagination, and in our hearts while stirring up our pride, our patriotism and maybe a tear. As their remarkable valor and sacrifice is etched in our memories, they live on forever," said Senator Kahele at the Memorial Day Ceremony.



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# Out and About....

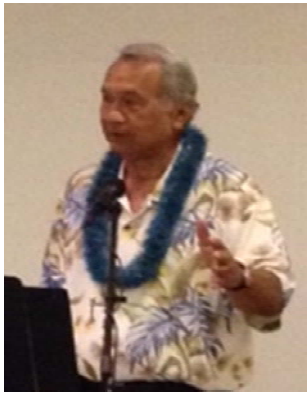


Senator Kahele, Representatives Onishi and Tsuji at the Hawai'i County Dental Society Annual Thank You Legislators Dinner on May 13, 2014.



Kalani Kahaliaumi, Dr. Ku'ulei Miles and Senator Kahele at Palekai, Keaukaha for the Hōkūle'a and Hikianalia welcoming ceremonies. Both voyaging canoes were at Palekai for over a week before their departure on May 30, 2014.

Senator Kahele offers his heartfelt thanks and appreciation to the many families who have opened their hearts and homes to the children of Hawai'i Island and the organizations that help to place them at the East Hawai'i Foster Families Annual Appreciation Dinner.



Senator Kahele attended the University of Hawai'i at Hilo, Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy's Graduation Reception held on May 16, 2014.

L-R: Jerry Chang, Director of University Relations; Andrew Reinhart, 2014 graduate of the UH-Hilo, DKU College of Pharmacy; and Senator Kahele.

On May 29, 2014 Senators Kahele, Solomon and Ruderman along with Representatives Nakashima, Tsuji and Hanohano hosted a post Legislative Session update, which included a discussion on Hawai'i Island's Capital Improvement Projects (CIP), programs and initiatives.

Collectively, through team work and community input, the East Hawai'i Island Delegation secured over \$100M in CIP, grant in aids, and other appropriations.



Senator Kahele and Rachel Thompson at the University of Hawai'i at Hilo Spring Commencement Ceremony.



Senator Kahele was honored and privileged to give the keynote address at the 2014 Chiefess Kapi'olani Commencement Ceremonies.

As a proud alumni, Senator Kahele reminded the students never to give up, and always strive and dream high for nothing is impossible.



Hawai'i Island Legislators Representatives Creagan, Tsuji and Hanohano and Senator Kahele provided a legislative briefing to the Hawai'i Island Contractors Association. Also pictured above is Jerry Chang, UH Hilo.