



# Senator Michelle Kidani

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Kung Hee Fat Choy!

A month of session has come and gone, and there is still so much to accomplish. Status of some bills that I've introduced and supported in committee:

- **SB636:** Implements voting provisions for uniformed services and overseas absentee voters, including electronic transmission of balloting materials as required by the Military and Overseas Voter Empowerment Act- **passed and referred to Judiciary (JDL)**
- **SB641:** Fireworks; Requires labeling of display fireworks; requires notification to the county by shipping companies and freight forwarders of incoming fireworks; requires licensee to provide certain info to the county fire department- **This language was incorporated into SB172SD1; passed and referred to Judiciary (JDL)**
- **SB934:** Cyberbullying; Establishes a bullying and cyberbullying policy for all public and private schools. Establishes reporting requirements and establishes a misdemeanor offense of bullying or cyberbullying a minor - **passed and Judiciary (JDL) scheduled for hearing on 2/24/11 @ 9:00am.**
- **SB1375:** Instructional Days; Multi Track Public Schools requires multi track public schools to meet at least 171 days or 90% of the minimum number of days required of other public schools- **passed and scheduled for decision making in the Ways and Means committee on 2/25/11 @ 9 am.**
- **SB638: Planned Community Associations;** Principal Office; Zoning; Authorizes an exemption from county zoning-related building restrictions for an increase in floor area of the principal office of a planned community association – **passed and scheduled for hearing in Commerce and Consumer Protection (CPN) on 3/1/11 @ 9am**

As always, community comments and suggestions are always welcome. I am dedicated to serve you in any possible way. Please feel free to visit me at my office or contact me by phone, fax, or email. Thank you for your continued support.

Me ke Aloha Pumehana,



(L-R) Park Kaleiwahea, Trevor Nagamine, Joan Manke, Shane Strong, Daniel Chang, Will Kane, Flo Kong Kee

## Meet my 2011 staff

I would like to introduce you to my staff this year.

Many of you will recognize some of my returning staff from last session, Park, my Office Manger, Trevor my faithful Student Volunteer and Joan Manke my Legislative Assistant.

New faces this year are Shane Strong, who joins us from UH as this year's legislative, student intern. Will Kane, who is a DOE teacher, joining my staff as the CIP Analyst. Flo Kong Kee, who brings her extensive knowledge of Federal and State government as my Legislative Assistant. And lastly, Daniel Chang, who joins us as a volunteer.

Please don't hesitate to call my office and ask for them by name.

*Please visit the Hawaii Legislature for more information about bills and capitol happenings.*

**[www.capitol.hawaii.gov](http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov)**

*Once there check out the Senate tab and go to Senator Kidani's webpage for information on the district and bills introduced by the Senator*  
**[www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session2011/members/senate/memberpage.aspx?member=kidani](http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session2011/members/senate/memberpage.aspx?member=kidani)**

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Or to learn more, please get in touch or visit [www.freefilealliance.org](http://www.freefilealliance.org).

### **HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS**

Please join us as Mr. Dunn addresses  
Human Trafficking in Hawaii  
Become more aware and  
perhaps find a way to assist victims

**Dennis Dunn, Director  
Victim Witness Kokua Services  
Honolulu Prosecutor's Office  
Thursday, March 3, 2011 @ 6:00 p.m.  
Mililani Hongwanji  
95-257 Kaloapau Street  
Refreshments will be available**

**Please call for reservations:**

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- By Email: Testimony may be emailed if less than 5 pages in length; to the Committee it is being heard. Committee email address will be posted on the agenda. Please indicate the measure, date and time of the hearing. Email sent to individual offices or any other Senate office will not be accepted.
- By Web: Testimony may be submitted online if less than 4MB in size, at <http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/emailtestimony>.
- In person: 1 copy of their testimony to the committee clerk at the State Capitol.
- By fax: Testimony may be faxed if less than 5 pages in length, to the Senate Sergeant-At-Arms Office at 586-6659 or 1-800-586-6659 (toll free for neighbor islands), at least 24 hours prior to the hearing. When faxing, please indicate to which committee the testimony is being submitted and the date and time of the hearing.

### DATES to REMEMBER

- March 4** - First Decking - All bills ready for Third Reading Filed
- March 10** - First Crossover - All bills that passed Third Reading cross over to House/Senate



Judge Sabrina McKenna was confirmed to the Hawaii State Supreme Court on February 16, 2011 by the Hawaii State Senate. She is the first judicial appointee by Governor Abercrombie.

Judge McKenna will fill the vacancy that was created in September when Associate Justice Mark Recktenwald was elevated to be chief justice. She has been the Deputy Chief Judge in the Family Court of the First Circuit where she presided over 150 jury trials.

Congratulations to her and her family.