

SENATOR POHAI RYAN

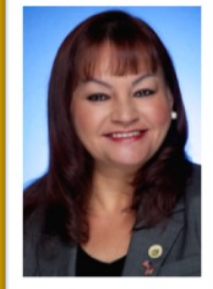
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2012 Legislative Session

It's that time of year again. We are beginning to gear up for the legislative session. 2012 will be the second year of the 26th biennial legislature. That simply means that bills that were not passed last year are still viable and do not need to be reintroduced. It also means that the budget process is a continuation

of the 2011 budget and will be addressed through supplemental budgeting.

Senator Ryan will be attending many budget briefings held by the



Ways and Means committee to hear from each of the state's departments regarding their financial standing.

You are cordially invited to join Senator Pohai Ryan & staff at an office open house

Wednesday, January 18, 2012

OPENING DAY OF THE LEGISLATURE

Twelve Noon

following Legislative Session

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COMMUNITY RECOGNITION

If you know someone in our community that has achieved something notable, let us know! We are looking for people to recognize through State Senate Certificates for their outstanding efforts in the community. These people can be sports league winners, boy or girl scout troops or admirable businesses — these are just some examples. There are no limits to the parameters and we would love to hear from you. Please call our office at 587-8388.

PUBLIC ACCESS ROOM (PAR)

The Public Access Room is a one-of-a-kind service provided to the residents of Hawaii to help them engage and participate in our state's legislative process.

PAR serves the citizens of Hawai'i by providing facilities, services and equipment to enhance their ability to participate in the legislative process. Everyone is welcome to track and affect legislation pending before the Hawai'i State Legislature. Staff assistance is

available in person, by telephone and by e-mail.

PAR is a division of the Legislative Reference Bureau.

The PAR staff is available to educate and help one navigate through the legislative process, teach "How to" locate your legislator, offer testimony, track measures, and navigate the Legislature's website, identify resources and provide information. Resources available in-

clude computers with internet access, work space, equipment, research material including Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), session laws, journals, directories, manuals, and a variety of supplies.

Individual and group workshops are available. You can drop-in or schedule a formal meeting. PAR outreach efforts include community workshops. You can access workshop materials at <http://hawaii.gov/lrb/>



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Office Hours:

During Session: (M-F) 8am-6pm; (Sat) 8am-2pm

During Interim: 8am-5pm, Monday—Friday

Native Hawaiian Settlement?

Governor Neil Abercrombie recently announced a tentative proposal to work toward a long awaited settlement of claims due the Native Hawaiian population as mandated by Hawaii State Constitution. The proposed settlement is in the form of a land transfer of several waterfront parcels in the Kakaako Makai area of Honolulu.

This is sure to be a hot topic of the upcoming Leg-

islature. It will first be taken up by the respective Hawaiian Affairs House and Senate Committees with the necessity for approval by the entire legislative body prior to closing.

OHA held community forums for all islands between Dec. 2 - 17 to inform stake holders of the particulars and get their feedback.

The proposal consists of approximately 25 acres of land area and is valued at

nearly two hundred million dollars which is the outstanding amount due OHA from the time period beginning in 1978 through July 1, 2012. OHA would continue to receive annual legislative funding of \$15.1 million going forward.

Senator Ryan is interested in the views and opinions of her constituents regarding this settlement proposal. Please contact the office to share your mana'o.

STATE CONSTITUTION ARTICLE XII, SECTION 4

The lands granted the State of Hawaii by Section 5(b) of the Admissions Act and pursuant to Article XVI, Section 7, of the State Constitution, excluding therefrom lands defined as "available Lands" by Section 203 of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, 1920, as amended, shall be held by the State as a public trust for Native Hawaiians and the general public.

Historic Sites of Senate District 25

PAHUKINI HEIAU

Location: Within Kapa'a City Landfill, above Kawaii Nui Swamp Regional Park.

This heiau is within a locked chain link fence inside the Kapaa City Landfill, but can be accessed with permission.

Record shows this heiau to have been built by Chief 'Olopana around AD 1100. It is noted that this is one of the largest religious sites on Oahu's Windward side (120 by 180 feet). Pahukini Heiau is a rectangular enclosure of stacked rock walls which may have once measured as much as six feet in height. There is a smaller enclosure and opening along the north wall which seem to be later additions. The foundation of this heiau location has been degraded over

the years due to slope erosion, quarrying and effects of the city landfill.



Historic information obtained from "Ancient Sites of Oahu" by Van James. Proceeds contributed to Native Hawaiian Culture & Arts Program and Bishop Museum Press.

www.bishopmuseum.org/press

Read more about historic sites of the district,

Book available for purchase locally.

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NEW AND IMPROVED LEGISLATIVE WEBSITE

Please take some time to check out the new and improved Legislature website: www.capitol.hawaii.gov.

New features include customization of bill tracking lists.

You can access hearing notices, submit testimony, view information from commit-

tees, peruse bill status reports, access broadcasts, sign up for RSS feeds, review the legislative calendar, access individual legislators' web pages.

Often used features include: search boxes that are driven by keywords,

searchable Hawaii Revised Statutes, bill reports including bill packages and sortable hearing notice lists.

You will also find help, information, and archives going back as far as 1999.

CHECK IT OUT!

WWW.CAPITOL.HAWAII.GOV

OFTEN USED FEATURES

- **SEARCH BOXES:** search by measure number, keywords, hearings by date or by measure; order of the day will outline events taking place in the Chambers on Session days
- **HAWAII REVISED STATUTES:** Index supplement provides various search techniques, table of contents outlines HRS structure, browsing by section number, or search by words and phrases
- **BILL STATUS REPORTS:** lists of Acts, Governor's Messages, daily updates, reports to the Legislature, deadline information, bill packages
- **HEARING NOTICES:** upcoming scheduled public hearings
- **HELP & INFORMATION:** Links to Citizen's Guide, a glossary of terms, frequently asked questions, maps and directories and contact information
- **ARCHIVES:** Find measures introduced in previous years (1999-present), search by keyword through specific year of all previous legislative sessions

EASY TO ACCESS FEATURES

- **MOST CURRENT VERSION OF MEASURE:** Click bill number and link to bill, either web-based format or Adobe pdf, titles, description, introducers, measure activity including committee referrals
- **SUBMIT TESTIMONY:** Short cut to the web form used to submit testimony
- **ON DEMAND MEDIA:** hearing broadcasts of on-demand video and links
- **TESTIMONY:** links to all written testimony that is easily searchable
- **HEARING NOTICES:** lists of all hearing notices and instructions for submitting testimony for each hearing
- **LINKS BACK TO OTHER FEATURES ON HOME PAGE:** Navigation back to home page features and links to other government pages and websites

Search

[or browse document directories](#)

[How to use the Searchboxes](#)

Bill Status/Measure Status

Keywords

Hearings by Date

Hearings by Measure

Order of the Day

Hawaii Revised Statutes
(contains 2011 Acts)

[Index](#)
[Supplement Index \(2010\)](#)
[Table of Contents](#)
[Browse HRS Sections](#)

Search examples:

fishing license will search for the words fishing AND license
fishing OR license will search for the words fishing or license
fishing - license (minus sign) will search for the words fishing NOT license
"fishing license" (in quotes) will search for the exact phrase fishing license

Recent Updates

Our new look! We hope that you find our new website more comprehensive and easier to find the information you need. If you have questions or comments about our redesign, please [contact us](#).

Our [Public Access Room](#) has created a **great guide** to the new site! [View It](#)

The website has been updated for the upcoming 2012 session. If you are looking for 2011 information, please [see our Archives](#)

- [Session Jobs \(House\) \(Senate\)](#)
- [List of Acts for 2011 Session](#)
- [2011 Special Session](#)
- [Charter School Governance, Accountability, and Authority Task Force](#)
- [Legislative Federal Economic Stimulus Program Oversight Commission](#)



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Current Hearings [\(view full screen\)](#)

Committee	Measure	Date/Time	Notice
INFO-EDU-EDN	Informational Briefing Informational Briefing	12/19/2011 2:00 PM	See It

Help and Information

- [Citizen's Guide to the Legislative Process](#)
- [Maps & Directories](#)
- [Legislative Glossary](#)
- [Broadcasts](#)
- [Calendar](#)
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MEET THE STATE AGENCIES:

Office of Information Practices *Ethics* Ombudsman

Office of Information Practices (OIP)

586-1400

OIP administers two open government laws: the Uniform Information Practices Act (UIPA) and the Sunshine Law. Both of these laws are intended to ensure more open and transparent state and county governments.

OIP provides interpretation, advice and training on both UIPA and the Sunshine Law. They also administer the Records Report System, a computerized database of government records

Training tools and guides are available to the general public upon request to the agency.

Ethics Commission

587-0460

The Hawaii State Ethics Commission is responsible for enforcing the ethics code, financial disclosure law, gifts disclosure law, mandatory ethics training law and the state lobbyists law.

Duties include issuing opinions, investigating and considering charges for violations and educating government officials, employees and the public on matters relating to ethics in government.

Ombudsman

587-0770

The Office of the Ombudsman investigates complaints about actions of state and county executive branch agencies.

They are a neutral, independent agency that can investigate a complaint, attempt to resolve problems, and recommend a course of action when complaints are substantiated.

They do not provide legal advice, or serve as legal counsel, advocate, or represent any person or agency.

THE STATE CALENDAR

Did you know that you can access a calendar of all state public meetings?

Stay informed by accessing

www.eHawaii.gov

click on calendar of events. Scroll by date or use a keyword search option. List view and calendar view are both available.

Senator on the MOVE!

12/1-Kailua Neighborhood Board

12/3-Kaneohe Christmas Parade

12/3-Kailua McDonald's Remodel Grand Opening Celebration

12/3-Honolulu City Lights Celebration

12/5-Native Hawaiian Bar Association Luncheon and Legislative Update

12/5-Waimanalo Community Farmers Food Safety Meeting

12/7-Hawaii Job Corps Center Community Relations Council Meeting and Lunch

12/7-Castle Medical Center Tree Lighting Ceremony

12/8-HGEA Oahu Retiree Chapter Christmas Lunch

12/9-Environmental Caucus General Meeting and Yearend Celebration

12/10-Waimanalo Christmas Parade

12/13-OHA Settlement Briefing by the Attorney General

12/14-Coffee Hour with Kupuna @ Lanihuli, Kailua

12/15-Legislative Tour: Pearl City Urban Garden

12/18-Miss Hawaii Fund-raiser

12/22-UH Welcome Reception for Norm Chow

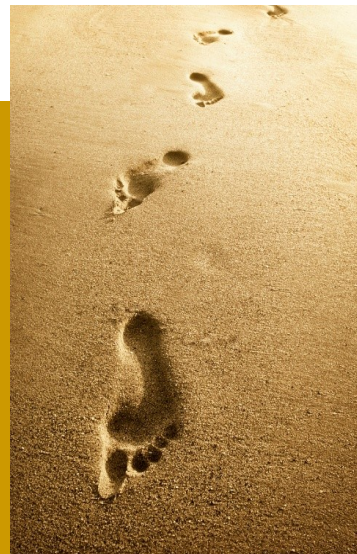


PHOTO GALLERY



CONGRATULATIONS!!!

A big applause goes out to our awesome keiki and school Ohana from Enchanted Lake Elementary School for winning the "GLEE Give A Note" grant of \$10,000.00 to help preserve its music programs. Read more about it on <http://bit.ly/AhM7VI>.

Community Events

SAT, JAN 7

8am - 2pm

3rd Annual Waimanalo Community Recycling Day

Waimanalo Beach Park
Volunteers needed to drive trucks and sort recyclables. Community members encouraged to drop off recyclables including: unwanted vehicles, scrap metal, newspaper, plastic bottles, etc.
Call: 381-7202

SAT, JAN 7

8:00am

Light Up Kailua Clean-Up

Be a part of taking down thousands of Christmas lights from trees in Kailua Town. Bring gloves, ladders, covered shoes. Those interested should e-mail Doug Pierce: doug@mokuluawoodworking.com
(meet at triangle in the middle of Kailua Town)

SAT, JAN 7

10:30am

Chinese Lion Dance Performance

Kailua Public Library
Performance by the Gee Yung Dragon & Lion Dance Assoc. celebrating the Year of the Dragon.

WED, JAN 11 & 25

10:30am

Story Time with Uncle Wally Amos

Kailua Public Library
Founder of the Chip & Cookie Read Aloud Foundation will read to keiki ages 2 through 5, accompanied by a parent of caregiver.

MON, JAN 16

9:00am

24th Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Parade and Unity Rally

Kalakaua Ave beginning at

Magic Island and ending at Kapiolani Park for the unity rally to include music, entertainment, food, children's activities and vendors.

WED, JAN 18

10:30am

Musical Story Time with Keiki Crescendo

Kailua Public Library
Highly-participatory program for keiki ages 3 and older accompanied by parent of caregiver

WED, JAN 18

12:00pm

Opening Day of the Legislature: District 25 Office Open House.

Hawaii State Capitol, Room 213.
Meet the Senator and staff; light refreshments served.
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