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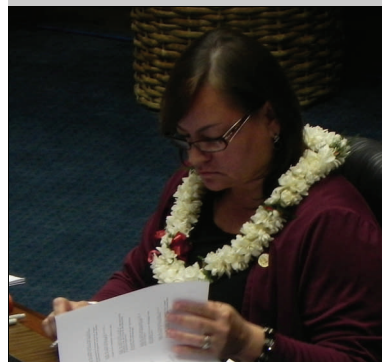


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Senator Ryan Worked Hard on SB2927, Senate votes to re-commit bill



On May 3rd, the last day of Legislative Session, the Senate took decisive action in killing Senate Bill 2927 by recommitting it to Conference Committee. Senator Ryan was instrumental in convincing leadership to take this course of action. During the Legislative Session she gave the following remarks for the Senate Journal:



(as spoken on the Senate Floor)

Mr. President,

I stand to speak on Senate Bill 2927, relating to state-wide planning, which we have moved to recommit this afternoon. I feel the need to articulate my position on this measure because my community has been fully engaged and vocally opposed from the start. There has been no lack of discourse, or misinformation, for that matter where this bill is concerned.

First, I would like to acknowledge the Chair of the Water, Land and Housing Committee for his efforts and diligence in trying to find innovative solutions to implement smart transit-oriented development and livable community planning proposals. He, his staff, and many other concerned parties have worked extremely hard to address issues as they reared up throughout the legislative process.

As a freshman of this body, I have learned that good leadership entails working collaboratively to create the best legislation possible...and not to vote no and walk away when there's continuing disagreement. Though this body has 24 Democrats, we absolutely do not always agree!

BILL HISTORY

SB2518-ACT 22 (introduced by Senator Ryan)

Measure Title: RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES.

Report Title: Driver's License; Active Duty Military; Dependents

Description: Authorizes military dependents as well as active duty military members deployed outside the U.S. to use an expired driver's license for up to ninety days after the return to the U.S. of the active duty member. (SD1)

Summary: What this bill does is include the dependants of the active duty military personnel to use an expired driver's license as valid for 90 days after the service member returns to the United States. The bill was originated in a conversation between Sergeant Major Robert E Eriksson at the Civilian Military Committee in which the Sergeant Major expressed difficulty finding a way to have his family aid him in moving their home to Hawaii without the extended period of time given to his dependants as well. Although the family had three cars to get home, his wife and son were not able to help, because of the length of time it took to get a valid driver's license. The test to get your driver's license includes a written exam, which awards you a permit, and a road test, which completes the licensing process and gives you a valid state driver's license. According to the Sergeant Major, an appointment to take the driving road test could not be scheduled for any sooner than two months after the date he called. With the possibility of not passing the road test the first time, this process can be daunting for anyone newly moved to Hawaii, who may need the immediate help of a valid driver's license.

HB2600—ACT29

Measure Title: RELATING TO CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES.

Report Title: Controlled Substances

Description: Updates chapter 329, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to make it consistent with federal laws on controlled substances. (HB2600 HD2)

Summary: This update to the Hawaii Revised Statutes is essentially a refined list of controlled substances to add to Hawaii's existing law. The intention of the bill is to protect public health and safety by updating this list according to federal law and taking into account recent events that have shown some of the added substances to be dangerous. One of the drugs accounted for, called "Spice," was involved in a 2010 attack when a man attacked his girlfriend on a Waikiki balcony.

HB608—ACT 1

Measure Title: RELATING TO HEALTH.

Report Title: Kidney; Liver; Transplants; Appropriations

Description: Appropriates emergency funds, subject to dollar-for-dollar private matching funds, to be expended by the Department of Health for grants to The Queen's Medical Center to perform kidney and liver transplants and to National Kidney Foundation of Hawaii to maintain its chronic kidney disease management program. (HB608 CD2)

Summary: This bill intends to facilitate the very new establishment of a kidney and liver transplant center at The Queen's Medical Center. The trigger for this bill was the closure of Hawaii Medical Center's two hospitals, greatly limiting the ability of those in need to receive treatment. The emergency appropriation delineated in the bill aids the Medical Center as well as the chronic kidney disease management program that exists under the National Kidney Foundation of Hawaii. With limited resources for kidney and liver transplants in the state of Hawaii, it is important that the state fund such an entity to maintain federal recognition for the stage 3 chronic kidney disease program.

SB2247—ACT 94

Measure Title: RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY.

Report Title: Electronic Communication Service Providers; Disclosure; Emergencies

Description: Allows electronic communication service providers to divulge the contents of a communication to law enforcement agencies, public safety agencies, and public safety answering points under certain emergency circumstances. (SB2247 HD1)

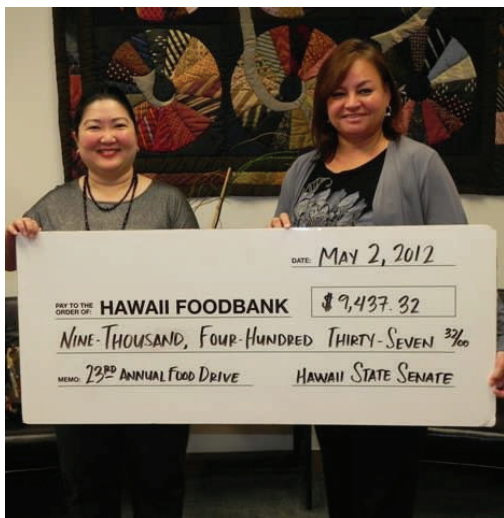
Summary: This bill, which is referred to as "Kelsey's Law," intends to prevent the possibility of information being withheld by any cell phone or communication service provider. After 18-year-old Kelsey Smith was kidnapped, raped and murdered in 2007, police detectives were able to find her body because of a phone ping that identified the place where Smith was kidnapped. Police detectives explained that, if released, the cell phone records controlled by Verizon Wireless could have helped find Smith on the same day as the kidnapping, possibly keeping her alive.

2012-2013 Budget

Senate and House Conferees passed [House Bill 2012](#), relating to State (Supplemental) Budget, early on Saturday morning (April 28). Some highlights of the \$11.2 billion dollar budget for fiscal year 2012-2013:

<p>Human Services \$22,880,786 MedQuest \$18,191,515 Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) \$6,880,719 child welfare</p>	<p>Department of Education \$14,000,000 Student Weighted Formula \$25,000,000 Student Transportation \$2,500,000 Adult Education</p>	<p>Agriculture \$1,331,952 Plant Quarantine Inspectors \$169,859 Food Safety Inspectors</p>
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FOODBANK



Senator Pohai Ryan spearheaded the Senate's efforts to support The Hawaii Foodbank this Legislative Session. After a successful fundraising campaign the Senate raised \$9,437 and presented the check on May 2nd, 2012.



Senator Ryan with Senator Donovan Dela Cruz (District 22) and Senator Gil Kahele (District 2) during conference.



1. Senator Ryan at Washington Place with Governor Neil Abercrombie, US Senator Daniel Akaka, OHA Chair Colette Machado, and fellow State Senators.



2. Hawaii News Now broadcast regarding the Clean Energy Fair.



3. Volunteering at the "I Love Kailua" Town Party.



4. The Hawaii State Senate confirmed Judicial Nominee Adrienne N. Heely as Judge for the District Family Court of the Second Circuit.



LANDFILL SELECTION FOULED UP

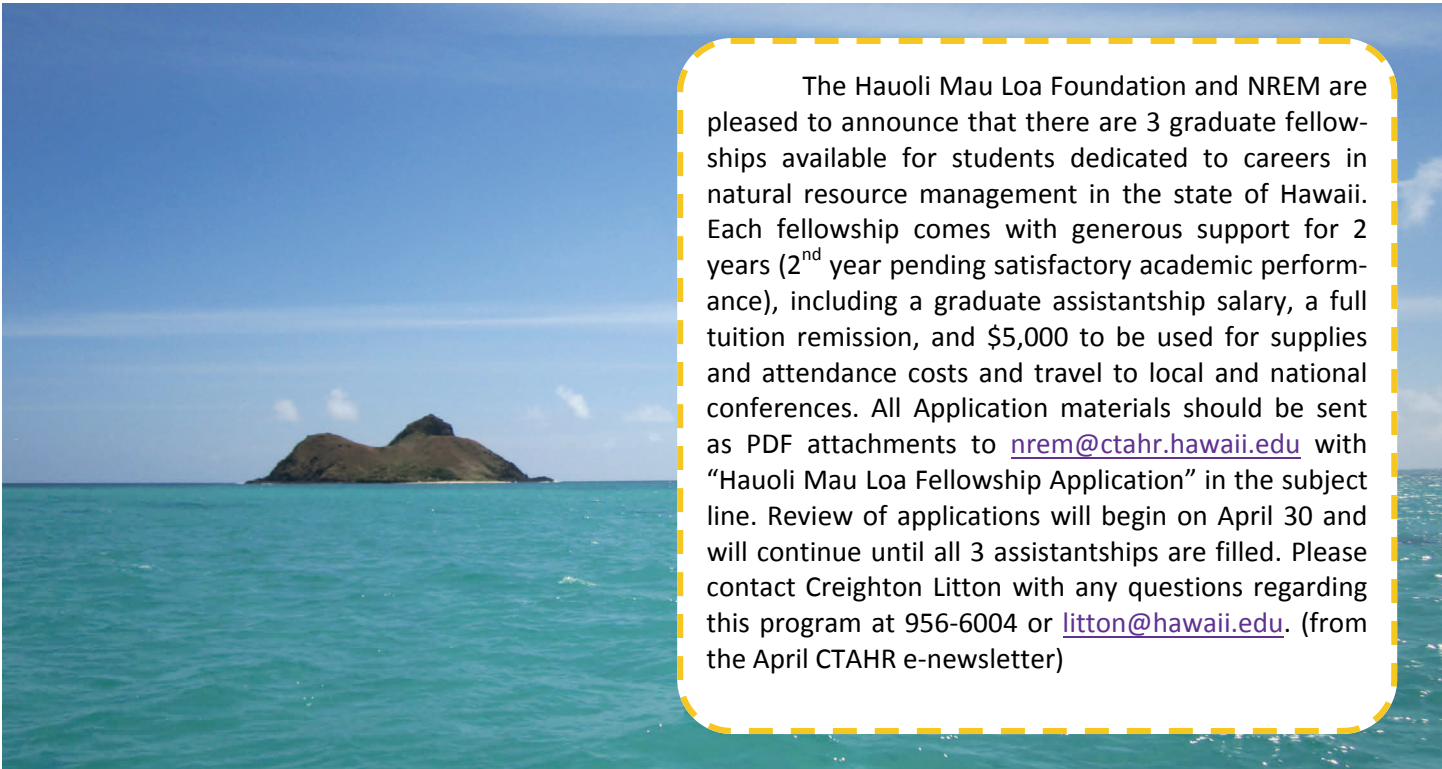
Kailua Spared (for now)

The Mayor's Landfill Selection Committee recently completed their work in ranking prospective sites. Originally it was reported that Kailua's Ameron Quarry site held the first position in the ranking of eleven sites. Subsequently it has come to light that there was a "data error" which caused a re-ranking of the selection list, moving Ameron to #5.

Senator Ryan sent Mayor Carlisle a letter upon first learning of the prospect of a landfill near sensitive Kailua marshland. She also questioned the wisdom of a landfill being located anywhere other than low-lying, dry, and industrial areas.

She believes that we need to look at new technology that will help Hawaii in reducing the need for such large landfills. She'll be working with her Windward colleagues and City Councilmember Anderson on these issues in the near future.

To read a copy of this letter please visit the Senator's website: <http://capitol.hawaii.gov/ryan.aspx>



The Hauoli Mau Loa Foundation and NREM are pleased to announce that there are 3 graduate fellowships available for students dedicated to careers in natural resource management in the state of Hawaii. Each fellowship comes with generous support for 2 years (2nd year pending satisfactory academic performance), including a graduate assistantship salary, a full tuition remission, and \$5,000 to be used for supplies and attendance costs and travel to local and national conferences. All Application materials should be sent as PDF attachments to nrem@ctahr.hawaii.edu with "Hauoli Mau Loa Fellowship Application" in the subject line. Review of applications will begin on April 30 and will continue until all 3 assistantships are filled. Please contact Creighton Litton with any questions regarding this program at 956-6004 or litton@hawaii.edu. (from the April CTAHR e-newsletter)

OLELO TELEVISION:

"Minding Our Business" with Senator Pohai Ryan featuring Kaohao Fishing Management Area Plan & Windward School for Adults airs 5/6, 5/8, 5/15, 5/22, 5/29. It will also be airing at other unscheduled times throughout the month.

Historic Sites of District 25

Kanepolu is a spot located on Alala road near the entrance to Lanikai. The site is comprised of unusual basalt rock formations acting as a fishing shrine to those who fish in Kailua Bay. It is not unusual to see many people with their poles set up off the shoreline or the small area of reef between Lanikai and Kailua Bay. These kinds of fishing shrines were often indicators to fishermen as to good locations for a catch. Notoriously, a house had been built over part of the basalt structure, with part of the stones actually protruding into the interior of the home.

It is said that Kanepolu refers to the name of a man in Hawaiian mythology that was born, grew up and died during the span of a single day. King Kamehameha III had been residing in a cave just below this point (in Alala Point) and had summoned this magical man to him, but before the man could get into the cave, he fell and hit a large coral rock, which left an impression of his leg in a part of the rock (which can be seen in the basalt formation when you hike up to the point). The two upright rock formations next to the infamous home are said to be the guards that were waiting for Kanepolu to come see Kamehameha III.



All information taken from *Ancient Sites of Oahu* by Van James.

Kailua Resident Wins Miss Aloha Hula 2012

This year the title for Miss Aloha Hula at the 2012 Merrie Monarch Hula Festival was given to Rebecca Lilinoekekapa-hauomaunakea Sterling, 24, a member of Halau Mohala Ilima, the Lanikai-based hula halau of hula teacher Mapuana de Silva. The Merrie Monarch Hula Festival, which took place during April, is a yearly hula competition considered to be the most prestigious of its kind. The competition, which invites the best hula halaus to compete, takes place each year in Hilo, awarding the top halaus for kahiko (ancient) hula and auana (contemporary) hula.

Sterling works as an assistant to Mapuana and teaches a keiki (child) class in the halau. She has danced for de Silva since childhood, growing into the halau family and achieving a title that only one other Halau Mohala Ilima student has won. Sterling, who lives on Mokapu Peninsula, attended Kamehameha schools and is a long time Kailua resident.

For her kahiko number, Sterling performed "He Inoa No Kaleimakalii" and for her auana, she performed "Kaulana Na Pua," a well known Hawaiian nationalist song. The composer of this song, Ellen Prendergast, was born on the day that Sterling performed it at Merrie Monarch.



Photo from <http://sunsetmoment.wordpress.com/>

Senator On The Move!

4/3 Senator Akaka Informal Reception
 4/4 Keolu Elementary School Curriculum Fair
 4/5 Hawaii Prayer Breakfast
 4/5 Boys & Girls Club Youth of the Year Legislative Luncheon
 4/5 Kailua Neighborhood Board
 4/7 Cyclovia Meeting
 4/9 Waimanalo Neighborhood Board
 4/11 Coastal Management Planning Meeting for Waimanalo

4/15 Whole Foods Market Block Party and 4:00PM Preview Tour
 4/16 Dalai Lama Assembly, Kailua High School
 4/18 City Council Community Meeting in Kailua: Hearing for Bill 11
 4/21 Kupuna Power
 4/22 I Love Kailua Town Party
 4/23 Conference Committee Meetings
 4/24 Conference Committee Meetings

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 4/26 Conference Committee Meetings
 4/26 Budget Conference
 4/27 Conference Committee Meetings
 4/28 Teen Health Camp Hawaii
 4/30 Conference Committee Meeting
 4/30 Majority Caucus

KNOW YOUR MOKU

Originally, the islands were divided into "moku," which are bigger than "ahupuaa" (a valley land division based on a water source—Heeia, for instance, is considered a singular ahupuaa). The original name for the moku that District 25 exists in is named Koolaupoko, which means smaller Koolau (in relativity to the north shore moku Koolauloa, larger Koolau). Here we have a map that includes the original Hawaiian names of the ahupuaa within the moku of Koolaupoko.



This map is from <http://kanakagenealogy.wordpress.com/>

EVENTS

May 5-6 (Saturday-Sunday), 9am-3pm

The Friends of the Hawaii Kai Library are having a book sale (which also includes music and DVDs) at the Hawaii Kai Public Library. Members of the Friends of the Hawaii Kai Library can go to the presale on May 3 from 5-7pm. There will a large selection of books (starting at 10 cents) including mysteries, maps, rare and collectible works, sheet music and cookbooks. For additional information, contact the Friends of the Library at 536-4174 or the Hawaii Kai Library at 397-5833.

May 12 (Saturday), 6:30pm-10pm

At the Executive Plaza parking lot behind City Mill, in the Hawaii Kai Towne Center, the East End Hot Rod show will be featuring more than 200 classic cars and antique models. There will be food from Taco Del Mar and a prize raffle for stores at the Hawaii Kai Towne Center. For more information, contact Hawaii Pacific Entertainment at 227-0988 or Nicole@hawaiipacificentertainment.com.

May 19, 2012 (Saturday), 10am

The Hawaii Women's Rodeo Association (HWRA) is having "Jackpot #4" of the 2012 season at DK Ranch in Waimanalo, which includes 3-D and open barrel racing and pole-bending. They will have divisions for amateur riders, novice horse and keiki riders. Entries can be mailed or faxed to Brandy Joseph (by the Wednesday before the show) at 679-1249. For more information, go to <http://www.rodeoohu.com/members>. Brandy Joseph can also be reached at 216-7555 or at branj04@gmail.com.

May 19 (Saturday), 10am

The Special Keiki Rodeo and Horsemanship Competition is happening at the Waimanalo Polo Field. The event, which is put on by the Therapeutic Horsemanship of Hawaii, is free to attend and will include food, games and pony rides. For more information go to <http://www.thhwaimanalo.org>.

Have you always wanted to get a law passed? Now is the time to start for the 2013 session.

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Thursday, 5:30-7:30pm

Under the parking garage at Longs Drugs

Thursday, 9:30-10:30am

Parking lot of Kailua Park, Kainalu Drive side

Saturday, 9:00am-1:00pm

Parking lot of Kaiser High School

Mondays, Wednesdays, Saturdays

7:30am-3:00pm

Hawaii Kai Towne Center, behind Panda Express, facing marina