



SENATOR NORMAN SAKAMOTO

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Race To The Top

Sen. Norman Sakamoto commends Hawaii for being among 18 states and the District of Columbia named as Race to the Top phase two finalists. He stated, "Being named a finalist for Race to the Top validates Hawaii's plan that maps out systemic education reforms. This is a positive step toward better educational outcomes for all Hawaii's children."

"Our committee has led the effort to pass several bills to ensure that the quality of educational workforce continues to improve and will strengthen Hawaii's ability to implement the reforms laid out in our application."

"I am proud of the DOE and private sector committees who worked tirelessly on improving our application for the second round of Race to the Top. Congratulations to all!"

A team of individuals are committed to Hawaii's application to Race to the Top. They include: Kathy Matayoshi, Department of Education Interim Superintendent, Tammi Oyadomari-Chun, executive director of Hawaii P-20 Partnerships for Education, Kamehameha Schools, the Castle Foundation and a legion of workers at the Department of Education.

Appointed Board of Education Selection Advisory Council

In order to continue the momentum of education reform, the accountability of Hawaii's public education needs to be improved. The intent of HB2377, which was passed this session and vetoed by Governor Lingle, would provide the vehicle in which the Board of Education would be restructured if voters elect in favor of a Constitutional amendment (HB2376).

HB2377 detailed the composition of the members and their terms. Under the bill, an advisory council would also be established, which would provide the governor a list of qualified candidates from which members would be nominated by, and appointed by the governor with advice and consent of the senate. This bill goes hand-in-hand with HB2376, which would allow voters decide on a Constitutional amendment that would change the Board of Education from an elected one, to one that is appointed by the Governor with advice and consent of the senate.

Without HB2377, there is a roadblock in the restructuring of the Board of Education even though the constitutional amendment measure became law.

Join us at our Town Hall Meeting on August 12 to discuss the issue of an appointed vs. a fully elected Board of Education. For more information, see our schedule of meetings in the back.



Hawaii Boy Scout Troop 1 commemorates 100 years of scouting. *Congratulations!*



**Schedule of
Community Meetings
August & September 2010
Neighborhood Board Meetings**

Aiea NB No. 20

Monday, August 9 - **RECESS**
Monday, September 13, 7:30 PM
Aiea Library Conference Room

Aliamanu/ Salt Lake/ Foster Village NB No. 18

Thursday, August 12 - **RECESS**
Thursday, September 9, 7:00 PM
Oahu Veterans Center

Kalihi-Palama NB No.15

Wednesday, August 18, 7:00 PM
Wednesday, September 15, 7:00 PM
Kapalama Elementary School Cafeteria

Community & School Associations

Moanalua Gardens Community Association

Tuesday, August 3, 7:00 PM
Tuesday, September 7, 7:00 PM
Moanalua Middle, Room B2

Aiea/Pearl City Town Hall Meeting on Education

Thursday, August 12
7:00-8:30 PM
Pearl Ridge Elementary School Cafeteria
*Informative discussion on an **appointed Board of Education**, update on **Hawaii's Race to the Top Application** and next steps for the DOE, and a presentation on **Adopt-a-School** by the Hawaii Jaycees.*



Prince Lot Hula Festival XXXIII at Moanalua Gardens



A Kahuku wind power project includes the development of a 30 megawatt wind power plant that will supply electricity to about 7,700 households.



The arrival ceremony for the first two aircraft of a squadron that will eventually include twenty **F-22 Raptors**, marked the beginning of the partnership between the Hawaii Air National Guard and Air Force at Joint Base Pearl Harbor Hickam.

A **World War I (WWI) veteran's memorial monument** was unveiled and blessed at Makawao Veterans Cemetery. The memorial was donated by the Korean War Veterans Association and the descendants of WWI veterans.



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