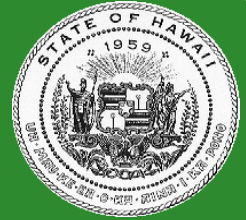




# Ko'olau Konnections



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## LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

**Senate District 24  
(Kaneohe and Kailua)**  
Chair of Senate Education Committee  
Member of the Agriculture;  
Water, Land and Housing;  
and Ways and Means Committees  
Majority Whip

### ON THE MOVE...

On June 28th, Senator Tokuda also hosted her biannual Senate District 24 Town Hall Meeting at Windward Community College.

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Senator Tokuda walked in Kailua's Annual 4th of July Parade on July 4th

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On July 7th, Senator Tokuda and her family attended the Kaneohe Bon Dance at Kaneohe Higashi Hongwanji.

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Senator Tokuda attended the Hawaii Bicycle League Safety Event at Kaneohe Police Station on July 8th.

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On July 14, Senator Tokuda spent her morning volunteering at Castle High School work day with students, faculty, community members and members of HGEA.

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Senator Tokuda spent time on July 19th and 25th with Castle High School seniors working on their senior projects. Some students interested in medicine visited JABSOM to meet with faculty.

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Senator Tokuda visited Ben Parker Elementary School on July 31 Governor Abercrombie to see the progress the school has made in various areas.

In a Special Session, the Hawai'i State Senate on June 29, 2012 confirmed the appointments of Judge Richard W. Pollack and Peter T. Cahill to the State Supreme Court and Maui Circuit Court.

Justice Pollack was nominated by Governor Neil Abercrombie on June 5, 2012 to serve as an Associate Justice on the State Supreme Court. He fills the vacancy created by the retirement of Justice James E. Duffy, Jr.

Justice Pollack, 61, has been serving as a judge in the Circuit Court since 2000, presiding over the civil and criminal trial calendar. During that time period, he served as a substitute justice and substitute Intermediate Court of Appeals judge on numerous occasions.

Justice Pollack is an adjunct professor at the William S. Richardson School of Law where he currently teaches Law of Evidence and Criminal Procedure. Prior to his appointment to the Circuit Court bench, Justice Pollack served as the State Public Defender from 1987 to 2000. He managed a statewide office of 99 attorneys and was actively involved in appellate work during his tenure.

On June 14, 2012 the Judicial Selection Commission appointed Peter T. Cahill to fill a position opened by the recent retirement of Judge Shackley F. Raffetto from the Second Circuit Court, located on the island of Maui.

Cahill currently serves as an attorney at Cahill & O'Neill on the island of Maui, concentrating on injury and wrongful death cases. Prior to his employment at Cahill & O'Neill, he worked as a lawyer at Krueger & Cahill and the Law Office of James Krueger.

Cahill earned his Bachelor of Arts degree at Seton Hall University in South Orange, New Jersey, and his Doctor of Jurisprudence from the University of Notre Dame Law School.

### *Hawaii State Senate Confirms Judge Richard W. Pollack to the Supreme Court.*







Above: Senator Tokuda listens in as Duke of Makai Ocean Engineering and Castle High School student Solymier talk about the possibilities of converting ocean thermal energy to electricity by using the temperature difference between deep cold ocean water and warm tropical surface waters.



Above: DLNR Director William Aila addresses the group of supporters of the Kawainui Marsh Environmental Restoration Project Groundbreaking Ceremony. This project will serve as the foundation for educational, environmental, cultural, recreational, community and volunteer efforts to restore four endangered native waterbirds on Oahu.

Right: Senator Tokuda, Superintendent Matayoshi, BOE members, Gov. Abercrombie as he signs into law SB2115 and SB2116 which will strengthen Hawaii's Charter School System by increasing accountability in the governance of Hawaii's Charter Schools that will foster improved student outcomes.



## DISTRICT EVENTS

- **Admission's Day** - Friday, August 17th, All State Offices will be closed in observance.
- **Castle Complex Redesign Kick-Off** - Tuesday, August 28th at 5:30pm @ K.E.Y. Project
- **Windward Community College Library Dedication** - Wednesday, August 29th at 10:00am-1:00pm @ WCC
- **Labor Day** - Monday, September 3rd, All Federal, State and City Offices closed for observance.
- **Waikalua Loko Fishpond Community Work-day** - Saturday, September 15th at 8:00am-12:00pm @ Waikalua Loko Fishpond
- **Kapunahala Elementary Fun Fair** - Friday, September 21st at 1:00pm @ Kapunahala Elementary
- **Kailua Chamber of Commerce Windward Business Expo** - Saturday, October 27th to Sunday, October 28th from 10:00am-4:00pm @ Le Jardin Academy

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