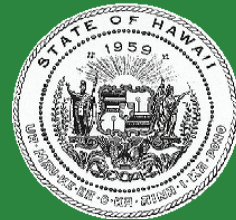




# Ko'olau Konnections



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## 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 13th, Senator Tokuda attended the Castle Complex Smaller Learning Communities Advisory Board Meeting.

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Senator Tokuda congratulated Kailua, Kalaheo and Castle High School coaches and staff at the Oahu Interscholastic Association Dinner on June 16th.

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On June 25th, Senator Tokuda attended the Paliku Academy of Performing Arts (PAPA) Garage Sale at Kapunahala Elementary School.

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Senator Tokuda organized a meeting to discuss the Maunawili Ditch upgrades with community stakeholders and Department of Agriculture Director and staff on June 29th.

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Senator Tokuda walked in the 65th Annual Kailua 4th of July Parade.

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On July 4th, Senator Tokuda attended the First Annual Arts Festival sponsored by the Windward Artist Guild at Kailua Elementary to benefit arts education in our schools.

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## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

The Charter School Governance, Accountability, and Authority Task Force (CSGTF) held its first meeting on Wednesday, July 20, 2011. The Task Force is co-chaired by Senate Education Committee Chair Jill Tokuda and House Education Committee Vice-Chair Della Au Belatti.

Representatives from the Legislature, Governor's office, Board of Education, Department of Education, Charter School Administrative Office, Charter School Review Panel, Hawaii Charter School Network, Ho'okako'o Corporation, and Kamehameha Schools are participants on the task force.

CSGTF was established under Senate Bill 1174 (Act 130). The bill was introduced to address several issues brought to surface relating Charter Schools. Act 130 establishes a task force that seeks accountability among stakeholders of the charter school system. Among the objectives of the Task Force are to develop legislation or administrative rules on the governance structure of charter schools, identify oversight and monitoring responsibilities of the charter school review panel, and discuss funding related issues.

For more information on the task force, please visit:

<http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session2011/studies/commCSGTF.asp>

The Senate and House Education Committees held a public informational briefing on Thursday, July 21st to learn about education reform happening around the country and recommendations on how to improve Hawaii's education system.

Dr. Laura Goe, a national expert and researcher on teacher evaluation and education reform, presented to the committees. For more information, please visit the Capitol website.

## DISTRICT EVENTS

\*KEY Project Aloha Aina Earth Day

July 23, 2011 8:00-2:00pm @ Kahaluu Regional Park

\*Windward Oahu Legislator's Talk Story

July 28, 2011 7:00pm-8:30pm @ WCC, Hale Akoakoa Room 105

\*Olomana Community Association Block Party

July 30, 2011 4:00-8:00pm @ Ulupii Street in front of Maunawili Elementary School

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# Talk Story

with Windward Oahu Legislators



Senator Jill Tokuda and Representatives Pono Chong, Ken Ito, and Chris Lee will be hosting a town hall meeting to discuss the 2011 Legislative Session and provide you with an opportunity to share your thoughts and concerns about our community.

Please join us for light refreshments and good conversation between friends and neighbors.

**Thursday, July 28, 2011**

**7:00pm-8:30pm**

**Windward Community College**

**Hale 'Ākoakoa 105**

**45-720 Kea'ahala Road**

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