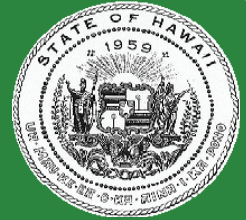




Ko'olau Konnections



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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Just a few of the projects for our office is working on during the interim:

Charter School Governance & Accountability Task Force: Will be co-chairing the task force as set forth in SB1174, which also provides a number of provisions that will ensure that the Charter School Administrative Office and Charter School Review Panel have the tools and authority they need to oversee and monitor the system.

Families for REAL: While our appropriation measure did not make it through conference committee, we are working with early childhood and parent education advocates to find ways to continue these much needed services for our windward families, and focus on redefining the program to ensure future funding.

Keapuka Traffic Calming: Working closely with Councilmember Ikaika Anderson and Representative Ken Ito, we will canvass the community to gauge support for the traffic calming plans proposed by DTS to reduce speeding and congestion in Keapuka. Mahalo to Director Yoshioka & his team for their hard work & diligence on this issue!

Kawainui Marsh: We will continue our efforts to work closely with community organizations and advocates, DLNR, ACOE, and other governmental agencies to preserve, protect, and restore this wetland of international importance. We are in the process of building a Facebook page to keep everyone updated on projects and events-stay tuned!

Regents Candidates Advisory Council (RCAC) Re-assessment: As a result of ongoing issues in relation to the selection of candidates to the UH Board of Regents, we will be working with all parties involved to determine what changes need/should be made to the RCAC next year.

DISTRICT EVENTS

- *Fire and Ice Kailua Fireworks Fundraiser
June 4, 2011 11:00am-2:00pm @ Kailua Shopping Center at Under a
Hula Moon
- *Habilitat's 40th Anniversary Luau, Auction, and Benefit Concert
June 4, 2011 10:00am-4:00pm @ King Intermediate School
- *Boys and Girls Club Windward Clubhouse Aloha Aina Earth Day
June 18, 2011 8:00am-2:00pm @ Kailua Intermediate School
- *Kailua 4th of July Parade
July 4, 2011 10:00am-11:30am @ Kainalu Road
- *Windward Oahu Legislator's Talk Story
July 28, 2011 7:00pm-8:30pm @ WCC, Hale Akoakoa Room 105

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 May 8th, Senator Tokuda
attended and volunteered at the
Kaneohe Kiwanis Club's 50th
Annual Mother's Day Breakfast.

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Senator Tokuda celebrated Keolu
Elementary School's 50th
Anniversary and Kapunahala
Elementary School's May Day on
May 13th.

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Senator Tokuda congratulated
Windward Community College's
Class of 2011 at their
commencement on May 14th.

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On May 18th, Senator Tokuda
attended the Castle High School
Athletic Awards Ceremony
recognizing outstanding athletes.

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Senator Tokuda celebrated Ben
Parker Elementary School's May
Day and Olomana School's
commencement on May 20th.

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On May 21st, Senator Tokuda
congratulated the senior classes
of Castle High School and Kailua
High School at their graduation
ceremonies.

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Senator Tokuda attended the
ribbon-cutting ceremony on May
23rd for Pope Elementary School
Library which was recently
renovated through Target School
Library Makeover program.



Castle High Key Club student, Representative Ito, Representative Chong and Senator Tokuda volunteered at the Kaneohe Kiwanis Club's 50th Annual Mother's Day Breakfast.



Kahuku High and Intermediate was awarded a \$5,000 check for placing 2nd in the 2011 Hawaii Commencement Challenge. **Pictured Above:** Senator Tokuda and son, FHB Foundation President Sharon Brown, Kahuku High and Inter Restructuring Specialist Debbie Voorhies, Principal Donna Lindsey, teacher Uila Vendiola, Rep. Takumi, and Superintendent Matayoshi.



Senator Tokuda, Governor Abercrombie, Superintendent Matayoshi, Mitch D'Olier of Kaneohe Ranch, Don Horner (BOE Chairman) and Terry George of the Castle Foundation presented a check for \$10,000,000 to the 5th graders at Royal Elementary School who represented all school children in the State of Hawaii.



Senator Tokuda, administrators from Windward Nazarene Academy, and Governor Abercrombie as he signs HB1313, Special Purpose Revenue Bonds for Windward Nazarene.

Rep. Chong, Senator Tokuda, Congresswoman Hirono, Assistant Secretary Tammy Duckworth, Governor Abercrombie, U.S. Senator Daniel Akaka, Senator Nishihara, Rep. Cullen, Rep. Ito, Adjutant General Darryl Wong with the Hawaii State Youth Challenge cadets at the Hawaii State Veteran's Cemetery Memorial Day Ceremony honoring the men and women who have selflessly served our country in the armed forces.



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