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NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD REPORT

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Legislative Issues

Some 2012 Marumoto Bills

- HB1747 Re-start a permanent brown tree snake prevention dog team in the Dept. of Agriculture.
- HB1748 Creation of an invasive species detection and prevention pilot program.
- **HB2155** Make public the list of judicial nominees submitted by the Judicial Selection Committee to the Governor and Chief Justice.

HB2165 - Lowers the state motor vehicle registration fee by \$10.



A delegation from AARP visited the Capitol with information regarding a legislative wish list. Among many requests, members asked for increased funding for Kokua Care, HB2196, and no income tax on pensions.

HB2195 - Requires the Department of Human Services to allow persons to conduct child and vulnerable adult abuse perpetrator checks on the department's website as part of background checks for employment, volunteer, licensure, or certification purposes.

HB2785 - Broadens income tax brackets and lowers rates for the individual income tax.

HB2867 - Capital Improvement Projects for the benefit of the 19th representative district.

HB2185 - Decreases the state motor vehicle weight tax half a cent per pound.



Kalani High Intern Kelani comes to the Capitol once a week to help gather signatures, assist with mailings, recycle paper, water plants, and run errands.

Wish List: HB2867 - Capital Improvement Projects for the 19th District

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Aina Haina Public Library		K
Resurface parking lot and ADA parking rec	uirements	Pl
	\$122,000	atl
Fire alarm upgrade	\$65,500	lat
Replace air conditioning system	\$252,000	
Total	: \$439,500	Co
Kaimuki Public Library		sh
Replace roof of library	\$272,000	sit
Structural study on loading dock eaves	\$36,000	D1
Replace air conditioning system	\$272,000	Pl
Total	: \$580,000	
Niu Valley Middle School		
Telecommunications, server room, international		Le
baccalaureate technology coordinator office	<u>.</u>	Re
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World language laboratory	\$3,030,000	Re
Student services center	\$1,010,000	Re
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Wilson Elementary School		D
Portable classroom for general education	\$479.500	Re

Portable classroom for general education \$479,500
Portable classroom for special education \$505,000
Replace program bell and public address system \$102,000
Campus-wide sprinkler system \$53,000
Total: \$1,139,500

Waialae Public Charter School

Campus-wide electrical upgrade \$454,500 Total: \$454,500

Aina Haina Elementary School

Addition of ADA restroom for cafeteria and new portable trailer \$188,700

Addition of conference room \$1,212,000

Electrical upgrade to entire campus \$959,500

Campus-wide irrigation and landscaping \$146,450

Irrigation and landscaping for front area and playground only \$65,650

Campus-wide air conditioning \$2,323,000

Total: \$4,895,300

Liholiho Elementary School

Eighth avenue parking lot expansion \$145,000

Total: \$145,000

Kalani High School

Plans, design, and construction for improvements to the athletic track; ground and site improvements and installation of field lighting; equipment and appurtenances

\$4,300,000

Construction and equpitment for the girls locker room/ shower building per Title IX requirements; ground and site improvements; equipment and appurtenances

\$7,590,000

Plans, design, and construction for a softball field

\$3,200,000

Total: \$15,090,000

Leahi Hospital

Replacement of deteriorated transformer for the Trotter		
building	\$222,000	
Removal of deteriorated incinerator stack	\$115,000	
Removal of underground storage tank	\$225,000	
Reroofing of the Young and Sinclair buildings		
	\$1,110,000	
Replace fire alarm system	\$777,000	
Upgrade of Atherton and Sinclair buildings elevators		
	\$600,000	
Installation of photovoltaic panels	\$1,110,000	
Repair of spalling and repainting of the exterior of the		
Atherton and administration building	\$656,000	
Resurface parking lots and renovate for ADA access		
	\$963,000	
Retro-commissioning and energy audit	\$75,000	
Installation of a food service delivery system \$698,000		

Total: \$6,329,000 Grand Total: \$34,122,800



Education officials are intent on using Lili'uokalani School for DOE offices.

District Concerns

Kahala Principal Appreciative of Anti-bullying Program

Kinau Gardner wrote to Rep. Marumoto about a program "that has touched the lives of our students.... Through creative movement and drama activities the students learn to empathize and gain deeper understanding of the trials and tribulations of the victim, the bystanders, and the bully himself."

Historic Homes Register

Recently placed on the Hawaii Register of Historic Places, the residence of John and Jane Millen at 3797 Diamond Head Circle. Built in 1940, it is "a very good example of a modern style with Italian Villa overtones." For the entire listing, see

www.historichawaii.org/Historic Properties/main.html.

The City Council made changes in the Historic Property Tax to require visual access or alternative visual visitation 12 days/year, standards for maintenance, specifications for a historic plaque, enforcement and penalty provisions.

Kahala Nui Activities

Residents and staff donated bags of food and toiletries totaling \$7,000 for seniors at Palama Settlement. There are always worthy projects and activities happening at Kahala Nui.

DINE AT KCC KA IKENA

Kapiolani Community College 1/24 - 2/22 3/20-4/27 Lunch 11:00, 11:30, 12 Noon Dinner 5:30 - 5:45 pm Reservations 734-9499

Reservations unnecessary for 220 Grille – 11-12:45 pm



Liholiho was designated again as a No Child Left Behind Blue Ribbon School.

Marumoto Activities

Organizations, among others, that have held functions to touch bases with legislators include the <u>Hawaii Energy Policy Forum</u>, <u>Agricultural Hui</u>, <u>Physical Therapists</u>, <u>Kamehameha Schools</u>, <u>Realtors</u>, <u>Auto Dealers</u>, <u>Ohana Health Insurance</u>, <u>Chamber of Commerce</u>, <u>HGEA</u>, among others. The representative observed Chinese New Years by dining at <u>Maple Garden/Yen King</u>. The former Kahala restaurant is now located on Isenberg Street.

Opening Day was subdued (no entertainment or flowers), but Rep. Marumoto held her traditional Open House with smoked salmon caught by her fisherman husband.

Watch "It's Academic" on Mondays, Ch. 5 at 7 pm. It is a quiz show featuring Hawaii high school students produced by Marumoto's daughter, Wendy Suite.

<u>Signposts:</u> *Congratulations to <u>Rep. Sharon Har</u> who got married with half the Legislature present. *According to daughter <u>Libby Tomar</u>, recently Waialae Iki resident <u>Pheobe Ellett</u> passed away recently. *Former Senator <u>Fred Rohlfing</u> lost his wife, <u>Patty</u> rather suddenly. The loss of the Hawaii Medical Center emergency facility may have been a contributing factor. Queens Emergency was too busy so Patty was shunted to Kapiolani Hospital.

Rep. Marumoto to Work on Legislation to Protect Kahala

Hawaii State Representative Barbara Marumoto (R-19) is working together with other legislators on legislation that will help concerned citizens protect their neighborhoods and prevent public nuisance. The bills hold people accountable for their own personal property and encourage the aesthetic appearance of neighborhoods and are based on bills that Rep. Marumoto introduced last session. The bills this year are SB2495, SB2596, and HB2852. Marumoto is particularly interested in Kahala.

"Many people have expressed frustration with the billionaire who has knocked down mansions, walls, and neglected landscaping," said Marumoto. "These bills will help create a cause of action against any person who maintains a property nuisance that causes injury or damage to the person or property of another person."

"I believe in working together to create the best positive environment for our families," said Marumoto. "While these bills are in response to complaints from Kahala residents and news articles about Japanese billionaire Genshiro Kawamoto arranging marble and bronze statues across five property lots, the bigger picture remains that everyone deserves to have a voice when it comes to his or her neighborhood."

80-year-old Kawamoto has stated that he would like to establish an art museum. He spent last week directing workers to place statues of Greek goddesses, angels and cherubs on several properties. Though not included in Marumoto's 2011 bills, there is a new subsection on the list of definitions to include depictions of nudity and indecency. These would constitute a petty misdemeanor. A person commits the offense of displaying indecent matter if the objects are visible from any street, highway, or public sidewalk.

Though not a big problem in Kahala, the nuisance bills would also include "abandoned, wrecked, or dismantled motor vehicles or boats; automotive parts and equipment, appliances and furniture; containers, packing materials, scrap metal, wood, building materials, concrete masonry, litter, garbage, junk, rubbish, and debris; sand, gravel or concrete on property; standing or stagnant water allowing vermin and insects to breed; attracting and providing a place of temporary abode to vagrants, interlopers, or trespassers."



No Hawaiian sense-of-place