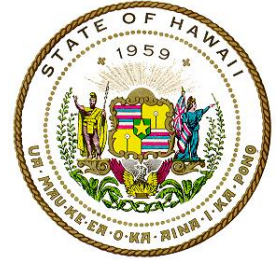




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Things are off to a fast pace here at the Capitol. Hearings are being held daily to tackle some tough issues. First, in the Senate Ways and Means Committee, we have completed our informational briefings with each state department. The directors came before us to outline their respective department's budget condition and explain how cost cutting measures have affected their core missions and efficiency.

One of the highest priorities this year is education. As such, we have heard several bills intended to address the unconscionable "furlough Fridays". In my opinion, we need to strive to exceed expectations rather than just return to the status quo of how it was before furloughs came to our state.

Here are just a few of the current proposals:

SB 2470 - RELATION TO EDUCATION.

Requires all public schools, including charter schools, to implement a minimum of two hundred days of classroom instruction per school year. Prohibits any collective bargaining agreement under chapter 89, Hawaii Revised Statutes, from containing provisions that would shorten the school year for public school employees to less than two hundred days of classroom instruction per school year.

SB 2436 - RELATING TO EDUCATION.

Makes an emergency appropriation from the Hawaii hurricane relief fund and the emergency and budget reserve fund to restore as many instructional days during the 2009-2010 school year as possible.

SB 2437 - RELATING TO THE FUNDING OF THE STATE PROGRAMS.

Makes an appropriation from the Hawaii hurricane relief, emergency and budget reserve, and federal troubled asset relief program funds to restore as many instructional days until January 1, 2011, of the 2010-11 school year as possible. Increases the general excise tax by one per cent to restore as many instructional days beginning on January 1, 2011, of the 2010-11 school year as possible. Increases all state standard income tax deductions and provides tax credits for the purchase of food items. Appropriates additional general excise tax revenues.



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Beyond the big two, economy and education, the Senate will focus on a variety of issues including affordable housing, social services, tourism, public safety, and a host of others. As we look at each bill, we are cognizant of our financial condition. Please know that my goal is to think first about how legislation affects the individual constituent and their families. I count on your input and testimony to make decisions affecting the lives of the citizens of the 12th Senate District. For a list of the bills I have introduced please go to the Capitol Website: <http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov>

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Neighborhood Meetings

Downtown No.13	1st Thursday	Pauhi Recreational Center 171 N. Pauahi St.	7:00 pm
Waikiki No. 9	2nd Tuesday	Waikiki Community Center 310 Paokalani Ave.	7:00 pm
Kalihi-Palama	3rd Wednesday	Kapalama School Cafeteria 1601 N. School Street	7:00pm
Makiki/Lower Punchbowl/Tantalus No. 10	3rd Thursday	Makiki District Park 1527 Keeaumoku St.	7:00pm
Ala Moana Kakaako No. 15	4th Tuesday	Makiki Christian Church 829 Pensacola St.	7:00pm

Makiki Town Meeting

Senator Fukunaga, Senator Galuteria, & Representative Belatti
Community presentations, department reports
Thursday, February 25 2010 6:00pm-7:30pm
Makiki District Park Arts & Crafts Room 1527 Ke`eaumoku Street

Ala Moana Town Meeting

Senator Fukunaga, Senator Galuteria,
Representative Brower, & Representative Rhoades
Councilmember Kobayashi
Community presentations, department reports
Wednesday, March 3, 2010 5:30pm-7pm
Makiki Christian Church 829 Pensacola Street