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Aloha,

With the 2011 Legislative session just months away, my staff and I have been researching and preparing several pieces of legislation I plan to introduce:

- **Bullying and cyber-bullying:** Establish civil penalties for bullying and require anti-bullying policies in public schools.
- **Public Safety:** Direct the Department of Public Safety to report on key performance indicators to be incorporated in reports that evaluate the outcomes of program components.
- **Excessive Speeding:** Authorizes the court to order forfeiture of a defendant's vehicle if it was used in the commission of the excessive speeding offense and in at least two prior excessive speeding convictions.
- **Civil Relief for Military Service members:** Extension of foreclosure proceedings against active duty reservists and members of National Guard 1 year after deployment.

If you have any requests for proposed legislation, please submit them to my office by October. Interim is an ideal time to sit down with me or one of my staff to discuss your issue and begin to develop legislation for the 2011 session.

On November 2<sup>nd</sup>, don't forget to get out and VOTE!

Me ke Aloha Pumehana,

## Recycle Your Old & Unwanted Electronics

Apple is partnering with the University of Hawaii and Hawaii Department of Education for its biannual eWaste recycling event the week of October 26. Locations throughout Oahu will be accepting your old electronics to be recycled in an earth friendly way at no cost to you!

Old televisions, computers, stereos, wires & cables, keyboards, printers, telephones, typewriters will be accepted and disposed of in an environmentally responsible way.

**Saturday, October 30**

9:00am to 3:00 pm

**Leeward Community College**

## Mililani 'Ike Students' Capitol District Tour



Second graders from Mililani 'Ike Elementary students toured the Capitol District on October 19. They visited the State Judiciary, Honolulu Hale and the State Capitol. Senator Kidani and Representative Marilyn Lee greeted the students and talked to them about State Government.



Senator Kidani and Representative Marilyn Lee (right) with Mililani 'Ike teacher Mrs. Inake (center).

**Why recycle eWaste?** Electronics contain hazardous materials that must be disposed of in an environmentally sensitive approach to avoid being released into our air, ground water, and soil. Hawai'i's Biennial Education & Government eWaste Disposal Days program provides an opportunity for safe and environmentally friendly disposal of ewaste; all equipment collected will be processed in North America in an environmentally responsible way.

Please visit for more information

<http://www.hawaii.edu/ewaste/public.php>

### Mililani Town Association's Make a Difference Day

As the Vice President of Mililani Town Association (MTA) Senator Kidani donated not only her time but also supplies towards the success of National Make a Difference Day on October 23, 2010. MTA organized a communal effort with local organizations and church groups to paint over unsightly graffiti throughout Mililani.

Mahalo nui loa to all the sponsors who donated paint and supplies and to all the volunteers who spent their Saturday morning beautifying Mililani!



Senator Kidani with other volunteers painting out Graffiti on Meheula Pkwy.

### Mililani High School Homecoming



Senator Kidani with Mililani High School Principal Dr. John Brummel at Mililani High School's Homecoming Parade on September 23, 2010  
Congratulations on your win, Go Trojans!

### University of Hawai'i Economic Forecast: Strong Summer for Tourism

Hawaii's recovery continues, led by a better-than-expected performance from tourism. The visitor industry's summer strength is sustaining moderate job gains in related sectors. Much of the rest of the state economy remains relatively weak, and we continue to see net job losses in some areas. The cooling of growth in the U.S. and overseas markets will be a challenge for tourism over the next year. We expect continued Hawaii expansion, but at a restrained pace through 2011.

The majority of increased arrivals have been domestic visitors. United States arrivals increased 4.1% in the second quarter. The June total of 397,600 U.S. visitors was the highest monthly count since March 2008. Domestic arrivals growth has been strongest from the West South Central (mostly Texas) and Pacific markets, both of which have had five straight quarters of year-on-year improvement.

Surprisingly, nearly half of the growth in the large Pacific market during that stretch came from Oregon and Washington State. Despite these sizable gains, monthly U.S. visitor arrivals remain nearly 15% below their average level in 2006 and 2007. The U.S. market was particularly hard hit by the financial crisis and global recession and so has further to recover than the international markets.

This demonstrates the important role that Federal government spending has played in propping up the economy. Military-related labor income was 9.6% higher and Federal civilian labor income was 8.5% higher in the first quarter. This helped offset the net private sector losses in income and a substantial 6.1% year-on-year drop in State and Local government labor earnings, caused both by furloughs and a decline in state payrolls. Considering the fact that a large portion of Federal ARRA stimulus funds were granted to States for operational expenses, the drop in State and Local labor earnings would have been even larger if not for Federal support.

*From University of Hawaii Economic Research Organization*

### Safe Halloween Tips

- S** Swords, knives, and similar costume accessories should be short, soft, and flexible.
- A** Avoid trick-or-treating alone. Walk in groups or with a trusted adult.
- F** Fasten reflective tape to costumes and bags to help drivers see you.
- E** Examine all treats for choking hazards and tampering before eating them. Limit the amount of treats you eat.



- H** Hold a flashlight while trick-or-treating to help you see and others see you.
- A** Always test make-up in a small area first. Remove it before bedtime to prevent skin and eye irritation.
- L** Look both ways before crossing the street. Use established crosswalks wherever possible.
- L** Lower your risk for serious eye injury by not wearing decorative contact lenses.
- O** Only walk on sidewalks or on the far edge of the road facing traffic to stay safe.
- W** Wear well-fitting masks, costumes, and shoes to avoid blocked vision, trips, and falls.
- E** Eat only factory-wrapped treats. Avoid eating homemade treats unless you know the cook well.
- E** Enter homes only if you're with a trusted adult. Otherwise, stay outside.
- N** Never walk near lit candles or luminaries. Be sure to wear flame-resistant costumes.