



## The Senate

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### **Kauai Continues to Be Represented in the Hawaii State Senate Leadership**

Honolulu -- Kauai Senator Ronald Kouchi has once again been selected to serve as the Hawaii State Senate's Majority Caucus Leader during the 27<sup>th</sup> Hawaii State Legislature, which will convene on January 16, 2013. Senator Kouchi was first selected as the Majority Caucus Leader for the 26<sup>th</sup> Legislature, which began in 2011.

Adding to Senator Kouchi's role is his position as vice chair of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, with Senator Clarence Nishihara serving as chair.

"Having been involved in the agriculture community, I was pleased to accept the position when Senate President asked me to serve as vice chair of the committee," said Senator Kouchi. "I would like to work on issues regarding food security and sustainability, making sure that we as a state is able to provide for ourselves if a disaster strikes and isolates us from cargo being shipped here."

Senator Kouchi will also continue to serve as vice chair of the Senate Committee on Tourism and Government Operations, with Senator Donna Mercado Kim serving as chair, and he will also continue to serve as a member of the Senate Committee on Transportation and International Affairs.

The Hawaii State Senate announced its leadership members a day after the general election. The Senate acted quickly to organize with a primary goal of promoting an environment of cooperation and shared leadership and authority. Committee assignments were announced last Friday.

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