



**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...

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On March 29th, Senator Tokuda visited Windward students at the 54th Annual Hawaii State Science and Engineering Fair.

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Senator Tokuda was a panelist at FACE Hawaii's discussion on homelessness in Windward communities on March 29th.

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On March 30th, Senator Tokuda volunteered at Kapunahala Elementary School's Read Aloud America Program

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Senator Tokuda and the Castle Foundation hosted the fourth Envisioning Kawai Nui meeting on April 2nd at Le Jardin Academy to discuss updating the 1994 Master Plan for Kawai Nui.

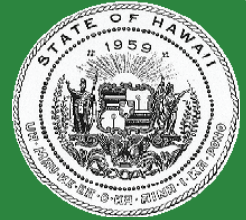
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On April 10th, Senator Tokuda will attend the dedication ceremony for the Norman Aweau Fields in Aikahi.

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Senator Tokuda will attend the Kaneohe Community & Senior Center's 34th Anniversary Open House on April 14th.

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From the Office of State Senator Jill N. Tokuda

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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

We are approaching the Second Crossover deadline at the Legislature where all bills return to their original body to agree or disagree to amendments made by the opposite body.

Act 5 (Senate Bill 8), signed into law by the Governor on March 14, 2011, gives the Governor the authority to appoint nine members to the Hawaii State Board of Education, which would consist of: one member from the county of Hawaii, one member from the county of Maui, one member from the county of Kauai, 3 members from the city and county of Honolulu, and three at-large-members; provided that the Governor select an at-large member as the chairperson. The Senate Education Committee held its confirmation hearing for the first half of the appointees on April 6th. The second hearing will take place on April 8th. The full Senate will take a floor vote to confirm the members based on the recommendations of the Education Committee.

The Senate Ways and Means Committee passed out HB200 Relating to the State Budget on April 5th. The Senate version of the bill includes Capital Improvement Project (CIP) amounts for various projects in Senate District 24, including.

- Enchanted Lake Elementary - \$1.4 Million for campus wide electrical upgrades
- Kailua High - \$2.5 Million for the plans, design, construction of the removal and replacement of the football/soccer fields bleachers and storage rooms
- Kalaheo High - \$1.5 Million for the plans, design, and construction for improvements to the athletic field.
- Kaneohe Elementary - \$400,000 for the plans, design, and construction of portable classroom
- Puohala Elementary - \$250,000 for plans and designs for structural assessment of the separation of walls on campus
- Kaneohe Public Library - \$20,000 for plans, design, and construction for new ADA compliant circulation desk.
- Coconut Island - \$700,000 for plans, construction and equipment to demolish the Pauley guest house and residence
- Kawainui Marsh - \$350,000 for plans, design, and construction for Forestry and Wildlife Baseyard Facilities improvements
- Hawaii State Hospital - \$11.6 Million for design and construction for various repairs

TOTAL: \$18,734,000

DISTRICT EVENTS

*Kalaheo 5K Spirit Run/Walk

April 10, 2011 8:00am begins at Front Gate of Kalaheo HS

*Kapunahala Elementary Family Fun Fair

April 15, 2011 1:00pm-8:00pm at Kapunahala Elementary

*19th Annual "I Love Kailua Town" Party

April 17, 2011 11:00am-4:00pm in Kailua Town, Kailua Road

*Department of Parks and Recreation's Easter Eggstravaganza

April 21, 2011 4:00pm-7:00pm at Windward Mall, Center Court

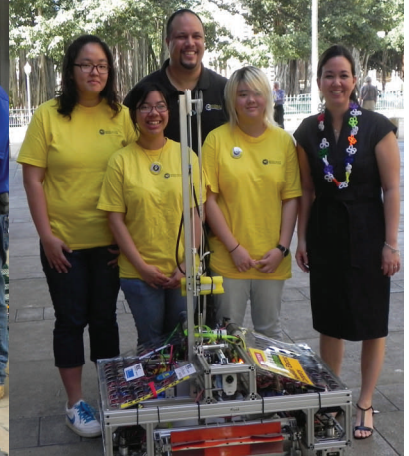
2011 EDUCATION WEEK



Senator Tokuda with 2011 Windward District Teacher of the Year, Deborah Yasuda, teacher at Puohala Elementary.



Senator's Tokuda and Fukunaga met with Castle HS Robotics team and teacher John Yim as they demonstrated their robot in the Capitol Rotunda during Education Week.



Senator Tokuda joined Castle High School classmate and teacher of McKinley High School's robotics team for a demonstration.



The Senate Committees on Education and Agriculture held a Legislative Youth Engagement Day, where high school students were encouraged to visit the Capitol and prepare and present testimony on various House bills being heard. Several schools participated including: Castle, Kalaheo, and Kailua High Schools.



Hawaii Community College Carpentry Program shared with Senator Tokuda an overview about their Model Home project and demonstrated the HI-Definition Go Pro camera which is used in teaching.

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Senator Tokuda's Art Review (STAR) Program

Kailua Intermediate, Kailua High and Olomana School's student artwork is on display at the Hawaii State Capitol as a part of the STAR Program for the month of April.

The public is welcome to view the artwork at the State Capitol, Chamber Level, Monday through Friday from 6:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. (excluding holidays) and Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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