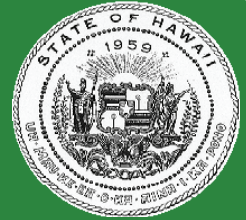




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Senate District 24 (Kaneohe and Kailua)

Chair of Senate Education Committee
Member of the Agriculture;
Water, Land and Housing;
and Ways and Means Committees
Majority Whip

ON THE MOVE...

On May 4th, Senator Tokuda attended Heeia Elementary and Windward Nazarene Academy's May Day programs.

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Senator Tokuda volunteered to sell Kids Day newspapers to benefit PACT Kaneohe on May 9th. You probably saw her at the Windward City intersection.

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On May 12th, Senator Tokuda attended Windward Community College's Commencement Ceremony.

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Senator Tokuda volunteered at the Kiwanis Club of Kaneohe's 51st Annual Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast.

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On May 18th, Senator Tokuda attended Kaneohe Elementary's May Day program, Olomana School's graduation, and Castle High School's graduation.

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Senator Tokuda attended Kailua High School's graduation on May 19th.

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On May 21st, Senator Tokuda attended Kalaheo High School's graduation ceremony.

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Senator Tokuda attended and provided a legislative update to the members of the Kaneohe Business Group on May 23rd.

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LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

While May 3, 2012 marked the adjournment of the Hawaii State Legislature's 2012 Regular Session, Governor Neil Abercrombie had already signed more than 50 Senate Bills into law before the end of the session. During this legislative session, the Legislature passed 345 bills, of which 166 were Senate Bills. Many of the bills that were sent to the Governor for consideration still await his signature.

Notice of Intent to Veto Deadline: If the Governor has any intent to veto a bill, he must give notice to the Legislature by the 35th day after adjournment. This year, the 35th day after adjournment falls on **June 25, 2012**. Any bill for which notice is not given will become law, either by the Governor's signature within the next ten days or by effect of law on the 45th day. The Governor's notification of intent to veto does not necessarily mean that a bill will be vetoed. The Governor can still change his mind and sign the bill, or simply allow it to become law without his signature.

Veto Deadline: After the Legislature adjourns, the Governor has forty-five days (excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays) to consider bills presented to him. This year, **July 10, 2012** marks the 45th day after adjournment and is the last day for the Governor to veto bills from his intent to veto list. Any bills not signed or vetoed by this date will become law without the Governor's signature.

Special Session: The Legislature may convene at or before noon on the 45th day in special session to amend a returned bill to meet the Governor's objections or to override the Governor's vetoes. The Legislature may override a veto by two-thirds vote of all members of the Senate and House of Representatives.

SENATE DISTRICT 24 TOWN HALL MEETING

Thursday, June 28th at 7:00-8:30pm

Windward Community College, Hale Akoakoa 105

Please join us for a talk story session to hear about the 2012 legislative session and to share your thoughts or concerns about our community.

DISTRICT EVENTS



Senator Tokuda volunteering and selling Kids Day Newspapers as a fundraiser for Parents and Children Together (PACT) Kaneohe.

- King Kamehameha Day - Monday, June 11
- Waikalua Loko Fishpond Preservation - Saturday, June 16 at 8:00am-12:00pm. For more information, visit: www.waikalualokofishpond.org
- Kawainui Marsh Groundbreaking - Thursday, June 28 at 10:00am @ Kawainui Marsh Baseyard
- Senate District 24 Town Hall Meeting - Thursday, June 28 at 7:00pm @ Windward Community College, Hale Akoakoa 105
- Kailua 4th of July Parade - Wednesday, July 4th at 10:00am
- Relay For Life - Saturday, July 7th at 6:00pm @ Kailua High School



Rep. Ken Ito, Rep. Pono Chong and Senator Tokuda volunteered at the 51st Annual Kiwanis Club of Kaneohe's Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast.



Senator Tokuda addressed the Kaneohe Business Group at their May meeting to provide a general legislative update of important bills that passed to all of their members and answer questions about education, transportation, traffic concerns, UH and many other issues facing the community.

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