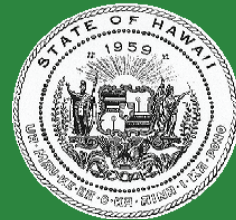




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Senate District 24 (Kaneohe and Kailua)

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

ON THE MOVE...

On August 15, Senator Tokuda attended the Castle Complex Parent Leaders Meeting.

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Senator Tokuda also attended the Adopt-A-School Day Windward Orientation Meeting on August 15th and signed up to adopt Castle and Kailua High Schools.

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On August 16, Senator Tokuda met with elementary students and counselors at the Castle Complex Leadership Camp at Camp Erdman.

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Senator Tokuda was a guest speaker at the Kaneohe Business Group's monthly meeting on August 24th.

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On August 25th, Senator Tokuda the Windward Oahu's Annual Neighborhood Security Watch Meeting at Ben Parker Elementary School.

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Senator Tokuda attended the Castle Complex Town Hall Meeting on August 29th which highlighted the achievement of many schools in the Castle Complex including WASC accreditation, gains in math and reading and schools coming out of restructuring.

COMMUNITY UPDATES

Keapuka Traffic Concerns

Over the last year, we've been working with the Keapuka residents to try to address concerns with traffic and speeding through their neighborhood. After holding community meetings throughout the year, DTS has surveyed the area and proposed three traffic calming measures for the community. We've spent time canvassing the neighborhood to give residents a chance to vote on which traffic calming measure they want to see implemented in their neighborhood.

Of the residents we spoke to and took our online survey, 50 people want Shoulder/Parking Lanes, 40 want Solar Driver Feedback Signs, and 31 want Traffic Circles. 36 residents support putting in all three traffic calming measures. We are doing further analysis and considering resident recommendations. We will look at scheduling our next Keapuka Community Meeting at the end of October 2011.

Clean and Sober Homes

Following up on concerns raised by residents over the number of occupants living at 45-692 Halemuku Way, our office contacted the Department of Planning and Permitting's Windward Code Inspector and asked that he conduct an investigation. On 8/24/11 we were informed that a violation had been found and that the property owner, Mr. Solbach, would be issued a citation which would include daily fines for non-compliance given that this was a repeat offense. Our office had previously been in contact with DPP in 2009 over occupancy concerns, and at that time a citation had also been issued.

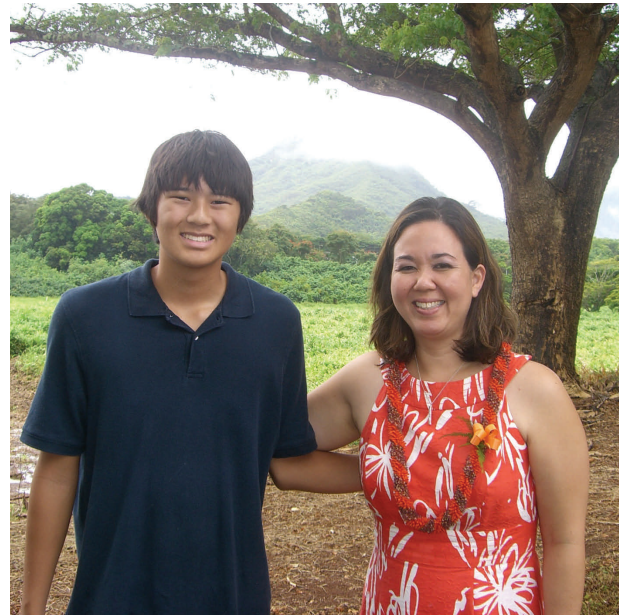
We will continue to work with the community and involved state & county agencies on potential legislation regarding oversight of clean and sober homes in our communities that will create a safe solution for everyone.

DISTRICT EVENTS

- * PACT Family Activity Night
Friday, September 16, 2011 6:30-8:30PM @ King Intermediate School
- * Kailua High School's Homecoming Game vs. Kaiser High School
Friday, September 23, 2011 @ 4:00PM JV, Varsity to follow
- * Ho'olaulima Community Meetings re: Kawainui Marsh
Saturday, September 24, 2011 10:30AM-12:00PM @ Kailua Elementary
- * Castle High School's Homecoming Game vs. Kailua High School
Friday, September 30, 2011 @ 4:00PM JV, Varsity to follow
- * 11th Annual Windward Ho'olaulea
Saturday, October 1, 2011 9:00AM-2:00PM @ Windward Community College
- * Ho'olaulima Community Meetings re: Kawainui Marsh
Wednesday, October 5, 2011 6:30-8:00PM @ Kalaheo High
- * Adopt-A-School Day, Sunday, October 9, 2011 @ various schools around the state. For more information visit: www.adoptaschoolday.org
- * Ho'olaulima Community Meetings re: Kawainui Marsh
Thursday, October 20, 2011 7:00-8:30PM @ St. John Vianney



Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts from Troop 229 in Kaneohe area visited Senator Tokuda at the Capitol where they learned about the legislative process and talked about why public participation is important.



Thomas Ikeda, sophomore at Kaiser High School, spent time this summer volunteering in our office. He helped us prepare for a workshop with high school leadership students.



Rep Ito, Rep Lee, Rep Chong and Senator Tokuda answered questions about the 2011 Legislative Session, the state budget, education, and pensions at our last Senate District 24 Town Hall Meeting at Windward Community College.



Senator Tokuda, Rep. Lee, Councilmember Anderson, DLNR Chairperson William Aila, DLNR staff, the Army Corps of Engineers and important Windward residents joined together at Kawainui Marsh to attend the signing of a partnership agreement between DLNR and the Army Corps of Engineers who have partnered together to maintain and restore Kawainui Marsh.

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