



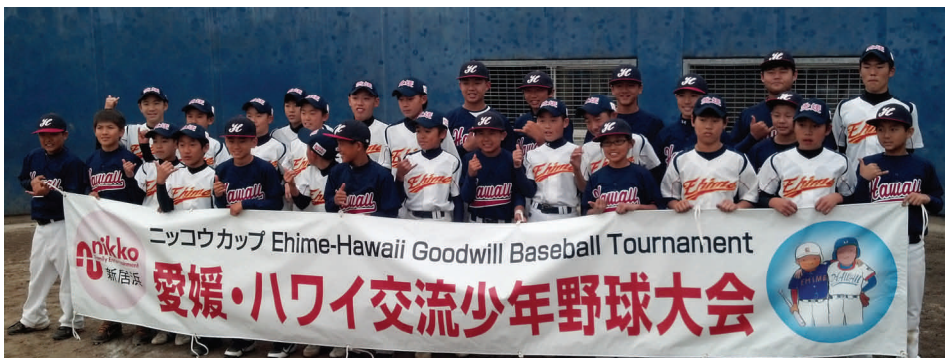
Thank you for your service, Senator Inouye. Rest in peace.

Session Is Around the Corner

The Legislature is preparing for the 2013 Session. Two new senators and 11 new representatives were elected. The first task is organizing: deciding the leadership, subject matter committees, and committee membership. The Senate has made these decisions. To see who the legislators are, visit capitol.hawaii.gov and click "Legislators". To see who's on which committees, click "Committees". Next is setting the Session schedule: the bill introduction period, deadlines for moving bills, and adjournment.

Senator Espero will chair the Public Safety & Military Affairs Committee. He will also be on the Tourism & Government Operations Committee, Transportation & International Affairs Committee, and Ways & Means Committee.

Ehime-Hawaii Goodwill Tournament



Senator Espero was among the government officials participating in the 11th annual Ehime-Hawaii Goodwill visit in November. Three Hawaii baseball teams, coaches, and parents also traveled to Japan for the tournament, memorial service, and homestay. The games are alternately held in Hawaii or Ehime in honor of those whose lives were lost in the tragic 2001 accident.

UH West Oahu



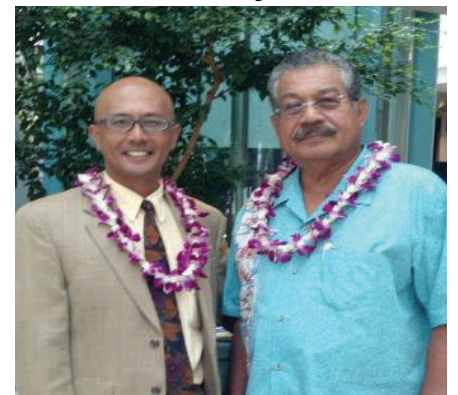
Senator Espero spoke about leadership to students in Dr. Stefanie Wilson's class on Global Management & Organizational Behavior.

Coast Guard Certificate



The Coast Guard recently held its retirement and award ceremony. Senator Espero was honored for his work on behalf of the military.

President of Palau



Senator Espero welcomed Johnson Toribiong, President of Palau, at the celebration of the 18th anniversary of its independence.