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Kaka'ako Revitalization

Governor Abercrombie and Hawaii Community Development Authority Executive Director Anthony Ching announced on Wednesday, October 26th that ground-breaking for an affordable housing development project slated for 690 Pohukaina Street will begin in February of next year. Consisting of a 650-foot tower, two smaller residential and commercial buildings, a parking structure, and a civic/commercial center the development project is expected to create 1,500 jobs and will boost the economy to the tune of \$500 million as well as bring in more than 500 construction-related jobs. To be completed in phases, the project will provide 204 affordable rental units, 300 affordable housing units, and 500 units at market value.



Photo by Ed Morita

Kamehameha Schools is also planning to build a 60,000-square-foot retail complex on the block bordered by Ala Moana Boulevard and Coral, Keawe, and Auahi streets. Expected to cost more than \$30 million, the project will include street-level improvements, a central plaza and courtyard that will be surrounded by retail shops, restaurants, and artisan kiosks. There will be outdoor seating, live music areas, and lots of space for patrons to gather and enjoy the experience that Kamehameha Schools hopes to engender. Groundbreaking for this project is scheduled for January of 2013.

NCSL Wireless University in San Diego

Early last month I spent a few days in San Diego to attend the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) Wireless University Communications Policy Seminar. Not only did I visit Qualcomm, one of the world's largest computer chip producers, I also got to learn about the many facets of wireless communications, from the impact it has on the way we now live, work, and play to government's role in financing wireless infrastructure and regulating the development and deployment of wireless broadband.



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Kaho'olawe Site Visit

On October 5th my Office Manager, Lauren Easley, accompanied other legislators and stakeholders on a trip to Kaho'olawe. The purpose of the trip was to brief Legislators on the status of the Kaho'olawe restoration, operations and management, as well as upcoming issues for the next legislative session.

The Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission (KIRC) took the group around the island highlighting efforts of ordinance removal, the experimentation of various erosion control as well as updates on the ocean, cultural and volunteer programs. For more information on Kaho'olawe and KIRC please visit www.kahoolawe.hawaii.gov.



New Capitol Website Unveiled

In anticipation of the start of the next legislative session (Opening Day is Wednesday, January 18, 2012), the Capitol website has been sporting a fresh new look since mid-October. Not only is it aesthetically pleasing, it has also been developed with the end-user in mind, so the most commonly used areas are easily accessible from the homepage. This is a real time-saving feature that my staff can attest to, and that I am sure you will be pleased about as well. The url is <http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov>.

My Senate Webpage Updated

My Legislative Aide, Dale Uno, has updated my Capitol webpage which now includes links to each of my five Neighborhood Boards' websites as well as links to PDFs of all our newsletters since the beginning of the year. We will be adding updates often, so please visit my page regularly. The url is www.capitol.hawaii.gov/galuteria.aspx. Please also visit the Senate Majority Caucus website at <http://www.hawaiisenatemajority.com/> which is maintained by the Senate Communications Office.

The Public Access Room at the Capitol

The Public Access Room provides numerous services and resources that are made available to the public.

The following are a few of their services:

- Large-print reading materials
- Complete copy of the Hawaii Revised Statutes and annual updates, including Session Laws
- Dictionaries in various languages and almanacs
- Computers and office supplies to prepare testimony for Legislative hearings
- Information sheets on various topics

PAR also publishes a monthly newsletter that contains useful, timely information. You can sign up to get their newsletter by email, find a list of their upcoming workshops, and access their online resources by visiting their website at <http://hawaii.gov/lrb/par/>.

