

SENATE PRESIDENT DONNA MERCADO KIM

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**Serving Hawai'i's
Senate District 14**

Encompassing the
following
communities:

*Kapalama
Alewa
Kalihi Valley
Ft. Shafter
Moanalua Gardens
Moanalua Valley
Halawa
Aiea*



Senator Akaka Honored



Former U.S. Senator Daniel Akaka was honored by Governor Abercrombie and members of the Legislature in a ceremony held on January 14, during which he was presented with

the Aloha Order of Merit.

The award is one of the highest honors accorded to individuals who have distinguished themselves through their service and contributions. Donna was on hand to present Mr. Akaka with a lei.

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*Donna
with her
family*

*UH Manoa
Nursing
Students*



*Local enter-
tainer
Brother
Nolan*

*Former
Gov. Ari-
yoshi and
wife Jean*



Governor Releases District 14 Funds

Governor Abercrombie released \$700,000 for Kalihi Valley Homes. The money will fund Phase IV of the project, which includes site and dwelling improvements.

The release of Capital Improvement Project (CIP) funds is part of the Governor's New Day Work Projects designed to accelerate the State's economic recovery. "I'm pleased to hear such funds are being dedicated to Kalihi Valley Homes. The project has been long overdue, and the residents are eager to have a completed and safe living community."



Donna pictured with Santa and Kalihi Valley Homes residents at their Christmas party

Donna Introduces UH Legislation

Donna has introduced a package of bills to address accountability and transparency at the University of Hawaii.

The bills are based on findings and recommendations from the Senate Special Committee on Accountability's informational briefings to review the oversight, accountability, and transparency of the operational and financial management of the University of Hawaii System, chaired by Donna in September and October 2012. The proposed bills address procurement, training for Board of Regents members and the Research Corporation of the University of Hawaii. They include the following:

SB 1383: Repeals the UH president's authority to serve as the chief procurement officer for construction contracts.

SB 1384: Limits the Board of Regents to appointing one general counsel.

SB 1385: Requires the Board of Regents to undergo annual training and certification.

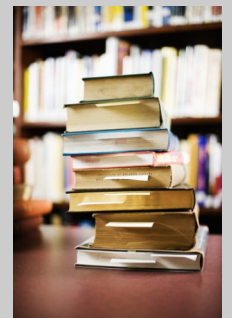
SB 1386: Requires the Board of Regents to file annual financial disclosures.

SB 1387: Gives the governor the authority to reject the list of nominees to the Board of Regents presented by the Regents Candidate Advisory Council.

SB 1388: Removes the UH president's authority to also serve as president of the Research Corporation of UH board of directors.

Ground Breaking Ceremony Scheduled for Aiea Library

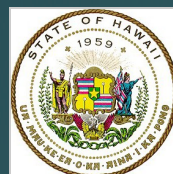
Join area legislators as they celebrate Aiea Public Library's ground breaking ceremony on Saturday, March 16th at 10:00a.m. "This is a momentous occasion for the Aiea community, who have long waited for a new and updated library."



The library's new location is at Aiea's old sugar mill.

Spring 2013 Community Bulletin

Please keep an eye out for the Spring 2013 Community Bulletin slated for homes later this month. The bulletin will feature its customary sections like "Senator Kim on the hot seat" and the community survey as well as a new segment, "Spotlight," where we feature a special person and their contributions in the community.



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