



State Representative Cindy Evans

District 7: North Kona, North Kohala, South Kohala

Important Upcoming Dates

Jan. 21 (Wed)

Opening Day

Jan. 23 (Fri)

All packages of bills due

Jan. 26 (Mon)

State of the State Address

Jan. 28 (Wed)

State Judiciary Address

March 6 (Fri)

Filing for 1st decking

March 12 (Thur)

First Crossover

March 16 (Mon)

Deadline for budget bills

April 7 (Tue)

Last day for floor presentations

May 7 (Thur)

Adjournment Sine Die

January 21, 2015

Aloha from the State Capitol! The 2015 Legislative Session kicked off on Wednesday, January 21 and I am gearing up for an exciting session. With a new administration in place, it is important for community leaders and residents to educate Governor David Ige about the needs of our district.

There are many services in the Capitol that can help you with the upcoming legislative session. Hawaii's Public Access Room will assist you in tracking legislation, submitting testimony, and helping you learn about the legislative process at <http://lrhawaii.org/par> or call 808-587-0478. We now live in a digital age and you can track legislation at home. The online "Measure Tracking" feature allows you to create lists of bills and resolutions you're interested in, easily view the current status of numerous measures, and create easy-to-read reports. Go to www.capitol.hawaii.gov to create an account.

It is important that your voices are heard. If you have any concerns or ideas please contact my staff at 808-586-8510 or send me an email at repevans@capitol.hawaii.gov. If you are in Honolulu, please stop by our office located in room 438.

Sincerely,

Representative Cindy Evans

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Representative Evans was invited to be on a panel on PBS Insights to discuss the upcoming legislative session. The video is available at <http://video.pbshawaii.org>.



Aerospace in Hawai'i

The Hawaiian Islands have played a major role in research, discovery, and exploration of the Cosmos. Our volcanic peaks and clear skies have made our State an important site for the field of astronomy and astrophysics. Further research in the area of aerospace technology promotes the establishment and growth of new sustainable and green industries along with associated jobs, workforce development, internships, and science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education programs. Aerospace technology can diversify and expand Hawai'i's economy.

Last year, Former Governor Abercrombie signed two appropriation bills for the Pacific International Center for Exploration Systems totaling \$750K. The appropriated funds will fund groundbreaking initiatives in partnership with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA). In 2013, the aerospace market in Hawai'i was approximately \$3.6 billion, meanwhile the Hawai'i's aerospace industry was approximately \$5.8 billion. The aerospace market is expected to reach \$4.5 billion by 2017.

Overall, the aerospace industry in Hawai'i will produce positive economic activity in our State, especially the Big Island. Continued growth in this industry will attract substantial federal and private sector investments, support high paying and sustainable technology-based employment opportunities for local residents, and inspire and train students in STEM related fields.

Finally, it is important to note that any new research or development of aerospace industry, including spaceport, will be subject to public hearings, county and state permits, and scrutiny of its environmental impacts.



2015 Legislative Session Office Staff

L to R: Matthew Won (Office Manager), Amber Collins (Legislative Aide), Representative Evans, Terii Perez (Administrative Office Manager), & Ryan Mandado (Communications Liaison).

Majority Floor Leader

Council of State Governments
Vice Chair, State & Federal Relations

Committee Assignments

Energy & Environmental Protection
Ocean, Marine Resources, & Hawaiian Affairs
Water & Land - Legislative Management



Rep. Evans To Do List:

Outdoor Heritage Caucus



Bill Highlights

Relating to Fishing Rights

Establishes a 10 year moratorium on the taking of aquarium fish. Provides assistance, training, and related employment services to workers dislocated by the moratorium.

Relating to Environmental Protection

Gradually prohibits the manufacture and sale of personal care products containing synthetic plastic microbeads to protect marine life.

Relating to Amusement Concessions

Authorizes the implementation of amusement concessions to provide slot machines at state airports for departing international passengers. Revenues to be deposited into the airport revenue fund.

Relating to Section 266-17, Hawaii Revised Statutes

Provides discounted rates and fees for the use of harbors, wharves, and properties managed and operated by the Department of Transportation for shipment of Hawaii-grown agricultural products. Makes a housekeeping amendment relating to Kewalo Basin.

Relating to Geothermal Resources

Establishes a framework to regulate geothermal resources development through a permitting process administered by the Board of Land and Natural Resources and the appropriate county authority. Requires penalties, fees, and costs collected pursuant to chapter 182, HRS, to be deposited into the special land and development fund.

Relating to Hunting

Establishing a game commission to serve in an advisory capacity to the governor and the Board of Land and Natural Resources. Makes an appropriation.

Keep Hawai'i's Heroes

As part of the 2020 force structure realignment, the Army is considering a proposal to eliminate a large number of military soldiers and civilians in the state. An Army study concluded that pulling out of the state will have significant socio-economic impacts for communities. The list below shows the impact of downsizing the military in Hawai'i:

- ⇒ There will be an estimated loss of nearly \$1.3 billion to Hawai'i's economy.
- ⇒ A total of 16,200 military people will be cut from Schofield Barracks and 4,000 from Fort Shafter.
- ⇒ An additional loss of 30,000 family members will be affected by the downsize.

In addition to being important for national security and national defense, the military presence in Hawai'i has attracted top defense contractors such as BAE Systems, Boeing, Lockheed Martin, and Northrop Grumman. The downsize will have a great impact on educational services, health care, and social assistance sectors which has the greatest share of the total workforce from the military. The second largest employment in areas such as the arts, entertainment, recreation, and food services will also be impacted by the downsize of our military personnel on the islands.

Many communities such as Wahiawa, Waialua, Schofield, Mililani, and Kunia depend on military presence for their livelihoods. Small businesses depend on the military in their communities. Wahiawa businessman Scott Harada said, "Our relationship with the soldiers is economic, but they are an intricate and vital part of who we are. We've grown up as Wahiawa with the military. The military made Wahiawa what it is."

Visit the www.KeepHawaiiHeroes.org website to find out more information on how to keep our military personnel on our islands.



Commanding General Vincent Brooks of the US Army Pacific

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