

# **Community Update**

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#### Aloha Friends and Neighbors,

We opened the 2015 legislative session on Wednesday, January 21st at the State Capitol. It was an exciting start to this year's session and I am grateful to have been able to share this experience with many of you.

After another busy start to the legislative session, all bills have been introduced and are now being heard within the House and the Senate. You can track bills, read and submit testimony on the Capitol website at www.capitol.hawaii.gov.

As we continue through the session, I welcome your thoughts and suggestions. If you would like to discuss issues, community concerns, or if there is any way I can be of assistance to you, please feel free to contact me at 586-6220 or repichiyama@capitol.hawaii.gov.

Sincerely,

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Updated information sheets including floor maps, seating charts and other useful information can be found on the PAR website at (http://lrbhawaii.org/par/legfyi.html).

Want to learn about the legislative process and how you can participate easily and effectively? Sign up for one of PAR's free workshops—offered in the PAR room 401.

Call 587-0478 or email par@capitol.hawaii.gov to sign up! It's free!

> PAR Hours during Session (Jan. 21- May 7) Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

#### 2015 Opening Day



Rep. Ichiyama and Governor Ige look forward to working with you this legislative session.



Rep. Ichiyama with UH nursing students from Salt Lake. \_..\_.

#### SAVE THE DATE! SALT LAKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FUN FAIR



Saturday, April 11, 2015 Salt Lake Elementary School 9AM - 1PM

More information coming soon!

#### **Current Legislation**

Bills Introduced by Rep. Ichiyama:

**HB 1207:** Many county roads in our neighborhood are in disrepair. Every year, drivers pay an average of \$400 to repair car damage caused by neglected and unmaintained roads. This bill appropriates funds to aid the counties in the repair and repaving of county roads and highways.

**HB 1063:** As calls for emergency response services increase, a greater burden is placed on our City's emergency medical services division to respond to calls in our community. Callers in our community often experience long response times because Moanalua, Salt Lake, Aliamanu, Red Hill and Foster Village are high density areas with a sizable distance between the two nearest hospital units. This bill appropriates funds to the Department of Health to provide an additional emergency medical service unit to service our district and alleviate lengthy delays in medical help.

**HB 1208:** I strongly support our local farmers and the healthy living of our seniors. The senior farmers' market nutrition program provides low-income seniors with vouchers for nutritious, fresh fruits and vegetables. This program has been running successfully since 2000, supporting not only seniors in need but also local farmers. This bill appropriates additional funds to the senior farmers' market nutrition program.



Rep. Ichiyama and Sen. Wakai at the groundbreaking ceremony for Phase III of the Oahu Veterans Center with Chairman George Sullivan of the Oahu Veterans Council.



House Public Safety committee members Rep. Takayama, Rep. Tupola, Rep. Johanson, Rep. Keohokalole and Rep. Ichiyama (left to right), met with Brigadier General Arthur J. Logan (center) for an informative briefing at the State Civil Defense Emergency Operating Center at Birkhimer Tunnel in Diamond Head Crater.

### **Community Meeting Schedule**

Moanalua Gardens Community Association 7:00pm Tuesday, March 3, 2015 at Moanalua Middle School

Moanalua Valley Community Association 7:00pm Wednesday, March 11, 2015 at Moanalua Valley Golf Clubhouse

Neighborhood Board # 18 (Salt Lake/Aliamanu/Foster Village) 7:00pm Thursday, March 12, 2015 at Oahu Veterans Center