

Aloha Friends and Neighbors,

Happy New Year! According to the Chinese zodiac, 2013 is the Year of the Snake, a symbol that represents intelligence and fortune. People who are born in the Year of the Snake are cunning, intelligent, and are especially great mediators and good at doing business. To gain the greatest benefits from this year, saving money and being fiscal responsible should be a top priority. Therefore, the 2013 Legislature should remember this ancient advice and control spending responsibly and thoroughly investigate each new challenge for this upcoming session.

I am humbled to return to represent our community in the State House. This year's legislative opening day will be on Wednesday, January 16, 2013. Although we face many challenges ahead, I look forward to working with you and I welcome your thoughts and suggestions. Please feel free to contact me at my office at 586-6220 or at repichiyama@capitol.hawaii.gov.

Best wishes to you and your family in this New Year!

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The City's Department of Environmental Services provides curbside green waste to more than 160,000 homes on Oahu.



Moanalua Lions Club

Rep. Ichiyama enjoyed being the MC at the Moanalua Lions Club V.I.P. (Visually Impaired Person) Christmas lunch for Hoopono.

Christmas Tree Recycling

With the holidays over, the City's Department of Environmental Services reminds households to recycle their Christmas trees.

1.) Households with City collection should strip trees of all ornaments and tinsel and place the bare trees curbside as part of the normal green waste pickup. For households with green carts, the City requests residents to trim and cut the trees to fit inside the cart with the lid closed.

2.) For households on manual collection route, trees should be cut in lengths up to three feet, bundled, and placed at the curb on your refuse day. If cutting the tree is inconvenient, residents can drop it off whole at the nearest Refuse Convenience Center.

3.) For condo residents, trees may be dropped off at any Refuse Convenience Center or directly to the composting facility. The closest station for District 32 residents is the Keehi Refuse Transfer Station located on Middle Street. Residents wishing to compost green waste should visit the Campbell Industrial Park Facility located at 91-400 Malakole Road in Kapolei.

Thanks your doing your part to keep Hawaii green! Malama 'aina!



hawai`i public access room

Voice your Concerns!

Did you know that the Hawaii is the only state legislature in the nation that has created a public access room for the citizens' use? For 20 years, the Hawaii Public Access Room has been dedicated to helping citizens participate in the Hawaii State Legislature by providing facilities, services and equipment to enhance their ability to participate in the legislative process. You are welcome here to track and affect legislation pending before the Hawaii State Legislature. Staff assistance is available in person, by telephone and by email.

> Visit their website: http://hawaii.gov/lrb/par or contact by telephone: (808) 587-0478



New Stopbullying.gov Website

In a national effort to stop bullying in schools and communities, Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius and Education Secretary Arne Duncan have unveiled a revitalized Stop Bullying website www.stopbullying.gov-to encourage and support children, parents, educators, and communities to take action to stop and prevent bullying. The website is user-friendly and features tools and resources which include:

- How to recognize the warning signs and when to take action to prevent bullying
- How to implement strategies for intervention
- Ways to share the community's resources, policies or strategies to address bullying; and
- Information on bullying laws in the state.

You can subscribe to email updates to find out about new content on the website. The Stopbullying.gov also has a Twitter and a Facebook account for more information on how to take action against bullying. Take a stand against bullying today!



Job Opportunities at the State Legislature

The Hawaii State Legislature is still looking for skilled individuals to work at the State Capitol. If have an interest in learning about the inner workings of the State Government or have a desire to resolve issues in the community, you can apply and learn about the various positions at the House of Representative's site: www.capitol.hawaii.gov/hjobs.aspx or on the

Senate's page at www.capitol.hawaii.gov/sjobs.aspx.

Current Openings:

- Committee Clerk/Legislative Aide
- Bookkeeper
- Researcher/Researcher Attorney
- Fiscal Analyst
- Transcriptionist/Proofreader
- Data-Entry Clerk/Office Assistant
- IT Help Desk

Upcoming Community Meetings Moanalua Gardens Community Association - 7:00pm Tuesday, January 8, 2013 at Moanalua Middle School. Room B2

Moanalua Valley Community Association - 7:00pm Wednesday, January 9, 2013 at Moanalua Valley Golf Clubhouse

Neighborhood Board # 18 (Salt Lake/Aliamanu/Foster Village) - 7:00pm Thursday, January 10, 2013 at Oahu Veterans Center