

Community Update

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Spotlight: Long-Term Care in Hawaii

Aloha Friends and Neighbors,

In Hawaii, we take pride in our kupuna. We are concerned for their well-being and recognize that with a rapidly increasing elderly population, the need for longterm care will undoubtedly grow. Unfortunately, Hawaii's current long-term care system needs reform or accessible care may not be a reality for many of our kupuna.

The Hawaii Long-Term Care Commission (LTCC) recently released their annual report that included the following recommendations regarding reforming long-term care in Hawaii.

- LTCC recommends initiating an educational campaign that will raise public awareness of the issues in long-term care and increase access to resources.
- To make long-term care financially accessible, LTCC encourages the use of **life insurance as a source of private long-term care funding** and recommends continued funding for the **Kupuna Care program**.
- Noting the inefficiencies of a fragmented system, LTCC wants to **establish unified management** that would develop all policies and be accountable for all administrative responsibilities.
- As many kupuna wish to age in place, LTCC promotes **home and community based services** and improving the quality of care that is provided by creating uniform standards and procedures for all service providers.

If you would like to read the full report, please visit: <u>http://www.publicpolicycenter.hawaii.edu/documents/H</u> <u>awaiiLTCCFinalReport.pdf</u>. At the legislature, we will continue to work towards improving Hawaii's long-term care system as it is in everyone's best interests to make quality, accessible long-term care a priority.

Sincerely,

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Rep. Ichiyama meets with members of the Salt Lake Seniors Club to address their concerns.

Funds Requested for Our Local Schools

This session, Rep. Ichiyama requested CIP funds for all of our local schools. Working with the Abercrombie administration, these funds were recently requested and will be used to improve our schools and help to create local jobs.

Moanalua Elementary School:

Project: construction of a new technology center *Total Project Cost*: \$2,150,000

Aliamanu Middle School:

Project: construction of a new physical education running surface Total Project Cost: \$200,000

Salt Lake Elementary Fun Fair

Food, Rides, Games, Entertainment

Salt Lake Elementary Fairgrounds



Saturday, April 14 9:00 am-1:00 pm



Food Scrip \$1-\$2 • Game Scrip \$1 per game Advance sale wristbands for unlimited rides \$18 or \$20 day of the Fun Fair

Questions??? Want to help??? Contact Tony Wunsh or Patti Inoue at 831-7870 or <u>SLESFunfair@gmail.com</u>.



Rep. Ichiyama answers students' questions about the legislative process at Moanalua Middle School.



Rep. Ichiyama and other members of the Committee on Transportation hear a bill regarding parking rights for the blind.



New Requirements: Driver's Licensing and Permitting

In order to comply with federal law, the State Dept. of Transportation and all county Motor Vehicle, Licensing and Permits divisions are implementing new requirements. Starting **March 5**th, if you are renewing or applying for a Driver's License or Permit you'll need **legal documents** that show proof of:

- Your legal name
- Date of birth
- Social security number
- Legal presence in the U.S. (proof of U.S. citizenship or legal authorization to be in U.S.)

A **different name** on submitted documents requires one of the following:

- Court order for name change/adoption/divorce
- Government issued marriage certificate
- Certified decree of name change
- Naturalization certificate

All documents must be **original/certified copies** and **presented in person** at a Satellite City Hall or Motor Vehicle, Licensing and Permits Division office.

For a list of acceptable documents and more info visit <u>www.hawaii.gov/dot</u> and click on "Legal Presence."



Questions? Call 831-6831.

Community Meeting Schedule

Moanalua Gardens Community Association - 7:00pm Tuesday, March 6, 2012 at Moanalua Middle School, Rm B2

- 7:00pm Thursday, March 8, 2012 at Oahu Veterans Center

Neighborhood Board # 18 (Salt Lake/Aliamanu/Foster Village)

Moanalua Valley Community Association

- 7:00pm Wednesday, March 14, 2012 at Moanalua Valley Golf Clubhouse