



# Representative Aaron Ling Johanson

Community Report  
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## Hawaii Council on Revenues, Abercrombie Administration Brief Hawaii State Legislators on Fiscal Policy, Budgets and More

As we move into the new year and the 2011 legislative session, lawmakers are in full swing working on the state's budget and priorities.

On Monday, January 3, the Council of Revenues Chair, Paul H. Brewbaker, reported the Council's estimates a 3 percent nominal revenue growth in state revenue this fiscal year. According to *Pacific Business News*, this one percent increase is equivalent to approximately \$44 million, which will help close the Abercrombie Administration's estimated \$71 million deficit, according to the budget he presented in December.

Kalbert Young, Interim Director of Finance for the State of Hawaii, presented testimony to the Hawaii State Legislature on Tuesday, January 4, 2011 on the state budget. He reported the Abercrombie Administration was still in the process of developing a revised budget and balanced financial plan. The budget timetable could extend as late as mid-March, though the Administration hopes to achieve a final budget sooner.

The Administration is looking at securing emergency funding for programs which received budget cuts in the past, including the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families program, Medicaid, and Abercrombie Administration's priorities. After critical funding is restored, the Administration aims to work on next fiscal year's budget and outline their tactics for balancing a budget that faces \$71.6 million deficit and a \$771.9 million shortfall over the next two years.

## JOIN US FOR OPENING DAY at the STATE CAPITOL!

*We invite you to attend our First Opening Day on Wednesday, January 19, 2011*

You are cordially invited to help us celebrate Opening Day at the Hawaii State Legislature. Opening Day Session begins at 10:00am in the House Chamber with a reception to follow. We invite you to visit us in our temporary office, Room 328, for featured food provided by various restaurants and businesses in House District 32. If you have any questions, please call us at 586-9470 or email me at [repjohanson@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:repjohanson@capitol.hawaii.gov). We look forward to seeing you there!

## Take Action and Report Illegal Dumping and Graffiti

Illegal dumping and graffiti continue to appear in the Moanalua Gardens community. We can take steps to prevent and correct illegal dumping and graffiti.

**To report an illegal dumping site**, please call 768-3300 and be ready with your name and contact information, type and location of illegal dumping site and any other information that might be helpful.



Dumping in front of MES Kindergarten playground and on the Access Road next to MMS.



**To report graffiti**, call the Honolulu Police Department's graffiti hotline at 529-3222 or visit [www.honolulu.org/community/graffiti.htm](http://www.honolulu.org/community/graffiti.htm) for help in cleaning up graffiti in your community. You can also call 911 to make a report if you see individuals tagging or illegally dumping.



To the side of the Moanalua Dog Park, Visible From Moanalua Freeway

## Moanalua Elementary Grounds Gets New Greenery

Moanalua Elementary School needs your help! The school purchased new grass and needed help filling the grounds near the playground with the new patches. MES staff, military personnel, students and Rep. Johanson spent a Saturday morning planting the new grass. **MES could use more community volunteers for**



**future projects!** Please contact Susie Okumura, PCNC Facilitator at MES at 831-7884 or email [mes\\_pcnc@yahoo.com](mailto:mes_pcnc@yahoo.com) if you'd like to volunteer!



## Hawaii State Student Council Lobby Legislators in Time for Session

Rep. Johanson met with members of the Hawaii State Student Council, including students from the Central School District to discuss the priorities of the Hawaii



State Student Conference. This year, their initiatives and issues range from the preservation of art programs in public schools to the use of photovoltaic solar panels and recycling programs in the classroom.

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