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Aloha Neighbors,

Thank you for granting me the opportunity to serve as your voice in the House of Representatives. The 2015 legislative session recently adjourned, and my colleagues and I worked collaboratively to address a number of major issues and needs for our communities and our State. I was privileged to serve on several important committees this session, including the House Finance committee, which was responsible for passing and balancing our State Budget, as well as creating our long-term State financial plan. I also served on the Transportation and Public Safety committees, and was the Vice-Chair for the Committee on Labor and Public Employment.

During the interim, I look forward to reaching out to you for feedback on many of our State's important issues while also working to address your particular neighborhood and community concerns.

As always, please contact me with any questions or concerns by calling 586-8540 or email at repkeohokalole@capitol.hawaii.gov.

Mahalo,



My staff from left to right: Jeanine Keohokalole, Heather McVay, Julia Peleiholani, Ku'ulani Keohokalole (my wife), myself, Kathleen Corpuz, Keani Rawlins-Fernandez, and Relley Araceley.

2015 Legislative Session Accomplishments

As your Representative, the following is a list of bills I introduced and passed during my first session:

ENVIRONMENT

- **Simpler Permitting for Hawaiian Fishponds.** Minimizes barriers for practitioners and community organizations to restore, repair, and operate native Hawaiian fishponds by creating a single-application interagency permitting process through the Department of Land and Natural Resources. **HB393**
- **State Hydrogen Implementation Working Group.** Designates a State Hydrogen Implementation Coordinator, who will convene a working group to promote the establishment of clean hydrogen-based energy in Hawaii. **HB1296**
- **Cesspool Conversion Income Tax Credit.** Encourages homeowners with cesspools to upgrade or convert to a septic or aerobic treatment unit system by providing a non-refundable income tax credit of up to \$10,000. **HB1140**
- **Decriminalizing Traditional Hawaiian Burial Practices.** Clarifies criminal statutes relating to treatment of human bodies after death to ensure that traditional Hawaiian cremation and burial practices do not violate State law. **SB1166** (Senate Version)

EDUCATION

- **Health Screenings for Schoolchildren.** Appropriates \$1,000,000 to the DOE for school-based health screenings for treatable health issues, like hearing or vision conditions, as well as providing primary care referrals, communicable disease prevention, and emergency services. **HB1440**

COST OF LIVING

- **Public Works Projects; Prevailing Wage Law.** Amends Hawaii's prevailing law to ensure that laborers or mechanics working on public works projects receive comparable overtime benefits where the Dept. of Labor and Industrial Relations determines that the prevailing wage is defined by collective bargaining. **HB391**

Elizabeth "Libby" Young, retired from Windward Community College after teaching Journalism and English for 35 years. I had the opportunity to recognize her for many years of service and for securing funding for the college's master plans, along with Speaker Joe Souki and Representative Ken Ito – April 2, 2015.



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