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REP. PINE WOULD LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOU

Aloha,

The 2012 legislative session is fast approaching and my colleagues and I are hard at work composing legislative packages to solve the challenges our state is facing.

I have heard from many neighbors, friends and constituents that the economy is highest on their minds. In addition to getting Hawai'i residents back to work, I will continue to support government transparency, reducing the size and scope of government, fostering a better business environment and accelerating student learning. The issues of elder abuse, child safety, traffic mitigation and cybercrime are also high priorities of mine.

What issues are important to you as we approach the next legislative session? What do you think would make 'Ewa Beach an even better place to live? In what ways could government promote an atmosphere for economic growth?

Please send me your suggestions and priorities for what you would like to see happen at the State Legislature. We are here for you, so it's important that the lines of communication are open.

I look forward to working with you on the issues that matter to you most. As always, please contact my office at 586-9730 or email me at reppine@capitol.hawaii.gov with any questions or concerns.

FREE TRAININGS IN 'EWA BEACH TO BECOME AN EPISODIC RED CROSS VOLUNTEER



American Red Cross

Hawaii State Chapter

The American Red Cross will offer trainings for those interested in helping their communities in a disaster.

Trainings will cover: Disaster Services, Shelter Operations, Shelter Simulation, and Disaster Assessment Basics.

Participants must be age 18 or older and attend both days for certification: **October 22 and 29 (Saturdays), 9am to 4pm at Asing Park, 91-1450 Renton Road.**

To register, please call Jessie Koziel, Disaster Coordinator at (808) 739-8113.

SOLVING HAWAI‘I’S DEBT CRISIS

Hawai‘i residents carry the third highest per capita government debt burden in the nation, more than \$23,000 for every man, woman and child who lives here. Governor Abercrombie has warned that Hawai‘i is facing an economic storm with unfunded pension and health costs approaching a staggering \$22 billion.

Members of the Republican caucus hosted an informational briefing on October 11th to discuss the impact of the national and state debt crises on Hawai‘i and the state’s future economic wellbeing.

This local debt scenario comes at a time when national leaders are seeking ways to cut trillions of dollars from federal spending to avoid another debt ceiling crisis or national financial defaults such as those taking place in Europe. Forty cents of every federal dollar spent is borrowed. The briefing took place for State legislators to address the looming fiscal burdens, and what steps individuals can take to weather the economic storms that appear on the horizon.

A distinguished set of economists, business people and specialists shared their recommendations with the legislators.

Representative Pine and her colleagues are committed to mitigating this growing problem during the upcoming 2012 legislative session.



CHILD WELFARE ISSUES



Rep. Pine and Rep. John Mizuno hear testimony

The Governor’s office recently released data that showed that 30 children died in state custody since the 2000-01 fiscal year. Most deaths were attributed to congenital problems and illness.

Rep. Pine attended a hearing of the House Human Services Committee to clarify what the state Department of Human Services’ policies regarding the release of information of child deaths.

“Any time that any child dies, in anyone’s care, it should be top priority to find the cause,” said Rep. Pine.

PUBLIC SCHOOL ENROLLMENT JUMPS TO SIX-YEAR HIGH

The Star Advertiser reported recently that public school class size is increasing across the state. The most populated high school and elementary school are both in ‘Ewa Beach. Campbell High currently has 2,768 students, up 5 percent from last year; Holomua Elementary has 1,375 students.

PUBLIC SCHOOL ENROLLMENT UP

Enrollment in Hawaii public schools is at its highest since 2005-06.

2011-12	181,213
2010-11	178,189
2009-10	178,649
2008-09	177,871
2007-08	178,369
2006-07	179,234
2005-06	181,258
2004-05	181,802
2003-04	182,334
2002-03	182,798
2001-02	183,629
2000-01	183,520

Source: State Dept. of Education
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Rep. Pine highly values education issues and will continue to work to ensure that students receive the best opportunities for education possible.

HAPPY HALLOWEEN! FUN FAMILY EVENTS IN ‘EWA BEACH

Special Education Center of Hawaii’s Haunted House:
6-9 p.m. Oct. 28-29, ‘Ewa Beach Community Center, ‘Ewa Pointe Marketplace, 91-1001 Kaimalie St. Cost: \$7 for adults, \$5 for students, free for 5 and under. Young keiki can enjoy “less scary” interactive activities in a separate area. Call 734-0233 or visit www.secoh.org.

Spookapalooza Train Rides: Listen to ghost stories while traveling through darkness, Oct. 28-29, Hawaiian Railway Society, 91-1001 Renton Road, ‘Ewa Beach. Rides begin at 7:00, 7:45, 8:30 and 9:15 p.m. Check in 20 minutes prior to departure time or risk losing your seat. Cost: \$5 (cash only) for ages 3 and older. Reservations required. Call 681-5461 or email rides@hawaiianrailway.com.

BATTLESHIP MISSOURI VETERANS DAY SUNSET CEREMONY

This Veterans Day, you and your family are invited to attend a sunset ceremony Battleship Missouri. The event will feature SCPO Brooks W. Outland, USN (Ret.) and a USS Missouri crew member.

Friday, November 11, 2011

4:45 – 5:45 p.m.

**Battleship Missouri Memorial, Pearl Harbor
Guests to be seated by 4:30 p.m.**

Free and open to the public with RSVP. Aloha attire, summer whites or service equivalent. Please RSVP by October 28 to RSVP@USSMissouri.org.

2011 HAWAII SMALL BUSINESS FAIR



Starting or expanding your business? Launch your dreams into reality. Participating exhibitors offer programs and services for small businesses.

Saturday, October 29, 2011

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Kapi‘olani Community College Cafeteria (Ohia Bldg.)

Parking in Lot C & D

The event will be hosted by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Small Business Administration.

Register for **workshops** to learn about:

- Financing Options, Accounting Basics
- Social Media and Web Design
- Contracting Certifications
- Marketing your Product or Service
- Creating a Business Plan,
- Expanding to International Markets,
- Available Tax Credits and Federal/State Tax Basics

Participating organizations include: Small Business Administration, Business Action Center, Kapi‘olani Community College, DBEDT, Small Business Development Center (SBDC), SCORE, The Solar Guy, Hawai‘i Pacific Export Council, State Department of Transportation, Hawai‘i Energy, US Rural Development, Internal Revenue Service, Office of Hawaiian Affairs, US Postal Service, Banks, Business Law Corps, and many more.

To register, email edwardv@hawaii.edu or call 734-9153.

“REP. PINE’S INBOX”



Representative Pine’s office receives many phone calls, emails and letters on a daily basis from constituents with questions and concerns about things happening in the community and the State Capitol.

To make communicating even easier and more effective, we recently launched “Rep. Pine’s Inbox”, a video series in which Rep. Pine responds to your questions and concerns via email each week.

If you have a question for Rep. Pine or a concern about something in the district, please contact our office. If you are not yet on our mailing list, you can join by phone at 586-9730 or by emailing a request to reppine@capitol.hawaii.gov.

VOLUNTEERS AND INTERNS

We are looking for students, retirees, political science majors, and anyone else interested in volunteering for the Office of State Representative Kymberly Pine. If one prefers to stay in the district, duties such as assisting the Representative at community events and meetings are also appreciated. For Boy Scout and Girl Scout volunteers, earning points by collating and prepping monthly newsletters can be coordinated with staff and done in the district or at the Capitol.

Rep. Pine will continue to execute surveys with residents by email and mail on a regular basis. Assistance from volunteers, whether it be for just a few hours a month or by the week, helps residents stay informed on issues and may offer the Representative direction on votes to be cast.

If you or someone you know is interested in volunteering or interning at Rep. Pine’s office or in her district, please call our office at 586-9730, email reppine@capitol.hawaii.gov or visit Room 333 at the State Capitol. Mahalo!

JOIN REPRESENTATIVE PINE’S EMAIL LIST AND STAY CONNECTED



Throughout the year, Rep. Pine generates surveys to poll the sentiments of her district. To participate in surveys, email a request to be added to the list at:

reppine@capitol.hawaii.gov

Once you are on the list, you will receive updates on community and legislative events and notices from various state and city departments to help residents navigate through construction zones and other issues of importance.

For monthly newsletters, links to videos and messages posting important announcements, visit:

www.capitol.hawaii.gov
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Facebook updates:

www.facebook.com/kymberly.marcos.pine,

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