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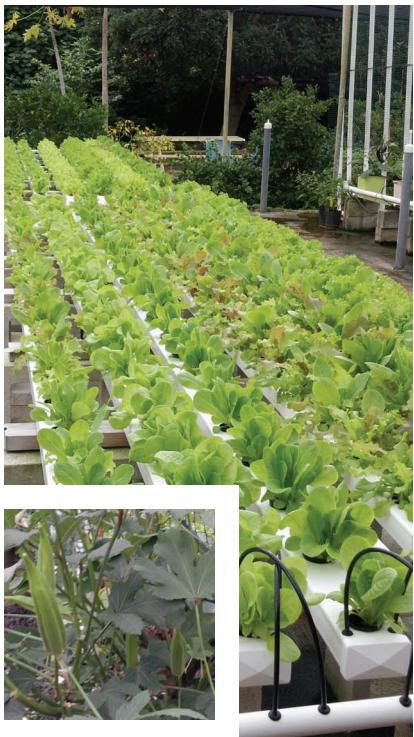
Aloha Board Members,

Sorry I am not able to attend your December meeting. I am attending a re-entry and recidivism meeting with national leaders in Washington, D.C. If you have ideas for legislation, please let me know. Session begins January 18. Have a safe and wonderful holiday season!

Will Espero

*Women's
Community
Correctional
Center
Hydroponic
Garden*

The hydroponic garden at the Women's Community Correctional Center in Kailua is tended by



women inmates. Lettuce, okra, and eggplant are some of the vegetables grown in the garden.



The Next Generation



Hawaii Youth Challenge Academy students had a lively discussion with Senator Espero on the aerospace industry, rail, and other topics.



The Secondary Student Conference was held at the State Capitol last week. Campbell, Ilima, and Ewa Makai delegates visited Senator Espero.



Senator Espero talked to Pohakea Elementary School second graders for the national legislative "Back to School" program.

Waipahu Intermediate School 8th Graders Visit the State Capitol

Waipahu Intermediate School students learned about the legislative process on a visit to the State Capitol.



10th Annual Ehime Goodwill Visit



The Ehime Prefecture baseball teams from Japan visited in November for the annual goodwill games between Hawaii and Japan. All-stars from boys baseball played each other in the annual Ehime-Hawaii Goodwill Youth Baseball Tournament. 2011 is the tenth anniversary of the exchange. Visits alternate between Ehime and Honolulu. In 2012, Hawaii coaches and players will travel to Japan for the tournament and homestay. Players, coaches, parents, and government officials, over 100 participants from Japan, are here for cultural activities, tour of Ewa Makai Middle School, a memorial service, and two days of baseball.



Christmas Parades

Dec. 10, 2 p.m.—Waipahu The parade begins at the Waipahu District Park, travels along Farrington Highway to Pupukahi Street to Waipahu Street, Leoku Street, then ends at Leolua Street behind Waipahu Town Center.

Dec. 12, 10 a.m.—Ewa The parade starts at Ilima Intermediate School, travels along Fort Weaver Road to Kuhina Street to Hanakahi Street, to North Road to Fort Weaver Road and returns to Ilima Intermediate School.