

Office of SENATOR WILL ESPERO



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HAPPY HOLIDAYS! BE SAFE!



KEEP OUR ROADS SAFE!



Senators Espero and Gabbard and Representative Awana congratulated students who won the "Drive Safe 4 Ewa / Kapolei" poster contest.

CLEAN & SOBER AND HALFWAY HOUSES

Addressing concerns of residents and the proper operation of clean and sober and halfway houses led to the creation of a task force Senator Espero has been involved with since August. Its members are charged with developing a plan to ensure that these types of residences are properly monitored and accountable for meeting occupancy, zoning, and permitting requirements. Members represent County agencies that are responsible for planning and permitting; State agencies that refer clients to these homes; service providers, and residents. It must report to the Legislature before the 2013 Session opens.

HAWAII FASHION MONTH—OCTOBER 2013

Hawaii's fashion industry showcases our beautiful assets — literally. Senator Espero is on the Steering Committee to develop events that promote this important part of our economy. Look for exciting news about this next year!

2012 PISCES CONFERENCE



"Pioneering Planetary Surface Systems Technologies & Capabilities" was this year's theme. The Big Island gathering gave scientists and industry members the chance to share information on the latest in lunar research and space exploration. The robotics team at the University of Alabama won the NASA international competition with their lunar explorer.



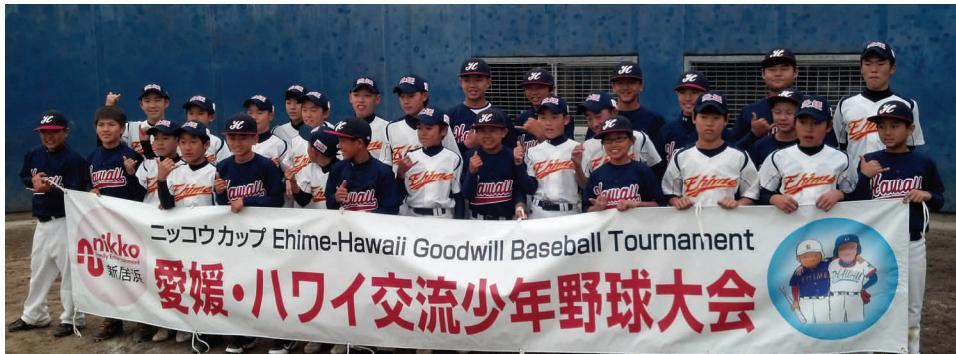
**Thank you for your service,
Senator Inouye. Rest in peace.**

Session Is Around the Corner

The Legislature is preparing for the 2013 Session. Two new senators and 11 new representatives were elected. The first task is organizing: deciding the leadership, subject matter committees, and committee membership. The Senate has made these decisions. To see who the legislators are, visit capitol.hawaii.gov and click "Legislators". To see who's on which committees, click "Committees". Next is setting the Session schedule: the bill introduction period, deadlines for moving bills, and adjournment.

Senator Espero will chair the Public Safety & Military Affairs Committee. He will also be on the Tourism & Government Operations Committee, Transportation & International Affairs Committee, and Ways & Means Committee.

Ehime-Hawaii Goodwill Tournament



Senator Espero was among the government officials participating in the 11th annual Ehime-Hawaii Goodwill visit in November. Three Hawaii baseball teams, coaches, and parents also traveled to Japan for the tournament, memorial service, and homestay. The games are alternately held in Hawaii or Ehime in honor of those whose lives were lost in the tragic 2001 accident.

UH West Oahu



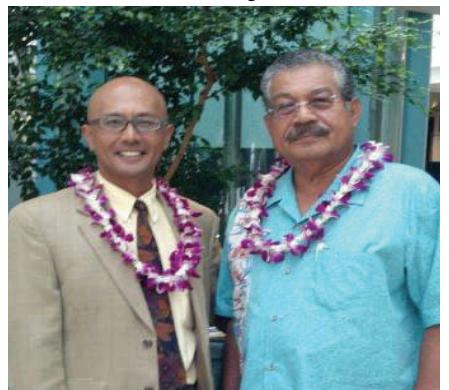
Senator Espero spoke about leadership to students in Dr. Stefanie Wilson's class on Global Management & Organizational Behavior.

Coast Guard Certificate



The Coast Guard recently held its retirement and award ceremony. Senator Espero was honored for his work on behalf of the military.

President of Palau



Senator Espero welcomed Johnson Toribiong, President of Palau, at the celebration of the 18th anniversary of its independence.