

The Senate State of Hawaii

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## SENATOR TOKUDA TO CONDUCT "TWITTER TOWN HALL" ON APPOINTED BOARD OF EDUCATION LEGISLATION

Senate education chair to pilot use of social media to engage public in policy making.

HONOLULU – Senate Education Committee Chairperson Jill Tokuda (Kaneohe, Kailua

& Enchanted Lake) will conduct a "Twitter Town Hall," where she will answer questions and take comments regarding the upcoming implementation legislation for the appointed Board of Education utilizing this 140-character "micro-blog." Participants can tweet their questions and comments, and receive answers via the Senator's Twitter account.

> WHEN: Friday January 7, 2011 11:30am-12:30pm

WHERE: <u>www.twitter.com</u>; Username: @jilltokuda; Hashtag: #askjill

Voters in the 2010 General Election approved a constitutional amendment calling for an appointed, rather than elected, Board of Education. The implementing legislation will specify how the Board will be appointed by the governor.