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Mele Kalikimaka Friends and Neighbors,

I wish all of you a very Happy Holidays. While the Holidays are a busy time of year for everyone, I hope that you were able to enjoy some of the holiday celebrations around our community this month, including the wonderful Mililani Parade. Don't forget to visit Honolulu Hale to see their beautiful decorations

inside and out. By the way, the long-time Honolulu City Lights coordinator, Joan Manke, has been a member of my session staff for the past three years.#

Since session is only a short month away, January 18, 2012, I am busy working on bills and CIP projects (capital improvement projects) that benefit our community and the entire state. I have had many suggestions for legislation from the residents of Mililani and Waipio Gentry. If you have an idea or a suggestion for this next Legislative session, please feel free to contact our office with your ideas but no later than January 6, 2012 please. To respect the fact that our beautiful island state is still dealing with difficult economic times, the Senate will suspend formal Opening day ceremonies. However, please know that you are welcome to come by and visit us anytime or contact our office by phone or email. #####

Here are just some of the events and meetings I have attended since my last newsletter.

November

- * 3rd: CIP Site Visits- Windward Community College, Hawaii State Hospital, Youth Correctional Facility
- * 5th: Mililani and Kamehameha High School Festival of Bands
- * 6th: Japanese Women's Society Foundation Friendship Tea @ Hale Pulama Mau (Kuakini Hospital)
- * 9-10th: APEC full day Symposium @ Marriott Waikiki
- * 10th: APEC Host Committee reception @ Royal Hawaiian Hotel
- * 11th: Veterans Day—Mahalo to all our Veterans! / APEC Int'l Trade Reception @ Bishop Museum
- * 12th: APEC International Cultural Reception @ Academy of Arts
- * 13th : APEC Chinese CEO Delegation Reception @ Washington



Place /Nanakuli Performing Arts "Take A Bow" @ Pearl City H.S. / APEC Chinese Taipei Leaders reception @ Hilton Hawaiian Village

- * 14th: Site visit to Pioneer Seed Company Kunia / Waialua
- * 15th: Mililani Mauka Neighborhood Board Meeting
- * 16th ~ 20th: National Conference of Hispanic State Legislators
- * 22nd: Mililani Waena Presentation for 2nd graders on the Legislative process
- * 23rd: Mililani Neighborhood Board Meeting
- * 29th: State Capitol District Site Visit/ Aloha Stadium Site Visit

DECEMBER



- * 2nd : Honolulu Theatre for Youth ~ Mililani Waena 4th grade play
- * 3rd: Mililani Christmas Parade
- * 4th: Toys for Tots/ Kuakini Hospital Friendship Tea/ MHS Cheerleading Championships/ MHS Winter Concert
- * 6th: Senate Ways and Means Information Briefing/ Salvation Army Bell Ringing @ Mililani Longs (hope you said Hi)
- * 7th: Charter School Task Force Meeting
- * 8th: Verizon Wireless Tour @ Mililani/ HSTA Legislative Talk Story
- * 10th: Waipio Christmas Parade/ First Assembly of God Christmas Play
- * 13th: Federal Economic Stimulus Program Oversight Commission Meeting
- * 14th: Mililani Middle School ~ Legislators back to school presentation

As you enjoy the holidays with your friends and family please remember our veterans that are away from their families this season. Stay safe and see you next year!

Mele Kalikimaka and Hauoli Makahiki Hou,

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Oahu Site Visits

Site visits are an important part of being a fiscally responsible Legislator. By visiting sites that are requesting funding and/or have received funding, a legislator can get valuable information on the needs of the community and evaluate that tax money is being utilized in the most effective way.

On Tuesday, October 25th Senator Kidani, fellow senators from the Ways and Means committee and staff visited two sites on West Oahu, University of West Oahu (UHWO) and Nanakuli High and Intermediate. At UHWO the Senators received a tour of the construction site and was able to get information on the progress of the project. UHWO is happy to report that they will be open for classes on August of 2012.

Nanakuli High and Intermediate school gave a tour and a progress report on how their New Tech model implemented in 2009 with the help from Kamehameha schools have motivated their 9th and 10th graders to make significant strides in meeting milestones.



Christmas Parades!

