



Community Report



January 2011

Senator Donna Mercado Kim

District 14

Aiea Halawa Kalihi Moanalua Red Hill

Aloha Friends and Neighbors:

The 2011 Regular Session of the 26th Legislature opens on January 19, 2011. You are invited to attend the Opening Day ceremonies at 10:00 a.m. Please stop by my office at the State Capitol in Room 210 and say hello!

The Hawaii State Senate has recently undergone changes in leadership and committee assignments. The November elections introduced new faces to the Senate and appointments by the Governor added further changes to this legislative body.

Here are the new Leadership assignments:

State Senate Leadership & Committee Chairs 2011-2012

President	Shan Tsutsui
Vice President	Donna Mercado Kim
Majority Leader	Brickwood Galuteria
Majority Policy Leader	Les Ihara, Jr.
Majority Caucus Leader	Ronald Kouchi
Majority Floor Leader	Will Espero
Majority Whips	Suzanne Chun Oakland Jill Tokuda
Agriculture	Clarence Nishihara
Consumer Protection	Rosalyn Baker
Economic Development and Technology	Carol Fukunaga
Education	Jill Tokuda
Energy & Environment	Mike Gabbard
Hawaiian Affairs	Brickwood Galuteria
Health	Josh Green, M.D.
Human Services	Suzanne Chun Oakland
Judiciary & Labor	Clayton Hee
Public Safety, Military & Intergovernmental Affairs	Will Espero
Tourism	Donna Mercado Kim
Transportation & International Affairs	J. Kalani English
Water, Land & Housing	Donovan Dela Cruz
Ways and Means	David Ige

With the 2011 Session right around the corner, in addition to contacting your legislator, the Legislature has a newly re-designed and enhanced website, www.capitol.hawaii.gov, with access to legislative information. Here you can view bills, testimony, updated status and committee reports.

You can also visit the Public Access Room website at <http://hawaii.gov/lrb/par/> or call 587-0478.

Your opportunity to meet and greet

Governor Neil Abercrombie

and

Lt. Governor Brian Schatz

at a Town Meeting!

Come hear first-hand about the future plans for Hawaii...Opportunity for questions...

Thursday, February 17, 2011

Pearl Ridge Elementary School Cafeteria

7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Sponsored by Senators Donna Mercado Kim, David Ige, Clarence Nishihara, Glenn Wakai and Representatives Blake Oshiro, K. Mark Takai and Roy Takumi

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL 587-7200



Moanalua Lions – Ho'opono Christmas Luncheon

Hawaii 3R's

Hawaii 3R's is a non-profit organization with a mission to tackle the backlog of repair and maintenance projects in Hawaii's public school facilities by leveraging available funds with volunteer labor and business support. The Legislature has supported funding for Hawaii 3R's and their efforts to repair, remodel and restore Hawaii's public schools.

They have recently awarded a grant of \$96,900 to Moanalua High School to renovate the gym restroom and the football and softball scoreboards.

Their success stems from strong community support, volunteers and donations. If anyone is interested in community service for this project, please contact Moanalua High School, Joel Kawachi, Project Manager at 837-8455 or Ms. Carole Haida, the Hawaii 3R's Project Manager at 227-0483.

Tourism News

As Chair of the Senate Tourism Committee, I am pleased to report that tourism is leading the way in our state's recovery. In a recent update by the Council on Revenues, members revised its forecast from 2% to 3% revenue growth in the current fiscal year. Among several economic factors influencing the Council's revision, the strong rise in total visitor arrivals was the predominant change from the Council's prior forecasts.

On January 3, 2011, I attended a legislative briefing from the host committee on the 2011 Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) summit. This summit will convene 21 economies and heads of state in Honolulu this November, bringing an estimated 10,000 to 20,000 people. It is also expected to infuse \$120 plus million into our state. APEC was established in 1989 to further economic growth and prosperity and has been hosted in the United States previously only once; in Seattle, Washington in 1993. Therefore, it is quite an honor to host this major inter-governmental group in the city of President Obama's birth.

Do you have a product or service to offer APEC 2011 Hawaii? There are a variety of opportunities for your business to get involved. APEC 2011 Hawaii is also committed to provide a well-trained volunteer workforce. For more information or to volunteer, go to www.APEC2011Hawaii.com.



Celebrating Ron & Pat Jones 50th Wedding Anniversary

Schedule of Community Meetings

Neighborhood Board Meetings

Aiea Neighborhood Board No. 20

Monday, January 10, 7:30 p.m.

Monday, February 14, 7:30 p.m.

Aiea Library Conference Room

Kalihi Valley Neighborhood Board No. 16

Wednesday, January 12, 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, February 9, 7:00 p.m.

Sakima Recreational Center

Kalihi Palama Neighborhood Board No. 15

Wednesday, January 19, 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, February 16, 7:00 p.m.

Kalihi Union Church

Community Association Meetings

Moanalua Gardens Community Association

Tuesday, January 4, 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, February 1, 7:00 p.m.

Moanalua Middle School

Moanalua Valley Community Association

Wednesday, January 12, 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, February 9, 7:00 p.m.

Moanalua Golf Course

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