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Aloha Friends and Neighbors,

First and foremost, I would like to thank you for your continuous support. As we begin the second biennium session, let us remember our state's economic recovery goal in battling the budget deficient that has been reflected over the past few years. On our way to prosperity, I will continue to address the needs of our community and state.

Community Events:

Honowai Elementary School:

Mahalo to the fifth graders for visiting the State Capitol. It is always a great pleasure to accommodate students from our community.



Drug- Free Awareness

On Wednesday, February 22, 2012, **HONOWAI ELEMENTARY SCHOOL** held their annual Red Ribbon Week to promote alcohol, drugs, and violence prevention and awareness campaign. I felt honored when I was asked to speak with the students at their pre-parade rally. I have high hopes that my words, actions, and influence as a state lawmaker will help to guide these students in the stance to "Just Say 'No'".



2012 Legislative Session: Updates

HB2030 (House Draft) HD1 -RELATING TO THE STATE WIDER TRAFFIC CODE

This bill will help ensure the safety of all Hawaii Drivers and emergency first responders, especially in light of the recent highway tragedies involving Honolulu police officers. This bill will require motorist to vacate the lane closest to the authorized stationary emergency vehicle or reduce driving speed until safely clear of the emergency vehicle on highway.

HB608 HD3 SD1 CD2 (Act 1)- RELATING TO HEALTH

This bill appropriates emergency funds to be expended by the Department of Health for grants to The Queen's Medical Center to perform kidney and liver transplants and to National Kidney Foundation of Hawaii to maintain its chronic kidney disease management program.

You may follow these and other important measures being introduced this legislative session at; www.capitol.hawaii.gov

Announcements:

Honoring our Heros:

We would also like to recognize Army **PFC Edward Barut**, a Waipahu community member, in receiving a Purple Heart Medal. Army Pfc. Edward Barut was among a dozen service members assigned to NATO Training Mission-Afghanistan who honored for their actions during an ambush in Afghanistan's Tangi Valley.



Congratulations! Goro Arakawa for being recognize as a 2012 HONPA Hongwanji mission of Hawaii's Living Treasures.

Kiewit Business and Community Meeting: Come learn about the construction of the Farrington Highway Guide way at monthly meetings at the **Waipahu High School Library**. The meeting is **every second Wednesday of every month (6pm)**. Kiewit and City representatives will provide a construction/project update and will be available to answer any questions from the community. If you are unable to attend but have questions or concerns, please call the **24 hour information line at 566-2299**. *For more traffic updates visit the <http://www.honolulustransit.org/>*

Community Helping Schools: In efforts to help our public schools, please donate any office supplies, musical Instruments, fans, any useful items. To see items that you may donate visit communityhelpingschools.org

Art at the Capitol

Join us on **March 2, 2012 from 5pm-7pm** for the 4th annual Art at the Capitol. This is an opportunity for the public to view more than 460 works of art that are part of the State's Art in Public Places Programs.