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Aloha Friends and Neighbors,

First of all, I would like to thank everyone for giving me the opportunity to represent District 39 in the Hawaii State House of Representatives. I am humbled by your continued support and it is my honor to serve our community. I would like to offer you these highlights about issues that affect our community.

Students in our community

Mauka Lani Elementary:



It is always rewarding to be able to educate students about the legislature. On February 13, 2013, the fifth grade class of Mauka Lani visited the State Capitol. Senator Gabbard and I were given the opportunity to speak to them.

Life Smarts Competition:



On February 9, 2013, Waipahu High School students competed against Iolani School at the 9th Annual LifeSmarts State Competition, which was held at the Hawaii State Capitol. LifeSmarts, the Ultimate Consumer Challenge, is a consumer education competition developed to motivate our high schools to learn life skills in an exciting way.

Honowai Drug- Free Rally:

On February 13, 2013, Honowai Elementary held their annual drug-free rally. In efforts to promote a drug-free lifestyle, students of Honowai Elementary gathered at a pep-rally following a walk around the neighborhood. The students wore red to represent the battle against drug abuse in our community.



Important Legislation:

HB1324

In order to promote safety, this bill requires annual registration and inspection of mopeds. It also requires operators of mopeds to enroll in safety courses in order to operate their mopeds. This bill also increases the fine for modifying a moped to \$1,000. You may submit testimony for this bill at;
http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/measure_indiv.aspx?billtype=HB&billnumber=1324

***HB1325**

This bill requires the Director of Transportation to allow the general use of the right shoulder lane of the east-bound lanes of the controlled-access facility known as H-1 for use by through traffic beginning at exit 15A and ending at exit 1 on weekdays from 5:30 a.m. until at least 10:00 a.m., except on state or federal holidays.

***Note:**

This bill was deferred. However, my colleagues and I will be working with Department of Transportation to open right shoulder lane of the east-bound lanes of the H-1 for use, beginning at exit 15A and ending at exit 1, on weekdays from 5:00 a.m. until at least 9:00 a.m., except on state or federal holidays.

Announcements:

Clean up:

Representative Cullen will be holding a community clean up and graffiti paint-out in April 13. The dates and times are to be determined. If you would like to join us please call or email our office at 586-8490 or repcullen@capitol.hawaii.gov



Free Tax Help:

Free statewide tax preparation sites for tax season 2013

Website: www.hawaii-taxhelp.org *Email:* info@hawaii-taxhelp.org *Helpline:* Call; 2-1-1

Mortgage Foreclosure Dispute Resolution (MFDR) Program:

MFDR permits mortgagees who have foreclosed owner-occupied property, nonjudicially, to fulfill a portion of their notice requirements online.

Phone: (808) 586-2886; *Email:* <https://mfdr.ehawaii.gov>