



WAIPAHU NEIGHBORHOOD  
BOARD REPORT  
OCTOBER 24, 2012



**Representative Ty Cullen**

Hawaii State Capitol  
Room 316  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813  
Phone: (808) 586-8490  
Fax: (808) 586-8494

Email:  
[repcullen@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:repcullen@capitol.hawaii.gov)

Aloha Friends and Neighbors,

First of all, I would like to thank everyone for giving me the opportunity to represent our District 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 the events within our community.

**H-Power Expansion**

On October 10, 2012 I attended a special tour to celebrate the expansion of the H-Power waste to energy facility.

A third boiler will burn an additional 300,000 tons of trash annually at Campbell Industrial Park, leaving only about 15% of Oahu's waste to end up in the dump.

"With the expansion, we'll be handling up to 85% of the island's waste and we'll be making about 10% of the island's power," said Robert Webster, facility manager for Covanta H-POWER.

Hawaiian Electric buys the power that is generated. The plant brings in more than \$50 million for the city each year.

What sets the third boiler apart from the other two is that it can handle bulky items like mattresses and furniture.



Touring the expansion of the H-POWER Waste to energy Facility. L-R: Rep. Gil Keith-Agaran, Rep. Tom Brower, Rep. Mark Nakashima, Sen. Maile Shimabukuro, Rep. Jo Jordan, Rep. Ty Cullen, Rep. Henry Aquino, Rep. Ryan Yamane



## **Oka's Body Shop Wins National Sustainability Award**

Oka's was one of three companies in the nation to receive the FIT Sustainability Award from the AkzoNobel Automobile & Aerospace Coatings Americas. The award is part of an industry recognition program devoted to honoring businesses and organizations actively engaged in practices that advance the concepts of sustainability.

Eddie Okahara, is the owner of Oka's Auto Body for the last 47 years, he has been dedicated to recycling the cardboard and other materials from his shop for many years. In 2010, Oka's Auto Body and contractor Hawai'i Energy Connections, LLC worked together to install a photovoltaic system that allows the shop to operate 100% off the grid.

Representative Sharon Har and I were honored to present a certificate on behalf of the House of Representatives to Oka's auto body for their efforts to help conserve our precious resources!

## **Kaleiopu'u Elementary School receives Photovoltaic system**

Kaleiopu'u elementary school received a two-kilowatt photovoltaic system, thanks to Sun Power for Schools supporters. In addition to providing clean energy to the school, the solar electric system and accompanying educational materials help teach students how solar energy is used to produce electricity. Each PV installation's data acquisition system relays real-time information on electricity production and weather data that can be viewed in the classroom, students can see how much energy can be produced by the sun's energy. Sun Power for Schools is a community effort, made possible by voluntary contributions and the support of the State of Hawaii Department of Education and HECO.

### **Taste of Waipahu**

November 3, 2012

3:30 to 10pm

Waipahu Depot Street &

Waipahu Festival Marketplace Parking Lot

Park-n-ride from Waipahu Elementary and Waipahu

Intermediate School Parking Lots

Great Food

Entertainment

Games for Keiki

### **Kunia Live Singing Contest**

Bank of Hawaii Parking Lot Area

Saturday, October 27, 2012

3 pm – 5 pm

Kunia Shopping Center will be hosting their Kunia Live Grand Finale. Winners from previous Kunia Live events will be invited back to compete.