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District 42 Update

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Dear Friends:

I hope you and your families are enjoying the beginning of spring.

At the Capitol, we are continuing to work through the legislative session. There were many long nights spent at the Capitol working on bills that have crossed over to the Senate. As the legislative session continues on, you can access up-to-date information on bills, resolutions, or issues through the legislative website at www.capitol.hawaii.gov/.

It is now mid-session and it has certainly been a challenging one. Although there remains much to do before session adjourns on May 2nd, I am proud that over \$66M in capital improvements project initiatives are contained in the House version of the Executive Budget for West Oahu which are described in this newsletter.

As always, please feel free to contact me at 586-8500 or rephar@capitol.hawaii.gov with any concerns or questions that you might have.

Aloha,

Sharon Har
Representative, District 42
Kapolei, Makakilo,



Rep. Har Teams Up With Federal And Local Officials To Warn About The Impacts Of Legalizing Marijuana

On March 18th, Rep. Har welcomed officials from Project SAM (Smart Approaches to Marijuana) for an informational briefing at the Capitol about the ramifications of marijuana legalization in Hawaii. As many bills to legalize marijuana have been moving through the Legislature this session, Rep. Har asked officials to address the criminal, social and fiscal impacts of marijuana legalization to our youth. Pictured with **Rep. Har** from left to right are **John Redman**, Exec. Director of Californians for Drug Free Policy; **Kevin Sabet**, former senior advisor to Pres. Obama for drug policy and co-founder of Project SAM; **Congressman Patrick Kennedy**, co-founder of Project SAM, and **Alan Shinn**, Executive Director of the Coalition for a Drug-Free Hawaii.

SkillsUSA-Kapolei Middle School

On February 21, 2013, the Kapolei Middle School "SkillsUSA" students and chaperones (pictured below) visited with Representative Har to get a first-hand look at government before they proceeded to their annual competition in town.

SkillsUSA's main mission is to empower its members to become world-class workers, leaders and responsible American citizens.

Save the Date: Talk Story with Rep Har

Please join me on Saturday, May 18, 2013
9:00-10:00 a.m.

Kapolei High School-Teachers' Lounge

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House Version of the Executive Budget Includes Over \$66 Million in Capital Improvement Project Funding for West Oahu Initiatives

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
• Kunia Agricultural Park. Design and construction of an agricultural park	\$2,500,000	
• Forestry and Wildlife Watershed Management. Design and construction of forestry and wildlife watershed protection, management and administration	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000
• Kalaeloa/Barbers Pt. Design, planning, and construction and equipment of a new Army Aviation support facility.	\$4,536,000	
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• Kalaeloa/Barbers Pt. Harbor. Planning and design of harbor improvements.	\$250,000	\$150,000
• Kalaeloa/Barbers Pt. Harbor. Construction of new fuel pier facility.	\$1,000,000	\$2,000,000
• East Kapolei middle school. Planning, design, construction and equipment of a new middle school in East Kapolei.	\$3,000,000	
• East Kapolei high school. Design, construction and equipment for a new high school in East Kapolei.		\$5,000,000
• Makakilo Elementary School. Design, construction and equipment for two new portable classrooms.	\$790,000	
• PM Contra-flow lane on Westbound Interstate Route H-1.	\$15,000,000	
• Kunia Interchange road improvements	\$780,000	
	<u>\$56,138,000</u>	<u>\$10,551,000</u>

TOTAL FOR WEST OAHU: \$66,689,000

Challenger Center Hawaii Celebrates 20th Anniversary

On March 18th, **Representative Har** and **Representative Ty Cullen**, House District 39 (Royal Kunia, Village Park, Waipahu, Makakilo, West Loch) honored the Challenger Center Hawaii for their 20 years spent educating Hawaii's children in grades 6-8 in the field of science and math by simulating "missions" into space. The Center honors all the astronauts including Hawaii's own Ellison Onizuka and teacher Christa McAuliff who all perished in the Challenger space shuttle accident in 1986. (Pictured from left to right) **Rep. Har**, **Clinton Churchill**, President of Friends of Challenger Center Hawaii and a trustee of the Campbell Estate, **Liane Kim**, founder and Director of the Challenger Center Hawaii, **Stanley Seki**, Secretary of Friends of Challenger Center Hawaii, former DOE Deputy School Superintendent and Leeward District Superintendent, **Heidi Armstrong**, Department of Education Complex Area Superintendent for the Campbell Kapolei Complex Area, and oversees the Challenger Center Hawaii, and **Rep. Ty Cullen**.



Additional Updates

Bad bills. Bills to increase the cost-of-living, including fees on sugary beverages (SB1085 SD1 and HB854), gambling (HB145), and fees on all check-out bags (HB357 HD3) are effectively 'dead' for this legislative session.

Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OMPO). This past January, I was appointed to OMPO. This federally-mandated organization is tasked with prioritizing all transportation projects on Oahu that utilize federal funds. I believe my participation on OMPO will provide a voice for West Oahu residents in the planning and design of important road projects that will improve our quality of life.

Kalaeloa Barbers Point Harbor. The Governor recently released \$2M that I previously secured for Kalaeloa Barbers Point Harbor. These funds will develop dedicated fuel berths at piers P-3 and P-4 areas as well as environmental documentation and preparation of a comprehensive master plan to be a guide for future harbor development.

The Queen's Medical Center-West Oahu. At a legislative briefing on March 8, 2013, the Queen's Medical Center informed legislators that their West Oahu facility, formerly known as HMC-West, will be fully operational in March 2014. Future developments will be detailed in my upcoming newsletters as they become available.