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CONSTRUCTION / PROJECT UPDATE

University of Hawaii at West Oahu



The new campus should open by August 2012.

James Campbell High School



The classrooms will be completed in March 2012.

Ewa Mahiko Gym & Community Center



Ewa Mahiko should open at the end of 2011

Disney Aulani Resort



Disney's resort is set to open on August 29.

Kroc Center



The Kroc Center in Kapolei will open this year.

Shopping Centers

Laulani Village, across from the Hawaii Prince Golf Course, is expected to open at the end of 2012 with Safeway as its anchor store. The DeBartolo Shopping Center, at the intersection of Kapolei Parkway and North-South Road, is expected to begin construction at the end of 2012.



Governor Outlines Three Part New Day Plan

Legislators listened to Governor Abercrombie last week at Washington Place as he discussed Hawaii's economic situation. He noted the state was in the black (good news) but more work was needed to help the economy.



Prompt Payment Task Force

Senator Espero is a member of the Prompt Payment Task Force formed by Senate Concurrent Resolution 28. The task force will look into issues which delay prompt payments to contractors and non-profits doing business with the state.



Bellows Site Visit

During a recent visit to Bellows Air Force Base in Waimanalo, Senator Espero and other members of the community visited a Hawaiian burial vault, saw archaeological artifacts, and had a tour of base facilities.

SB 1520 Bill Signed Into Law



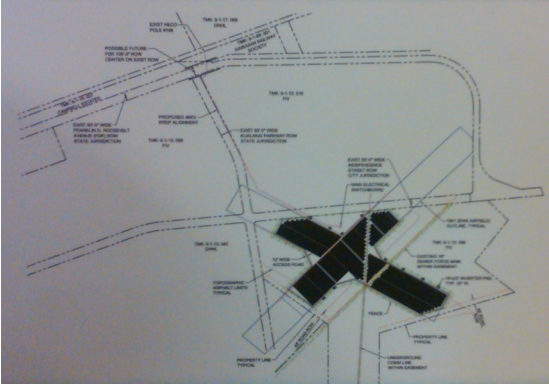
On July 6, 2011, Governor Abercrombie began the process for recognition of Native Hawaiians.

Next Step Homeless Shelter



Senator Espero visited the Kakaako homeless shelter to look into Hawaii's homeless problem.

Kalaeloa Photovoltaic Park Proposed



Texas-based Hunt Development wants to put a 5.91 MW photovoltaic park at the runway intersection of Ewa Field in Kalaeloa. The solar project will be placed on part of the 499 acres Hunt leases in the area. The site is part of the historic Marine Corps airfield that was attacked by Japanese air forces on the morning of December 7, 1941.

Groundbreakings



Groundbreaking for the new FBI facility in Kapolei was July 7. Its expected opening is August 2012.



Senator Espero and others broke ground for the Law Enforcement Memorial in the Capitol District. It will honor Hawaii law enforcement officials who were killed in the line of duty.



Cancer Research Center

Senator Espero and his colleagues joined U.H. President Greenwood for a tour of the Cancer Research Center being built in Kakaako.

Visitors



For over 50 years Yuko O'Reilly and the U.S. Army Wolfhounds have helped bring orphans from Japan to visit our islands. This year three children were given the chance to visit Hawaii for the first time.



Holomua Elementary students visited Senator Espero and the Governor's Office.