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A Message From Senator Kahele

Aloha!

As I write this, thousands of Hawai'i's residents are here at the State Capitol exercising their most basic fundamental right of free speech guaranteed by our constitution.

Whether you support or do not support SB1 (Relating to Equal Rights), I want to thank each and every member of our community who took the time to voice their personal testimony on this issue. Through email, phone calls and social media, I personally read and considered each and every one of your messages.

In our nations 237 year history there have been many difficult decisions that I believe were correct. The 13th amendment to abolish slavery, the 19th amendment giving women the right to vote, and the Civil Rights Act of 1964 to end discrimination of minorities were difficult decisions made by the elected representatives of the people.

I support SB1 and our State's journey toward marriage equality. Should SB1 become law, I know history will look back on this defining moment in our State as the time when the word "Aloha" was not just something we said but truly something we embraced for all our residents and visitors to our "Aloha State" no matter race, gender, or sexual orientation.

It is time we have Aloha for all...

Hau'oli ka mana'o,

Gilbert Kahele

Sweetwater Health Education LLC

On October 24, 2013 Senator Kahele and Governor Abercrombie both attended the Sweetwater Health Education graduation ceremony of 32 Certified Nurses Aides and to also bless and dedicate the programs new permanent home on Waianuenue Avenue.

Both Senator Kahele and Governor Abercrombie were keynote speakers at the event. They spoke on the points of healthcare, job creation, and public service. Linda Silva who is the Administrator/Owner of Sweetwater Health Education LLC has done a commendable job at preparing such individuals for an opportunity to serve in the fields of health and medical services.



Denise Ferro completed the Sweetwater Health program while juggling a full time job at Mauna Loa Academy. Senator Kahele and Governor Abercrombie, along with her 4th-6th grade students, were on hand to wish her congratulations on her recent accomplishment.

Hawai'i State Boards and Commissions

Governor Abercrombie, Senators Kahele and Solomon attend the commissioning ceremony of Hawai'i Island residents who were nominated by the Governor and confirmed by the Hawai'i State Senate to serve on the many Boards and Commissions for the State of Hawai'i.

The 25 individuals are: Kamanamaikalani Beamer, Les Botelho, Dominador Coloma, Brian De Lima, Michael Dias, Sulma Ghandi, Isaace Harp, Frederick Holschuh, Pi'ilani Ka'awaloa, Andrew Kahili, Sheldon Lehman, Katrina Lorenzo, Philip Matlage, Ernest Matsuura, Barry Mizuno, Kerri Okamura, Michael Okumoto, Rodney Ono, Eldon Pate-Kahakalau, Milton Pavao, Maureen Rawlins, Donald Straney, Craig Takamine, Sherman Warner, Ralph Yawata.



Congratulations are extended to Sulma Ghandi who was appointed to serve on the Mental Health and Substance Commission.

Liberty Dialysis Hawai'i



On October 24, 2013 Senator Kahele and Governor Abercrombie paid an unannounced visit to the patients and staff of Liberty Dialysis Center located on 140 Rainbow Drive. Both Senator Kahele and Governor Abercrombie received a first hand experience of how critical this service is to our Hawai'i Island residents.

The current Liberty Dialysis clinic has 24 dialysis stations serving 184 East Hawai'i residents. The new facility will have 48 dialysis stations doubling the existing capacity and providing easy access to dialysis services for many years to come. The new facility located on 1384 Kinoole St. will officially be open for care on Monday, November 4, 2013.

Hawai'i Sports Development Initiative

Governor Abercrombie and Lieutenant Governor Tsutsui held a news conference on October 15, 2013 regarding a sports development initiative, which will coordinate efforts throughout Hawai'i toward building a thriving sports industry and diversifying our local economy.



Honolulu Harbor Tour

Senator Kahele and members of the Transportation and International Affairs (TIA) committee toured Honolulu Harbor as guests of the Honolulu Harbors Users Group (HHUG) on September 30, 2013. HHUG represents the 22 primary harbor users.

This tour was an opportunity to observe DOT Harbors modernization plans, which will be implemented over the upcoming years and to also observe the differences in operation of that compared to Hilo Harbor.

