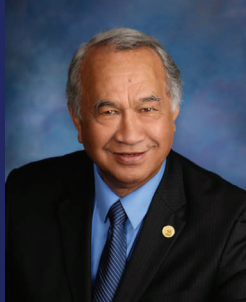
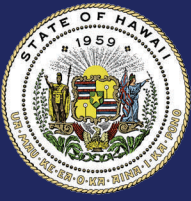


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## A Message from Senator Kahele

Aloha!

During the 2013 legislative session, Senate Concurrent Resolution 43 (SCR43) easily passed both the Senate and House chambers in March. SCR43 requested the Department of Transportation to recognize the significant accomplishments of the late Senator Daniel K. Inouye by designating Saddle Road as the Daniel K. Inouye Legacy Highway. Saddle Road and the late Senator Inouye represented both literally and symbolically the bridging together of East and West Hawai'i. Saddle Road was rerouted and designed to meet Federal Highway standards and six months after the passing of SCR43, officially opened last month as the *Daniel K. Inouye Highway* and will serve as a reminder to all, present and future, of a man that has done so much for the betterment of the people of Hawai'i Island.

Towards the latter part of September the Senate committees on Ways and Means and Water and Land, along with myself as the Tourism Chair, toured various parts of the state to receive updates and briefings on capitol improvement projects and numerous state investments. These site visits enables the Senators to collaborate and engage with neighbor island officials on issues relating to our state and local communities.

Hau'oli ka mana'o,

*Gilbert Kahele*

## Department of Land and Natural Resources Hawai'i Island Site Visits



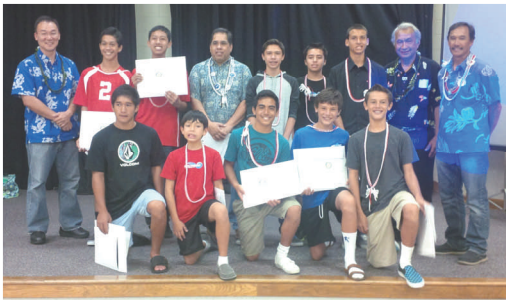
On September 24, 2013 Tourism Chair Senator Kahele and Water and Land Chair Senator Solomon conducted site visits throughout East Hawai'i which included Banyan Drive, Wailoa State Park, and a tour of the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) Department of Forestry and Wildlife (DOFAW) Baseyard. The site visits were concluded with a briefing and status update of Mauna Kea State Recreational Area. Mayor Kenoi, First Deputy Director Esther Kiaaina, Lisa Hadway and Dean Takebayashi of DLNR Hawai'i Section were also present.



Senators Kahele and Solomon are briefed by DLNR Hawai'i Parks Section, District Superintendent Dean Takebayashi on the status of Wailoa State Park. Senator Kahele also took the time to speak with constituents who utilize the pavilions at Wailoa State Park for various types of recreational activities such as sewing, yoga and a full range of other occasions.

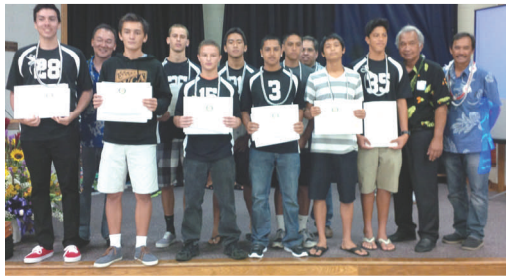


## Southside Volleyball Club Recognized



On September 7, 2013 Senator Kahele and Council Chair Yoshimoto congratulated the boys of Southside Volleyball Club 14s for winning the 2013 USA Volleyball Boys' Junior National Championships and also recognized the Southside Volleyball Club 16s for tying 5th out of 68 teams.

They competed in Reno, Nevada from June 28th to July 1st with over 300 teams and 3,000 participants.



## Makalika Street Kumiai Annual Picnic

Senator Kahele and Councilmember Fresh Onishi attended the annual picnic of the Makalika Street Kumiai of Panaewa at Onekahakaha Beach Park on September 15, 2013.

There are roughly over 25 families who are a part of the Kumiai.



## Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Awareness Day



Senator Kahele joins Mayor Kenoi and County Prosecutor Mitch Roth in proclaiming September 9, 2013 as Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Awareness Day (FASD) in the County of Hawai'i.

FASD is recognized by the Hawai'i State Department of Health, Family Health Services Division and the State Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Task Force as an opportunity to raise awareness and understanding about the damaging effects of alcohol consumed during pregnancy.

## Daniel K. Inouye Highway

On September 7, 2013 community members, government officials, and Senator Inouye's Ohana came together on what would have been Senator Inouye's 89th birthday to bless, dedicate and rename Route 200, locally known as Saddle Road, as the Daniel K. Inouye Highway.

The 10.27 mile realignment will cut the Hilo-Kona commute by 15-20 minutes. This means a huge savings in hours spent on the road for our Hawai'i Island residents and most importantly it brings the communities throughout our 4,028 square mile island closer together. Mahalo to all the working hands that made this long term goal a reality.



*Senator Kahele, Governor Abercrombie, Mayor Kenoi, and Brigadier General Pete Johnson, Deputy Commander of the 25th Infantry Division of the United States Army.*

## 68th Anniversary of The End of World War II September 2, 2013, Pearl Harbor

The commemoration ceremony that marked the 68th anniversary of the signing of the Instruments of Surrender of September 2, 1945 was held pier side of the USS Missouri 'Mighty Mo' Memorial.

Following the ceremony was the dedication and unveiling of the statue honoring Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, USN, who directed the War of the Pacific. The nine-foot bronze statue on a black granite pedestal honoring Fleet Admiral Nimitz, was installed next to the Mighty Mo battleship. The statue depicts him as he appeared in battle in 1944. Fleet Admiral Nimitz commanded the largest ocean area and the most ships of any single commander in history.



*Senator Kahele stops to talk with Marines prior to the unveiling of Fleet Admiral Nimitz's statue, located to the left of Senator.*