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Aloha Friends and Neighbors,

School has begun and our keiki are crossing busy streets to get to school. Mahalo for helping to keep them safe by driving more alertly. Here are some of the events and meetings I have attended since my last newsletter.

SEPTEMBER

- * 29th: Rail Transit Meeting - Highlands Intermediate
- * 30th: Mililani High School Homecoming Parade

OCTOBER

- * 2nd: 42nd Hui Makaala Fashion Show at Sheraton Waikiki
- * 3rd: Mock Legislative Hearing at Aiea High School
- * 4th: Domestic Violence Awareness Certificate Presentation
- * 5th: Dept. of Agriculture Meeting w/ Director Russell Kokubun, Senator Nishihara
- * 6th: Mililani Library New Parking Lot Dedication Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
- * 7th: National Day of the Republic of China Reception at Hilton Hawaiian
- * 13th & 20th: Met with volunteer police officers re Citizens on Patrol
- * 15th: Congratulations to my son, Shane Kidani and my new Daughter-in-law, Shelly on their Wedding Day!
- * 17th: Majority Caucus regarding Sustainability
- * 18th: Girls Volleyball Championships
- * 19th: APEC Training
- * 20th: MTA Luncheon
- * 22nd: Make a Difference Day
- * 25th: West Oahu Capitol Improvement Project Site Visits



Me ke aloha,

Michelle

Bringing Aloha to APEC

APEC will be an exciting and busy time for our State and residents. While APEC's fundamental purpose is to foster trade and cooperation among member economies, let me share some of the little known things that went into the planning of this APEC, event including the aloha wear pictured at right.

Because Hawaii is unique, even the print design of the APEC Aloha print was given much thought. Tori Richard was selected by the Hawaii Host Committee to design and produce the APEC Aloha Shirt. Senator Kidani and all others who volunteered will be wearing this special Aloha print shirt and kukui nut lei.

The Aloha Shirt is the visual result of many ethnic and cultural influences and exchange of ideas. In the print design, the national flower of each APEC member nation is graphically silhouetted. Connecting, or framing each flower, is the State of Hawaii represented by Hawaiian Kapa motifs lovingly and proudly made in Hawaii.

Motorists have been advised on APEC and the traffic challenges (and the revenue) that it brings to our State. For Waipahu, please anticipate roadway restrictions on the H-1 Freeway westbound between Waikiki and Ko Olina, from 11 p.m. on Nov. 12th through 11 p.m. on November 13th. Farrington Highway will also be impacted from 8:30-9:30 a.m. as the leaders make their way from Honolulu to the Leeward Coast. Motorists are advised to use alternate routes during that time.



Mililani High School Homecoming Parade



*Senator Dela Cruz
Senator Kidani*



Senior Homecoming Trolley



Homecoming Court



Go Trojans



*Senator Kidani
Miss Hawaii Lauren Cheape--
('2005 MHS grad)
Representative Ryan Yamane*



*Mililani's
Mascot & Cheerleaders*



*Senator Kidani
Representative Marilyn Lee*



*Mrs. Hawaii Christy Oclaray--
('92 MHS grad)
Senator Kidani, Miss Hawaii*

October is Domestic Violence Awareness



On October 4th, Senator Kidani presented a certificate to the Hawaii State Coalition Against Domestic Violence in recognition of Domestic Violence Awareness Month and to congratulate them for their commitment to raise awareness of the plight of many victims in Hawaii.

As we recognize October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month across the United States, let us rekindle our hope and our commitment that while domestic violence has long been an issue within our society, we must continue to work towards seeing it come to an end.

Thirty-five years ago, in 1976, Hawai'i opened its first shelter for abused spouses. The services to these victims have been much enhanced due to the diligence and commitment of the Hawaii State Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

Waipio Gentry Constituent Concern

Problem: On October 26th, Senator Kidani received a request for assistance from a Waipio Gentry concerned resident regarding the Community pathway in Gentry Waipio. The Caller requested assistance with a growing problem of motorized vehicles on the path making it dangerous for residents walking or jogging on the path.

Resident has called HPD, contacted Kokualine and Real Estate Commission to no avail. HPD stated that due to the walkway being on private property they do not have jurisdiction and the authority to arrest or ticket the wrongdoers.

Solution: Senator Kidani suggestion was to contact the Community Association to authorize the police to have access to the private property. If that fails, she is currently working on a bill that would address the problem of HPD access to public common area that happens to also be private property (such as the Waipio walk path) - Senator will update as information is available.



Mock Legislative Pre-Conference Held at Aiea High School

Pictured with Senator Kidani at the Aiea High School Library are high school students from around the State.

Senator Kidani was invited to mentor and critique students during their Pre-Conference Mock Legislative Assembly on October 3rd. Students from across the state gathered to work on resolutions which will be brought to the annual Secondary Student Conference to be held on November 30—December 2nd at the Hawaii State Capitol. They collaborated, shared feedback on the quality as well as the topics of the resolutions and then voted on which issues will move forward based on what they believe are of most importance to them. Senator Kidani provided input and support to the students to strengthen the content of their draft resolutions. The goal of the conference is to help the students achieve their full potential as delegates in bringing forth ideas both on the topic of the resolution and the language of the resolution.

West Oahu Site Visit

Site visits are an important part of being a fiscally responsible Legislator. By visiting sites that are requesting funding and/or have received funding, a legislator can get valuable information on the needs of the community and evaluate that tax money is being utilized in the most effective way.

On Tuesday, October 25th Senator Kidani, fellow senators from the Ways and Means committee and staff visited two sites on West Oahu, University of West Oahu (UHWO) and Nanakuli High and Intermediate. At UHWO the Senators received a tour of the construction site and was able to get information on the progress of the project. UHWO is happy to report that they will be open for classes on August of 2012.

Nanakuli High and Intermediate school gave a tour and a progress report on how their New Tech model implemented in 2009 with the help from Kamehameha schools have motivated their 9th and 10th graders to make significant strides in meeting milestones.



Hawaii Energy Forum:

Hawai'i News Now and the Hawai'i Energy Policy Forum are partnering to produce and broadcast "Hawai'i: The State of Clean Energy" -- a six-show series airing through 2011-- to inform and engage the public on energy issues, challenges, and actions to advance Hawai'i's clean energy future.

For previous shows please visit their website at:

<http://www.hawaiienergypolicy.hawaii.edu/hnn-clean-energy/index.html>

October 30 (KGMB) 4:30-5:00pm

November 13 (KHNL) 8:30-9:00pm

**A Training Series featuring Ruth Myers, M.D. and Stephen Myers, Ph.D.
Sponsored by the Department of Health
Developmental Disabilities Division**

**Queen's Conference Center Auditorium
510 S. Beretania Street**

November 15, 16, & 17

Tickets are free

**For Tickets and More Information Contact:
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Outreach— (808) 282-3899 or log on to

Eventbrite.com then search -Enhancing Outcomes for Individuals with Co-Occurring Intellectual and

Developmental Disabilities and Mental Illness.