



Prevailing Winds

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District 23 - Manoa, Punahou, University, Moili'ili

Are there other people out there who see the lunacy in the most recent news coming out of the University of Hawaii? I woke up on the morning of November 26, 2013 to read the *Star Advertiser* and could not believe these two headlines: *“Teams face ax if fiscal troubles continue”* a story referring to the financial troubles of UH Manoa’s sports program. And, *“Athletics proposed for UH West Oahu”* a story about UHWO Chancellor Rockne Freitas’ proposal to begin a Division II sports program at the Kapolei campus.



Who is running the asylum we call the University of Hawaii System? Who is managing it? Where is leadership coming from? Problems with our only public institution of higher education in Hawaii have been well-known media fodder over the past two and a half years. There are major issues with repairs and maintenance of the campuses, accreditation, overbuilding of infrastructure, the continuing financial deficit of UH athletics, rising tuitions and others concerns.

Now comes the latest management and communications debacle for the Board of Regents: UH Manoa athletics continues to bleed money and might have to cut some sports programs. And, oh yeah, let’s think about developing a Division II sports program for UH West Oahu which moved into its new campus just a year ago missing a whole building because it ran out of money, has a huge debt payment coming up, and does not have enough money to sustain ongoing education programs.

Is there no strategic plan for the University of Hawaii? Or at the very least a communications plan so that it doesn’t keep getting slammed with ridiculous news stories that shout ineptness by very highly paid people?

The management of the University needs to make up its mind now, are they going to be agent for change or protector of the status quo? Are they going to come up with solutions or continue to be the problem? The people of Hawaii deserve to know.

The House and Senate Higher Education Committees will hold an Informational Briefing on Friday, December 20, 2013 to discuss the **Fiscal Year 2014-2015 University of Hawaii System Supplemental Budget** which was approved by the Board of Regents on October 17, 2013. In order for the House and Senate Committees on Higher Education to fully understand the University of Hawaii’s fiscal plans for the 2014-2015 and out years, each division of the University is invited to present and discuss their priorities. More to come....



From Our Family to Yours...



Aloha,

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Community Meeting



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Senator Brian Taniguchi
Senate District 11



Councilmember
Ann Kobayashi
Council District 5

Date:

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2013

Time:

6:15 p.m. to 8:15 p.m.

Location:

**MANOA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
CAFETERIA**
3155 Manoa Road

INVITED GUESTS:

CARTY CHANG, Chief Engineer

Department of Land & Natural Resources (DLNR)

**JAMES BURKE, Associate Director
for Course Development**

GREGG NAKANO, Recovery Coordinator
National Disaster Preparedness Training Center

DAVID LASSNER, Interim President
University of Hawaii

DR. NEIL REIMER, Acting Administrator
Department of Agriculture, Plant Industry Division

TOPICS:

- Update on Woodlawn Drive Bridge Drop Structure Project
- Disaster Preparedness Training
- Meet Interim UH President David Lassner
- Prevent Fire Ants from Invading Manoa
- Proposed Legislation for the 2014 Session
- Address Your Concerns
- Q & A

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Forming/Joining a Manoa NSW

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<http://manoahomeserver.com/nswblog>

Safety Year-Round

The Manoa Neighborhood Security Watch Network is a collection of 27 individual neighborhood security watches which are organized in various areas of Manoa Valley to help improve residential security.

The Neighborhood Security Watch (NSW) program is sponsored by the Honolulu Police Department (HPD) and relies on citizen participation and involvement to bring awareness and to protect their neighborhoods.



Manoa Holiday Parade



Sponsored by: The Manoa Waioli and East Manoa Lions Clubs and the Manoa Jaycees.

**Saturday, December 21, 2013
5:00 p.m.**

Parade **STARTS** at Noelani School and
ENDS at Manoa Gym Road (1.1 miles.)

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