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Mark Your Calendar

Mid-Session Talk Story with Rep. Har

Saturday, March 7, 2015

9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Kapolei High School Teacher's Lounge

Hear the latest Capitol & District News

Kapolei Keiki Wellness Day

Saturday, March 14, 2015

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Kapolei High School

One-stop shop for parents and families featuring health and wellness of our keiki

After-Tax Shred Day

Saturday, April 25, 2015

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Kapolei High School Parking Lot

Reduce post-tax day stress and clutter!

Take advantage of free, bulk document shredding

End of Session Talk Story with Rep. Har

Saturday, May 9, 2015

9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Kapolei High School Teacher's Lounge

Re-cap highlights of the 2014 legislative session

Aloha Friends,

Happy 2015! I hope that you and your families had a wonderful Christmas and enjoyed a safe holiday season. We began the 28th Legislature on January 21, 2015. While the outlook is generally positive, it appears that many of my colleagues have already forgotten the austere times we returned from and are already proposing new ways to tax and spend instead of finding ways to offer government services more efficiently.

Thank you to those of you who contacted me to suggest ideas for legislation. I hope you will find that the legislation I am introducing on behalf of Kapolei and Makakilo will reflect your input. I am a firm believer that government works for the people, not the other way around. As taxpayers, we are entitled to the services that are promised to us and should expect our money to be spent wisely. Government has failed when it asks for a tax increase (pension taxes, income taxes, general excise taxes, etc.) without first fixing wasteful spending and government inefficiency. For example the State's HI-5 recycling program has alone paid out more than \$6.2 million for recyclable materials that cannot be accounted for. To that end, I have introduced two bills that will correct the major deficiencies in the HI5 program.

There are many issues that are expected to crop up this legislative session, including: marijuana legalization, funding UH athletics, and legalizing gambling. While my guiding principle is to vote with the interests of ALL Kapolei and Makakilo residents in mind, I find it helpful to directly seek out your input on some of the most controversial issues. Please consider taking the survey I have enclosed and let me know your thoughts.

Should you have any questions or comments to share with me, please do not hesitate to contact my office. Mahalo for allowing me the privilege of serving as your representative in the House of Representatives.

Mahalo,

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Special Olympics Hawai'i Breaks Ground in Kapolei

Community leaders celebrated the groundbreaking of the Special Olympics Hawai'i Sports and Wellness Center in Kapolei last month.

The \$11 million facility is partially funded with a \$1.5 million State grant approved by the Legislature last year.

The 2.44 acre complex, adjacent to the Kroc Center, includes a multipurpose sports field, a healthy athlete center, fitness center and program leadership center providing children and adults with intellectual disabilities the opportunity to express themselves through athletics.

For more information about the Sports and Wellness Center, please visit:
www.specialolympicshawaii.org/capital-campaign.html





Opening Day of the 2015 Legislature



Opening Day festivities on January 21, 2015 brought many constituents and former constituents to the State Capitol. From left to right, mahalo to Makakilo residents **Aunty Paulette Akim, Uncle Louis Souza, Aunty Barbara Souza, Aunty Jessica Santiago** and **Uncle Carmello Santiago** for joining me on the first day of the legislative session. A special mahalo to the Kapolei High School students and staff that made a special trip to the Capitol to share information about **E Ola Pono Ma Kapolei**, our very own grassroots community drug-free coalition.

2015 LEGISLATIVE SURVEY

Your opinions on state and community-related issues are very important to me. Please take a moment to complete the survey below. Your response will help me to better represent our district at the Capitol. I encourage you to contact me at anytime throughout the legislative session with your input, questions, comments and suggestions. I look forward to hearing from you and thank you in advance for your participation. Survey results will be printed in our end-of-session newsletter.

In order for your survey results to be counted in our poll, you must include a valid name and district address. Please e-mail your responses directly to my office at har3@capitol.hawaii.gov. **To save paper and postage, you may fill the survey out online (visit: <http://tinyurl.com/2015hd42survey>), respond by e-mail (rephar@capitol.hawaii.gov) or by fax (586-8504).**

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Please prioritize the use of your tax dollars in the following categories from highest (1) to lowest (10).

Rank	Issue
	Replenishing the Hurricane Relief Fund
	Transportation Infrastructure
	Agriculture
	Public Employee Contracts
	Public Schools
	Environmental Protection
	Hawai'i Health Connector
	Public Safety/Emergency Management
	The UH Athletic Department
	Public Hospitals (Wilcox, Maui Memorial, etc.)

Please respond to the following statements by selecting the most appropriate response:	Strongly Agree	Agree	No Opinion	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
1) The State should legalize recreational marijuana use.					
2) I believe medical marijuana dispensaries should be established in Hawai'i.					
3) Doctors should be allowed to provide a patient with a prescription for the patient to use with the primary intention of ending his or her own life.					
4) I think gambling should be legalized in Hawai'i.					
5) The tax on a barrel of oil should be increased to fund environmental protection initiatives.					
6) The State should do more to encourage small business growth and protect "mom and pop" stores.					