



Representative  
 Sharon E. Har  
 State Capitol, Room 438  
 Honolulu, HI 96813



# People First

Representative Sharon Har

2013 Legislative Session

**Dear Friends:**

Happy 2013! I hope that you and your families had a safe, happy holiday season, and are enjoying a great start to 2013! I am also looking forward to representing my newly reapportioned district, District 42, which is comprised of Kapolei and parts of Makakilo, west of Makakilo Drive. As in years past, I will be holding "Talk Story" sessions to discuss your ideas, hear your concerns and to provide you with updates of what is happening at the Capitol.



*Rep. Har and her husband Vince at our nation's capital in December.*

Here at the Legislature, the 2013 session began on January 16. We are excited this year to continue working on a number of important issues we discussed last year such as economic development and improving our economy. As you may recall, we have dealt with significant budgetary deficits over the past three legislative sessions. Fortunately, as the economy has continued to slowly improve, we are not anticipating another sizable deficit and may in fact see a slight surplus.

Even if there is a surplus, however, we still have some challenging work ahead of us in order to stabilize our state's economy, promote growth and ensure that government's core functions of health and welfare, public safety, and education are adequately fulfilled following several years of difficult cuts. My focus remains on economic development through the creation of jobs, bringing new industries to Kapolei, minimizing government regulations on small businesses so they can succeed, and to ensure that state government does not raise the general excise tax making it more difficult for our residents to make ends meet. To that end, I will be introducing a number of bills bringing creative industry jobs to Hawaii, introducing bills to recycle waste water, improving organic agriculture to move us forward in food sustainability, and streamlining procurement procedures. As we begin this

legislative session, I also hope that you, my constituents, will take time to share your thoughts and priorities on our state's budget and other issues by completing the survey on page two.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me at [rephar@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:rephar@capitol.hawaii.gov) or 586-8500, and please visit my website, <http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/memberpage.aspx?member=har>, for information on the bills I am introducing, my latest newsletters, links to community resources and other updates. Thank you once again for the privilege of serving as your representative in the Hawaii State House of Representatives.

Mahalo,

Sharon Har  
 State Representative  
 District 42 - Kapolei and Makakilo



*Rep. Har and her husband visited with Senator Inouye in Washington, D.C. the day before he went into the hospital. Senator Inouye passed away on December 17, 2012.*

## 2013 Talk Story with Representative Har

**March 16, 2013 (Mid-Session Highlights) and May 18, 2013 (End of Session Wrap-Up)**  
 Kapolei High School Teacher's Lounge  
 91-5007 Kapolei Parkway, 9:00 a.m.—10:00 a.m.

**Community Survey 2013: Do you agree?**

*While our state is not facing the significant budget deficits that we confronted over the last three legislative sessions, we will still be focusing on achieving a balanced budget, boosting our state’s economy and making sure government services are adequately funded to meet the public’s basic needs of safety, education and health and welfare. As I strive to ensure that my approach reflects the values of my constituents in the best way possible, I would like to know what your thoughts are on the Governor’s initiatives.*

**The Governor is pushing forward with his “New Day” initiatives which include early childhood education (preschool), programs for the elderly, watershed protection, digital curriculum in public schools, and upgrading government Informational Technology infrastructure to make government more efficient for the taxpayers. Would you be willing to pay an increase in taxes or fees for these initiatives?**

Yes: \_\_\_\_\_

No: \_\_\_\_\_

If so, which initiatives? \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Save a tree! If you would like to go paperless and receive my monthly newsletter via email, please check here \_\_\_\_ or email me your survey results and advise that you would like to go paperless. Thank you for helping us reduce the cost of government, one page at a time.

*Thank you for your participation in this survey. Understanding your priorities helps me do my job in the best way possible for our district.*

*Please return it to our office by mail (Representative Sharon Har, State Capitol Room 438, Honolulu, HI 96813), by fax (808-586-8504), or if you are able to scan, by e-mail at [rephar@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:rephar@capitol.hawaii.gov).*

**Funding Released for Area Projects**

Representative Har has been instrumental in securing funding for the following area projects, the Governor has currently released these funds which will improve our quality of life in West Oahu:

- \$25,150,000 for the acquisition of land to expand Kalaeloa Barbers Point;
- \$3,500,000 Kalaeloa East Energy Corridor for the planning, design and construction of an electrical distribution system;
- \$2,500,000 UH West Oahu for sitework to complete the first phase of the campus;
- \$1,250,000 UH West Oahu for the construction of Road A, a four-lane road serving the main entrance connecting to Farrington Highway;
- \$900,000 UH West Oahu for the construction of the Academy of Creative Media Building;
- \$555,000 state funds and \$2,700,000 federal grant for Kalaeloa Airport construction;
- \$520,000 state funds and \$2,080,000 federal funds for the H-1 Corridor;
- \$500,000 UH West Oahu for the design of the Allied Health Building;
- \$449,500 state funds and \$4,045,500 federal funds for H-1 and H-2 destination signs; and
- \$200,000 Kalaeloa Airport to upgrade the radio communication infrastructure.



*Representative Har speaking to students at the Richardson School of Law about job opportunities at the State Capitol.*