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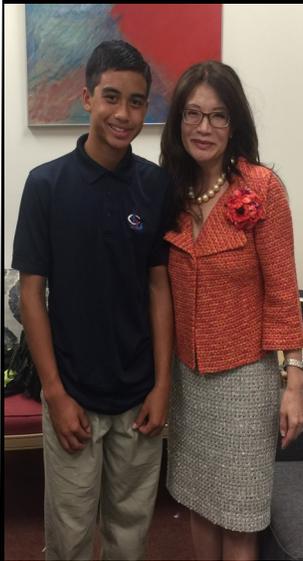
I hope that you and your families are doing well and are enjoying a wonderful start to the New Year.

If you haven't already signed up for my e-newsletter, please do so at <http://eepurl.com/N1vcf>, and fill out the form. We send weekly up-to-date information about events occurring in our community (i.e. road openings/closings, free classes, grand openings of new stores, community and island-wide events).

Thank you for the honor and privilege of being your voice in the House of Representatives. Should you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please feel free to contact me at 586-8500, or via email at rephar@capitol.hawaii.gov.

Malama Pono,
Sharon

OPENING DAY 2017



Rep. Har stops to take a picture with Malu'ohai resident, Kawena Abrigo, after he interviewed her for Ololo T.V.

The 2017 Legislative Session began on Wednesday, January 18. Thank you to Makakilo residents Uncle Mike Freitas and Tom and Tsulan Husted for joining me on the House Floor during the opening day ceremonies. Also, thank you to the constituents who visited me in my office to wish me well for this session. Your continued support is appreciated.

With each new legislative session brings new and exciting challenges. This year I am serving as Vice-Chair of the House Committee on Education. I will also serve as a member of the House Committees on Higher Education, Health, and Human Services.



Kapolei resident and neighbor, Scott Stenstrud, visits with Rep. Har on Opening Day.



Rep. Har visits with ladies from the Hawaii Dental Hygienists Association. Left to Right: Jennifer Takata, Alice Cheng, Sheri Tabion, Rep. Har, Shay Chun and Ellie Kelley-Miyashiro

MEET MY 2017 LEGISLATIVE STAFF



Ryan Ferguson, Governor David Ige and Dylan Waterfall on Opening Day 2017.

Dylan Waterfall, Legislative Aide/Community Liaison, graduated from Willamette University with a B.A. in communications. Dylan is here to help you with any concerns or issues you may have in the community. Dylan can be reached at har2@capitol.hawaii.gov.

Ryan Ferguson, Committee Clerk, from is a graduate of Ursinus College with a B.A. in Politics and International Relations. Ryan will serve as our clerk for the Education Committee and will track all bills. Ryan can be reached at har3@capitol.hawaii.gov.

REPRESENTATIVE HAR ATTENDS GRAND OPENINGS IN OUR COMMUNITY

‘ILIMA AT LEIHANO GRAND OPENING

Congratulations to ‘Ilima at Leihano for their grand opening on January 17. ‘Ilima at Leihano is a three-story, state-of-the-art care facility that offers independent living, assisted living as well as memory care apartment homes for our kupuna in West Oahu. Dedicated to promoting a feeling of "‘ohana for its residents", ‘Ilima brings together an accessible neighborhood environment with a caring staff hired mostly from West Oahu. ‘Ilima at Leihano adds numerous jobs to the Second City’s burgeoning job market.



Rep. Har meeting with some of the new residents of ‘Ilima at Leihano, at their grand opening on January 17, 2017

U.S. RENAL CARE CENTER OPENS ITS DOORS

On January 24, I was honored to be a part of the grand opening of U. S. Renal Care – West Oahu. I assisted this facility during their permitting process so it was truly heartwarming to celebrate the opening of this 15,400-square-foot clinic located near Chun Wah Kam. One in three Americans is at risk for developing kidney disease while Hawaiians and other Pacific Islanders, Asians, especially Filipinos and Japanese, experience up to four times the risk of having kidney disease. With over 40,000 residents in West Oahu currently afflicted, U.S. Renal Care Center-West Oahu brings to our community an organization which serves patients with top-quality compassionate care. Partnering with the foremost nephrologists in the country while offering state of the art facilities, this facility comforts patients and families throughout the dialysis process. As Hawaii’s newest and most advanced dialysis clinic for treatment of chronic and acute renal disease, this facility features heated massage chairs, personal T.V.’s and free Wifi.



Rep. Har presents a congratulatory certificate from the House of Representatives to Charita Baclig and Pliny Arenas of U.S. Renal Care at the grand opening of the West Oahu facility.



Rep. Har and Senator Daniel Akaka celebrate with U. S. Renal Care—West Oahu on the occasion of their grand opening on January 17, 2017.