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Aloha Friends:

The legislature concluded on May 5, 2016. All bills that passed the 2016 have been enrolled to the Governor. The Governor now has one of three options: (1) sign the bill into law; (2) veto the bill; (3) allow the bill to become law without signature. The Governor must provide ten days notice to the legislature of his intent to veto any bills. That deadline is June 27, 2016. Feel free to contact the Governor via his website at [www.governor.hawaii.gov](http://www.governor.hawaii.gov) to voice your opinions about any measures you may be interested in.

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](mailto:rephar@capitol.hawaii.gov).

Malama Pono,  
Sharon

## KLEAN MEETING WITH HDOT

As many of you know, the traffic congestion coming out of Campbell Industrial Park can be extremely heavy at times, particularly when there is an accident on the H-1 westbound onto Farrington Highway. What should be a ten minute drive can turn into an hour or more. I have been working with the Hawaii State Department of Transportation (HDOT) to combat this traffic nightmare.

On Thursday, June 2, 2016, I brought HDOT's Deputy Director, Ed Sniffen, together with the Kapolei Local Emergency Action Network (KLEAN)-an organization whose members include area businesses, the Honolulu Police Department and the Honolulu City & County's Department of Emergency Management. In this meeting, HDOT and I provided updates to KLEAN members on current and future road construction projects in the West Oahu region. HDOT also received suggestions and proposals from area businesses on how to alleviate the traffic.

The meeting was productive and we will continue to meet with area businesses to continue the dialogue.



On June 2, 2016, Rep. Har and HDOT deputy director Ed Sniffen, provided KLEAN members with updates on road projects that will provide traffic relief on Kalaleloa Boulevard

## HONORING COMMUNITY MEMBERS

Having committed many years to the Boys & Girls Club of Hawaii, I have had the honor of knowing Aunty Frances Rivero, executive director of the Hale Pono Ewa Beach Clubhouse. This clubhouse also serves our Kapolei community. With nearly 30 years of service, Aunty Frances retired this year. It was an honor for me to surprise her on June 4, 2016, with a congratulatory certificate on behalf of the House of Representatives.

Rep. Har congratulates Aunty Frances Rivero, upon her 30 years of service and her retirement from the Boys & Girls Club of Hawaii, Hale Pono Clubhouse in Ewa Beach.



## REPRESENTATIVE HAR PROVIDES END OF SESSION UPDATE TO KAPOLEI ROTARY

On Thursday, June 9, I had the pleasure of speaking with the Kapolei Rotary. I saw old friends and met new ones as well, and provided a summary of the 2016 legislative session. Many thanks to President Jim Dooman, and past presidents, Dan Fullenwider and Dick May, for inviting me to be a guest speaker. And mahalo nui to the Kapolei Rotary for all of the wonderful things they do for our community.



## REPRESENTATIVE HAR GUEST SPEAKER AT 55TH NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL ADVISORS' (NAIFA) CONFERENCE

On June 9, I had the honor of speaking at the 55<sup>th</sup> Annual NAIFA conference in Waikiki, to provide an update of the insurance industry in Hawaii. In particular, I discussed the legislative landscape and the importance of ensuring that all of Hawaii's people had adequate financial, retirement advice. As many of our families in West Oahu are working hard to make ends meet, I recognize the importance of financial stability and security and thanked the industry for what they do to ensure our families learn how to be financially sound.



## REPRESENTATIVE HAR IN THE KOREAN COMMUNITY



As a daughter of immigrants who came to America from Korea, it is paramount for me to honor my culture and heritage. NexGen Korean American Network is an organization which promotes networking and mentoring among young Korean Americans in Hawaii and around the globe. NexGen held their inaugural mentoring event on Saturday, June 11. I had the privilege of serving as one of the panel members for this event, as well as providing the keynote speech. If you know any students of Korean ancestry, I would encourage them to join NexGen. Their contact information is <http://www.kimchee.net/>.

## REPRESENTATIVE HAR GIVES KEYNOTE SPEECH AT HAWAII TOKAI INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE'S 2016 COMMENCEMENT

Hawaii Tokai International College (HTIC) held its Spring 2016 Commencement Exercises on June 18, 2016. I had the honor of being the keynote speaker for this auspicious event. HTIC is located on the UH West Oahu (UHWO) campus and has formed a partnership with UHWO whereby students from either campus can take classes at the other school. The graduating class from both Spring 2016 and Summer 2016 have all earned their Associates in Arts degrees with a major in liberal arts. Many of these students will go on to U.S. universities or colleges, while some will go back to Japan and attend Tokai University for their baccalaureate degrees. It was an honor for me to provide them with "some words of advice," as they enter the next chapter in their lives. Congratulations to the 2016 HTIC graduates!

