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GOVERNOR CALLS SPECIAL SESSION ON SAME-SEX MARRIAGE

As you know by now, the governor has called the Legislature back in for a special session regarding same-sex marriage. The special session will convene on Oct. 28, 2013. The Legislature must meet for a minimum of five days during a special session. No closing date has been set but House leadership hopes that special session will last no longer than five days.

The same-sex marriage bill that the governor has proposed must go through 3 readings in both chambers. After passage on first reading (which is a normal process for all bills that have been introduced at the legislature) the bill will be referred to the House Judiciary Committee, of which I am the vice chair. The Committee on Finance may also be assigned to hear the bill, either jointly with the Judiciary Committee or on its own. If the bill makes it past the House, it will be transmitted to the Senate where it will follow the same process. If the bill passes both chambers of the Legislature, it will be transmitted to the Governor for his signature.

I encourage all of you to participate in the legislative process, and to testify on the bill when it is scheduled for a public hearing. You may sign up to receive legislative hearing notices at capitol.hawaii.gov/login/register.aspx. The notice will provide specifics on when and where to provide testimony. In the meantime, you can also contact Governor Abercrombie at governor.abercrombie@hawaii.gov, Representatives-reps@capitol.hawaii.gov, and Senators-sens@capitol.hawaii.gov to express your opinions on the upcoming special session, same-sex marriage or both.

Dear Friends,

I hope this finds you and your families well.

Fall officially began on September 22, 2013. Special Session, which will convene on October 28, will keep us very busy heading into the holiday season.

Many of you have contacted my office regarding the road closure on Farrington Hawaii for the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transit's (HART) utility relocation project. I have requested that HART and its contractor, Kiewit Infrastructure West, work with the State Department of Transportation and the City Department of Transportation Services to implement solutions to mitigate traffic, especially during rush hour. HART has reported that they are working on traffic mitigation and have plans in place to assist motorists.

Please feel free to contact me at rephar@capitol.hawaii.gov or at 586-8500 with any questions, comments, or concerns. Thank you for allowing me the privilege of serving as your state representative.

Aloha,

Sharon Har
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NEW U.S. SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION OPENS IN KAPOLEI

Residents and dignitaries gathered together to celebrate the grand opening of the U.S. Social Security Administration office on Wednesday, September 4th, 2013.

The opening of the social security facility completes the second phase of development for the Second City. The office will be open from 8:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and is closed on the weekends. The facility is located at 970 Manawai Street, next to the Kapolei Public Library.



SECTION OF OLD FARRINGTON HIGHWAY CLOSED FOR RAIL PROJECT WORK

Motorists who routinely use Old Farrington Highway should be advised that old Farrington Highway between Kualakai Parkway (North-South Road) and Old Fort Weaver Road Loop is closed 24/7 as part of utility relocation work related to the rail project. The Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transit (HART) has informed my office that Kiewitt Infrastructure West is relocating a 30-inch water line along old Farrington Highway just west of the Kahi Mohala Behavioral Center.

Traffic in both directions of Old Farrington Highway will be detoured to either the H-1 freeway or other nearby roadways. Drivers travelling between East Kapolei and the Ewa/Waipahu region will still be able to access either side by using the Kapolei Parkway or Geiger Road on the south end of Kualakai Parkway, or the H-1 freeway on the north end.

Kiewitt Infrastructure West is coordinating with TheBus in relocating bus stops along the affected area and in ensuring local employees and business-related traffic can continue to access the area. Motorists will still be able to access the Kahi Mohala facility during the detour.

For updates on construction work days and times, please visit the project website at www.honolulutransit.org or contact the project hotline at 566-2299. Work is anticipated to be completed by March 2014.

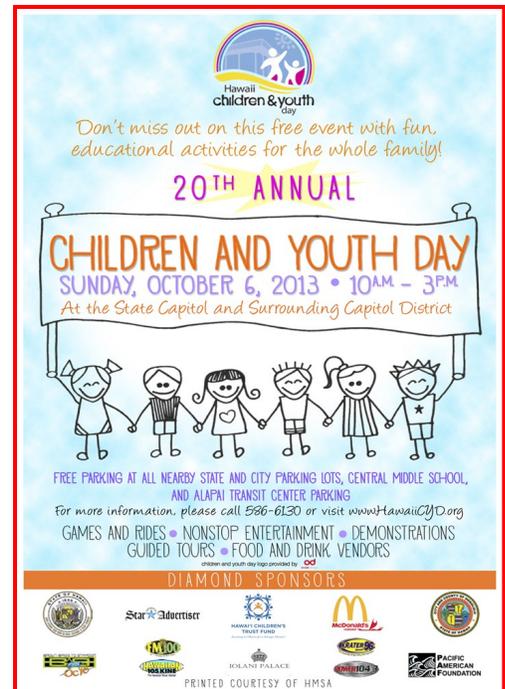
CHILDREN & YOUTH DAY TO BE CELEBRATED ON OCT 6

"Children and Youth Day," now in its 20th year, will be held on the grounds of the Hawaii State Capitol and surrounding areas on Sunday, October 6, 2013 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. There will be over 300 exhibitors and community organizations gathering to offer free interactive and educational activities for the whole family under the "Big Top" tents and on the grounds surrounding the Capitol.

Free parking for the event will be available at all neighboring state and city parking lots and Central Middle School. The Honolulu Board of Water Supply will have 3 water trucks available so please feel free to bring your own refillable water bottles. Food vendors will also be on hand.

Children and Youth Day is a time to recognize the potential and special gifts of our keiki (children) and 'opio (youth). It is a time for them to shine and share their bountiful energy with their community.

The 2012 Children and Youth Day event brought together approximately 40,000 people to enjoy all the games, activities, and learning workshops. Please come and bring your entire Ohana for a day full of fun and exciting activities. Please visit hawaiiicyd.org for more information.



E OLA PONO MA KAPOLEI COALITION COMMUNITY CLEAN UP

E Ola Pono Ma Kapolei, a Coalition for a Drug-Free Hawaii partner comprised of a broad spectrum of schools, businesses, churches, individuals, community organizations, parents, youth, and state and county government agencies, is sponsoring a "community work day" on Saturday, October 5, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. to clear debris, pull weeds, and re-plant native vegetation in seven Kapolei recreational and cultural areas.

Individuals and organizations with wheelbarrows, shovels, buckets, work gloves, and digging tools are especially needed to clear debris, brush and weeds and to re-plant native vegetation. Parks to be cleaned are Kamokila Park, Kapolei Community Park, Kapolei Regional Park, Hula Mound, Archery Range, Kalaeloa Trail and Cultural Park, and Barbers Point Beach Park. Kapolei Middle School and Kapolei High School will also be cleaned and painted.

Volunteers are asked to arrive at Kapolei High School by 8:30 a.m. Following the clean-up, at 11:30 a.m., volunteers will be served lunch in the Kapolei High School cafeteria.

For more information about the Community Work Day or the E Ola Pono Ma Kapolei coalition, please email eolaponomakapolei@gmail.com or call Ms. Virginia "VJ" Jackson at (808) 484-9787.