



Representative Bertrand Kobayashi Capitol Update

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Aloha!

As the legislature approaches adjournment, the House and Senate will be working together in Conference Committee to work out our many differences. It will be most challenging to work on vital legislation to improve our healthcare system, diversify our state economy, protect our environment, expand our education options, and other important priorities.

Please continue to share your thoughts with me about legislation and other community issues that are of concern to you. As always, please feel free to contact my staff or me by phone at 586-6310 or email at repkobayashi@capitol.hawaii.gov.

Sincerely,

Representative Bertrand Kobayashi
District 19



Legislators Host Fundraiser to Benefit the Hawaii Food Bank

For the second year Representative Bertrand Kobayashi is coordinating a fundraiser to benefit the Hawaii Food Bank. This year he has teamed up with Representatives Takashi Ohno and Gregg Takayama. The three legislators will conduct a silent auction as well as sell items such as bobaicious tea and waffle dogs, fresh produce, baked goods, and various snacks.

2014 Community Survey Results

Approximately 450 responses were received from my 2014 Community Survey mailed in March. The results of this year's Community Survey were as follows:

EXPANSION OF PUBLIC FUNDING FOR PRE-KINDERGARTEN FOR 4-YEAR-OLDS IS BEING PROPOSED

Support this proposal –	48%
Somewhat support this proposal -	18%
Do not support this proposal -	30%
No Opinion / Don't Know -	4%

SHOULD HAWAII RAISE THE \$7.25 MINIMUM WAGE?

Yes -	73%
No -	22%
No Opinion / Don't Know -	5%

HOW MUCH NEW GROWTH SHOULD BE ALLOWED IN KAKAAKO?

Keep as is -	16%
Minimum growth -	35%
Moderate growth -	37%
High density as currently being proposed-	12%

I want to thank the 57% who provided additional comments or suggestions.



SENIORS – FIVE TIPS TO PROTECT YOUR MONEY

1. Check the registration and background of the individual selling the investment by contacting the **DCCA – Securities Compliance Branch at 586-2722**. Anyone selling a security must be registered. Remember no registration, no sale. 
2. Do your homework – ask questions and do your research about the investment. Don't rely on reputation or word of mouth alone.
3. Beware of promises that promote high or unrealistic returns in a short period of time.
4. Beware of investments promoting no downside or risk. All investments have some degree of risk.
5. Beware of vague or over complicated explanations of how the business runs and how money is made. If you don't understand how it works, do not buy it.

National TAKE-BACK Initiative (NTBI)

Turn in your unused or expired medication
for safe, anonymous disposal.



Saturday, April 26, 2014 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

NEW OR USED NEEDLES AND SYRINGES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

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| ◆ Hawaii State Capitol - <i>Beretania Street drive-thru</i> | 415 S. Beretania Street, Honolulu, HI |
| ◆ Kahala Mall - <i>inside mall</i> | 4211 Waialae Avenue, Honolulu, HI |
| ◆ Marine Corps Exchange (MCX) - <i>front of Exchange</i> | Kaneohe Bay, HI (<i>Must have base access</i>) |
| ◆ Pearl City Police Station - <i>parking lot</i> | 1100 Waimano Home Rd., Pearl City, HI |
| ◆ Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange (NEX) - <i>main lobby</i> | 4725 Bouganville Drive, Honolulu, HI |
| ◆ Schofield Barracks Army and Air Force Exchange Service Post Exchange (PX) - <i>inside near flower shop</i> | Schofield Barracks, HI (AAFES) (<i>must have base access</i>) |
| ◆ Town Center of Mililani - <i>north end of mall</i> | 95-1249 Meheula Parkway, Mililani, HI |
| ◆ Windward Mall - <i>inside mall, near food court entrance</i> | 46-056 Kamehameha Hwy., Kaneohe, HI |

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APRIL 2014 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

The following is an all too short list of bills still alive as of early April:

HB 1678: Exempting some residences from historic preservation review. Currently, about half of all residences in the 19th district are older than 50 years and need historic preservation review prior to getting a building permit, even if the residence has been rebuilt and would not qualify as a historic property. This bill would provide exemptions and reduce the State and City and County permitting workload.

HB 1866 and SB3122: These two Kakaako development bills are still alive. HB 1866 would reduce powers of the State's Kakaako Authority and building heights. SB 3122 would allow the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) to develop residential high-rises in Kakaako Makai (makai of Ala Moana Blvd). The House and Senate have big differences in Kakaako development.

Kupuna [senior] care: Still alive. Bert is most interested in home-based care to keep seniors living at home for as long as possible and avoid going to nursing homes. [Bert wrote the "nursing homes without walls" law in 1982, Hawaii's first home-based care program.]

Reducing invasive species like fire ants and coqui frogs: Still alive. Especially important with recent discovery of fire ants and coqui frogs on Oahu.

Call 586-6310 or email for information on the many other bills alive [and dead].