

MINORITY FLOOR LEADER

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Representative Kymberly Pine

THE LINES ARE DRAWN FOR REAPPORTIONMENT MAPS

Aloha!

I want to thank you so very much for your testimony on reapportionment to help keep Ocean Pointe and Hoakalei together in one state house district. There was a very big possibility that they were going to be separated.

As you may know every ten years a census is taken and the House and Senate district lines are reviewed for reapportionment. The State Reapportionment Committee did its job of creating new maps based on the 2010 U.S. Census results. However, the Supreme Court ruled on January 4 that the district lines needed to be redrawn again as residents on Hawaii island said the new lines were unfair as the Census counts included military members, their dependents and nonresident students who vote in other states. On the contrary, military members and their families are an integral part of our community and they do vote in Hawaii. The new district maps have been presented to the public and thanks to your input at community meetings that were held on O'ahu and Hawaii Island, the Reapportionment Committee has been active in listening to residents. Voting happened on Thursday, March 8. To see the maps, log onto <http://hawaii.gov/elections/reapportionment/>.

Please give my office a call at 586-9730 or email me at reppine@capitol.hawaii.gov with questions and issues that are important to you.



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ARMY SOLDIER HONORED BY HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Waipahu resident and Army Specialist Edward Barut was honored at the State House of Representatives with a certificate on February 15, 2012. He had been awarded a Purple Heart and Combat Action Badge for his actions in Afghanistan. He and his team overcame a 45-minute attack in October where insurgents used improvised explosive devices.



DRIVER'S LICENSE ID REQUIREMENTS

The State Department of Transportation has updated its requirements to get a driver's license or learner's permit as of March 5.

Individuals must provide a valid or certified copy of their Social Security card and at least one of the following documents:

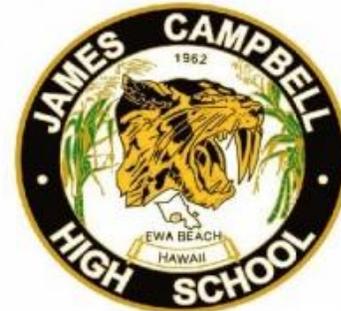
- A valid, un-expired U.S. Passport
- An original or certified copy of a birth certificate filed with a state Department of Health or equivalent agency in the individual's state of birth
- A Consular Report of Birth Abroad (CRBA) issued by the U.S. Department of State, Form FS-240, DL-1350 or FS-545
- A valid, un-expired permanent resident card issued by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), Form I-551
- A certificate of naturalization issued by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Form N-550
- A certificate of citizenship issued by the DHS, Form N-560
- A valid U.S. Active Duty/Retiree/Reservist Military ID Card (DOD ID DD-2)
- A valid foreign passport with Visa and I-94 issued by Customs and Border Protection, DHS

CAMPBELL CHEERLEADERS HONORED

Rep. Pine will honor the James Campbell High School cheerleading team on April 2 at the State Capitol at noon. The cheerleading team is being recognized for winning the Gator Bowl Cheer and Dance National Competition in Jacksonville, Florida, which took place over the New Year's Eve holiday.

The JCHS Varsity Cheerleaders took first place while the JCHS Junior Varsity Cheerleaders took second place. The cheerleaders performed in the Gator Bowl Halftime show. The team also took home two other awards: "Best Choreography" and "Most Spirited".

The team, their coaches, parents, relatives and friends are being invited to attend this very special presentation ceremony before the entire House of Representatives. For more information, call 586-9730.



LEAGUE OF CITIES OF THE PHILIPPINES



The Legislature honored the League of Cities of the Philippines represented here by the Mayors of several Philippine cities. A Memorandum of Understanding and Cooperation was signed to create a relationship between the State of Hawai'i and 122 cities that compose the League of Cities of the Philippines.

EAGLE SCOUT HONORED

Rep. Pine presented an honorary certificate to Daniel Chandler Bade for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout at his Court of Honor Ceremony at Lanakila Baptist High School Chapel on February 26, 2012.



LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE FOR 2012



The Council on Revenues' projection that suggests an over \$60 million increase in state funds over the next two years is positive but we must not get overconfident with that new information. With increasing gas prices, conflict in the Middle East and a contentious election looming, our economy is still far from stable. We must practice caution given our state's reliance on federal funds and new tourism. On March 6, 2012 in an all day floor session, my colleagues and I were very cautious. However, other legislators passed over thirty new tax or fee increases and made high-risk decisions, including creating a state-owned bank and erasing the regulatory framework that keeps our environment pristine. Those bills will now cross over to the Senate, and the Senate bills will be reviewed in the House.

In my fight to protect the people of Hawaii, here are some of the cybercrime bills that are moving on to the Senate:

HB 1709 makes a new class C felony of aggravated harassment by impersonation. It's an offense to impersonate and harass someone using online communications including chat, instant messages, web pages and social networks.

HB 2295 makes harassment by cyber bullying a petty misdemeanor. The bill also defines a digital nuisance as electronic communication that causes mental or physical harm and is sufficiently severe, persistent, or pervasive that it creates an intimidating, threatening, or abusive environment.

Hospital bills that I have supported that will now go to the Senate are **HB 1953** which supports funds for the ambulances on the Leeward side and funds for Wahiawa General. **HB 2345** offers St. Francis Healthcare System \$80 million in special revenue bonds, which will not be taxpayer dollars, so they can renovate the hospital also goes to the Senate. **HB 1846** issues special purpose revenue bonds of up to \$3 million for Wahiawa General Hospital to construct health care facilities passed the health committee, and it was not heard in the Finance Committee. So that bill is not moving forward. The bankruptcy hearings are in their last phase. That needs to be completed before local hospitals can start discussions and eventually take ownership. So far, two of the local hospitals that expressed interest are Queen's and Hawaii Pacific Health. The new hospital would also need to undergo certifications to ensure that it is up to standards. Many are hopeful that a hospital can open within a year's time although it may take longer. Meanwhile, an urgent care center is also in the works. Please give my office a call at 586-9730 or email me at reppine@capitol.hawaii.gov

LEEWARD JOB FAIR

Looking for work? I will host a Leeward Job Fair. I will fill you in on the details as soon as they are available.

With the loss of nearly 1,000 jobs from the closure of the Hawaii Medical Center-West and East locations and the continued demand for jobs in all sectors, it is important for the community to unite to match skilled workers with great employers. The purpose of this job fair is to make these opportunities more accessible to residents who live on the Leeward Coast.

I am especially interested in reaching out to Leeward businesses interested in hosting a booth. If your business or organization is interested please let my office know soon. If you want to be kept up to date about the job fair, please contact my office at 586-9730 or email me at reppine@capitol.hawaii.gov with any questions.

Meanwhile, my weekly email will post job some listings as they become available.

EWA EPC UPDATE

April is Tsunami Awareness Month. The Ewa Emergency Preparedness Committee (Ewa EPC) meets on the first Monday of the Month at the Ewa Beach Church of the Nazarene at 91-913 Papiapi Place. The next meeting is Monday, April 2. For more information, call 286-1669.

“REP. PINE’S INBOX”



Representative Pine’s office receives many phone calls, emails and letters on a daily basis from constituents with questions and concerns about things happening in the community and State Capitol.

To make communicating even easier and more effective, we recently launched “Rep. Pine’s Inbox”, a video series in which Rep. Pine responds to your questions and concerns via email each week. We are also posting legislative updates and job openings in our email. If you have a question for Rep. Pine or a concern about something in the district, please contact our office. If you are not yet on our mailing list, you can join by calling at 586-9730 or by emailing a request to reppine@capitol.hawaii.gov.

VOLUNTEERS AND INTERNS

We are looking for students, retirees, political science majors, and anyone else interested in volunteering for the Office of State Representative Kymberly Pine. If one prefers to stay in the district, duties such as assisting the Representative at community events and meetings are also appreciated. For Boy Scout and Girl Scout volunteers, earning points by collating and prepping monthly newsletters can be coordinated with staff and done in the district or at the Capitol.

Rep. Pine will continue to execute surveys with residents by email and mail on a regular basis. Assistance from volunteers, whether it be for just a few hours a month or by the week, helps residents stay informed on issues and may offer the Representative direction on votes to be cast.

If you or someone you know is interested in volunteering or interning at Rep. Pine’s office or in her district, please call our office at 586-9730, email reppine@capitol.hawaii.gov or visit Room 333 at the State Capitol. Mahalo!

JOIN REPRESENTATIVE PINE’S EMAIL LIST AND STAY CONNECTED

Throughout the year, Rep. Pine generates surveys to poll the sentiments of her district. To participate in surveys, email a request to be added to the list at:

RepPine@capitol.hawaii.gov

Once you are on the list, you will receive updates on community and legislative events and notices from various state and city departments to help residents navigate through construction zones and other issues of importance. For monthly newsletters, links to videos and messages posting important announcements, visit:

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