



MINORITY FLOOR LEADER

MAY 2012

Representative **Kymerly Pine**

MAHALO FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT

Aloha my dear constituents!

I am writing to you with deep sadness to inform you that I will officially no longer represent you in the House of Representatives.

The State of Hawai'i 2011 Reapportionment Commission adopted the Final Report and Reapportionment Plan on March 8, 2012, to address the population growth which naturally affects the electoral process for our County, State and Nation. In short, the "redrawing" of the boundary lines for House District 43 (ʻEwa Beach, Puuloa, West Lock Fairways, Iroquois Point) significantly altered the perimeters and assigned new house district identification numbers owing to the breakup of House District 43. It's hard to believe that eight years have gone by since I was first elected in 2004. We should all be proud of what we have accomplished since then. New roads have dramatically reduced traffic within ʻEwa Beach. Our beaches and parks are beautiful thanks to many volunteer groups. We have created more jobs on the Leeward Coast than ever before. Our kids have improved their test scores, are graduating and going to college at higher rates than we have ever seen.

For your convenience and clarification, I have enclosed a map and description of the new boundary lines in this mailer to help you understand your new province.

Words cannot express my deepest respect, love, and gratitude for your generous support for me as your Representative over the years. It has been my greatest honor to know, intimately, the people, families and communities who made our district so great and prosperous. To be entrusted by your vote to represent your voice eight years ago and sequentially since has been truly rewarding and valuable beyond words.

Please know that no matter where I am in government I will always represent you in my heart and will never abandon you. I will continue to regard you as my ʻOhana.

With Warm Aloha,

LEEWARD JOB FAIR TUESDAY, JUNE 12

Looking for work? I hope to see you at our Leeward Job Fair on Tuesday, June 12 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Kroc Center at 91-3257 Kualakaʻi Parkway in ʻEwa Beach. For more information, please call 586-9730 or email reppine@capitol.hawaii.gov.



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SINE DIE AT THE STATE CAPITOL

Sine Die, the last day of the legislative session, was May 3rd. For a complete list of bills that passed the legislature this year, please visit www.capitol.hawaii.gov, then click on "Reports and Lists" and "Bills Passed". Feel free to contact my office with questions about specific bills.

It has truly been an honor serving you in the State House of Representatives!



COSTS OF LIVING IN HAWAII ON THE RISE

Feeling like your checkbook has been stretched lately? Between 2006 and 2011, the **annual grocery costs** for a family of four increased from \$9,817 to \$12,325; an increase of \$2,508.

The average **price of a gallon of gas** rose from \$3.08 to \$4.10; an increase of 33.1%.

The Hawaii **consumer price index** increased from 582 in 2006 to 677 in 2011. The CPI is "...a measure of the



average change over time in the prices paid by urban consumers for a market basket of consumer goods and services."

Hawaii's **median income** actually decreased, from \$60,470 in 2006 to \$58,507 in 2010. This is a contrast with the national median income, which actually increased over the same time period.

2012 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

APPROVED FOR 'EWA BEACH

New appropriations for Fiscal Year 2012-2013:

- \$1,480,000 for 'Ewa Beach Elementary electrical upgrades
- \$25,000 for Poi Dogs at Popoki Place

Fiscal Year 2011-2012 appropriations (amended):

- \$1,000,000 for improvements to James Campbell High School track and equipment
- \$1,375,000 for portable rooms for Keone'ula Elementary

HURRICANE SEASON IS COMING

An informational meeting on June 9 from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church at 91-1004 North Road. For more information, call 682-0111 or email GetReadyEwaBeach@gmail.com.

LOCAL TALENT ON NBC'S "THE VOICE"

Congratulations to former 'Ewa Beach resident Cheesa Laureta, who made us proud on the NBC show "The Voice" as a part of Team Cee Lo. We wish her the best of luck in the future!

2012 LEGISLATIVE SESSION HIGHLIGHTS: BILLS THAT PASSED THE LEGISLATURE

COURTESY STAR-ADVERTISER (A MORE COMPREHENSIVE LIST CAN BE SENT TO CONSTITUENTS UPON REQUEST.)

State budget

HB 2012 HD1 SD1 CD1

Authorizes \$11.2 billion in spending next fiscal year, with additional money for welfare, education, and health care for the poor. Authorizes \$3.2 billion in state construction, including \$825 million in general obligation bond financed projects.

State bridges

SB 3010 SD2 HD1

Temporarily offers environmental and regulatory exemptions for 11 state bridge rehabilitation projects.

Technology

SB 2780 SD1 HD2 CD1

Appropriates money and authorizes bonds for state information technology upgrades.

LAW ENFORCEMENT

Justice reform

SB 2776 SD2 HD2 CD1

Implements new pre-trial assessment and parole policies to improve the state's criminal justice and corrections systems and reduce the number of prisoners housed on the mainland.

Police safety

HB 2030 HD2 SD1

Requires motorists to move over and slow down when passing emergency vehicles stopped along highways.

Electronic records

SB 2247 SD2 HD1

Allows government access to electronic records from communications providers in emergencies involving the potential for death or serious injuries.

Texting

SB 2871 SD1 HD2 CD1

Prohibits operators of commercial motor vehicles from using mobile electronic devices and texting while driving.

Sexting

SB 2222 SD2 HD1 CD1

Prohibits minors from creating or sending sexually explicit images electronically. Prohibits possession or solicitation of such images.

Cyberbullying

HB 2295 HD1 SD2

Establishes the crime of harassment by cyberbullying.

HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

Transplant center

HB 608 HD3 SD1 CD2 Act 1

Provides state money, matched by private funds, to help the Queen's Medical Center establish an organ transplant facility to replace the one that closed in the Hawaii Medical Center's bankruptcy. Appropriates money to the National Kidney Foundation of Hawaii to maintain a chronic kidney disease management program.

Hawaii Medical Center-East

HB 609 HD2 SD2 CD1

Authorizes the Hawaii Health Systems Corp. to acquire the bankrupt Hawaii Medical Center-East in Liliha.

Emergency care

HB 1953 HD1 SD1 CD1

Appropriates \$1 million to increase the on-call availability of emergency medical care and ambulance services on the Leeward coast.

Provider fees

HB 2275 HD2 SD2 CD1; SB 2466 SD2 HD2 CD1

Imposes provider fees on private hospitals and large nursing homes to attract more federal matching money to cover health care costs for the poor.

Social-service programs

HB 304 HD1 SD1 CD1

Appropriates \$11.6 million for public health, welfare and education programs.

Early childhood development

SB 2778 SD1 HD1 CD1

Establishes a childhood obesity prevention task force and provides money for early childhood development programs.

Civil unions

HB 2569 HD2 SD1 CD1

Clarifies and amends provisions of the state's civil unions law. Allows religious organizations under certain circumstances to refuse use of worship or ministry facilities for civil union ceremonies.

For a more comprehensive list of bills that passed the 2012 Legislature, please contact our office. We would be happy to send additional information on session results.

“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 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 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!

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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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