

MINORITY FLOOR LEADER

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# Representative Kymberly Pine

## REP. PINE WOULD LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOU

Aloha,

The 2012 legislative session is fast approaching and my colleagues and I are hard at work composing legislative packages to solve the challenges our state is facing.

I have heard from many neighbors, friends and constituents that the economy is highest on their minds. In addition to getting Hawai'i residents back to work, I will continue to support government transparency, reducing the size and scope of government, fostering a better business environment and accelerating student learning. The issues of elder abuse, child safety, traffic mitigation and cybercrime are also high priorities of mine.

What issues are important to you as we approach the next legislative session? What do you think would make 'Ewa Beach an even better place to live? In what ways could government promote an atmosphere for economic growth?

Please send me your suggestions and priorities for what you would like to see happen at the State Legislature. We are here for you, so it's important that the lines of communication are open.

I look forward to working with you on the issues that matter to you most. As always, please contact my office at 586-9730 or email me at [reppine@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:reppine@capitol.hawaii.gov) with any questions or concerns. Mahalo!



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## THANKING OUR MILITARY THIS VETERANS DAY

With the recent announcement that American troops will be home from Iraq by the holidays, military families across the country have breathed a sigh of relief. Their losses and sacrifices, though, will stay with them for the rest of their lives. Please help me in remembering the heavy burden they have carried for our country not just this Veterans Day, but throughout the year.

We sincerely thank our Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines, Coast Guardsmen and their families for their service and sacrifice.



# EXCITING DEVELOPMENTS COMING TO ‘EWA BEACH



Rep. Pine participated in the **Laulani Village Shopping Center** blessing and groundbreaking on November 3. This project, the largest retail development in ‘Ewa history, will be located on Fort Weaver Road and Keaunui Drive, across from Hawaii Prince Golf Club.

**Safeway** will be the anchor store of the new development. Many residents are very happy to see Safeway come to ‘Ewa Beach, as our community had too few grocery stores after Star Market and Kalaeloa Barber’s Point Commissary closed.



Laulani Village Shopping Center project groundbreaking

The shopping center is expected to provide approximately 500 jobs for ‘Ewa Beach at its many retailers and service providers. A two-story office building will offer space for doctors, dentists, lawyers, accountants and other professionals.

Rep. Pine thanks all parties involved in providing more convenience and pride to our community so that residents can stay closer to home for these necessities.

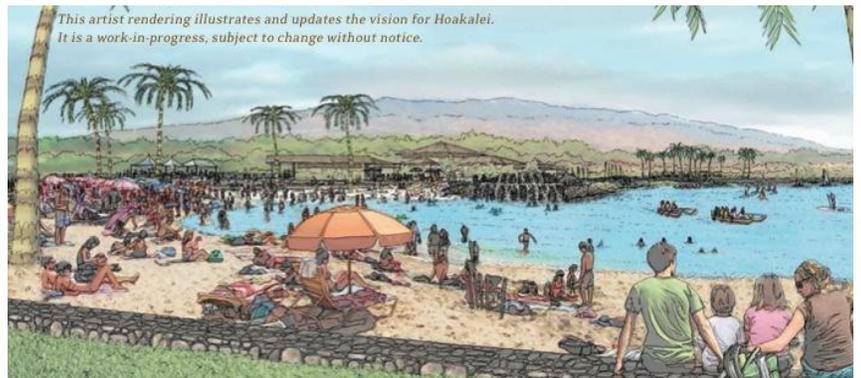
Residents can expect the shopping center to open late fall of 2012. For more information, visit [www.laulanivillage.com](http://www.laulanivillage.com).

A **recreation area at Hoakalei Resort** is also coming to ‘Ewa Beach. The family-friendly lagoon will be open to the public and give residents more opportunities to play and exercise close to home.

The new plans include a protected swimming area, facilities for kayakers, paddlers and canoe clubs, and a pathway for pedestrians.

Community feedback has been positive as residents are looking forward to a new option of staying within the community to play and exercise with their families.

The swimming area, designed for all ages, is expected to be completed in 2015.



Above illustrations courtesy Haseko Development, Inc.:

## REP. PINE AND COLLEAGUES WORK TO PROTECT SENIORS FROM FINANCIAL ABUSE



Rep. Pine and fellow legislators held an informational briefing on elder abuse and financial exploitation as part of a continued effort to defend seniors from a crime trend that unfortunately is rapidly increasing. The briefing explored proposals to:

- Require a durable Power of Attorney (POA) to be signed by two witnesses not related to the POA and acknowledged by a notary public;
- Ensure that the second signer is someone experienced in elder financial exploitation and would know whether a person is being coerced;
- Strengthen protections and public responsibility to adequately address elder abuse, neglect, and financial exploitation;
- Ensure quality long-term healthcare for the elderly with a focus on aging in place and community-based healthcare.

## REP. PINE TALKS WITH ‘EWA BEACH STUDENTS ABOUT STATE GOVERNMENT



Rep. Pine spoke to a group of ‘Ewa Beach Elementary students as part of their tour of the State Capitol. She believes that knowledge is power and civic education is important for children of all ages.

## “BUILDING PASSIONS, BUILDING DREAMS” AT POHAKEA ELEMENTARY

Pohakea Elementary is partnering with the private sector to find solutions to education issues and other challenges students are facing today. This series of brainstorming sessions provide an opportunity for businesses, community organizations, school officials and students to unite and create 21<sup>st</sup> century real world learning experiences.

Together these believers know they are capable of changing the

face of education as we know it.

The “Building Passions, Building Dreams” effort works to provide for students an expanded view of the world in the ever-growing global marketplace. They plan to crumble the walls that confine learning to classrooms, helping children to find their own personal potential and encourage the community to find ways that will support a child’s dream and right to be competitive in a global society.



Rep. Pine commends Principal Stacie Kunihiha and Mr. Cary Miyashiro of HawaiiUSA Federal Credit Union for their inventive solutions and leadership. We wish Pohakea continued success as it moves forward!

## “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 the 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.

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 phone at 586-9730 or by emailing a request to [reppine@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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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