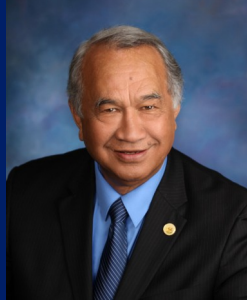
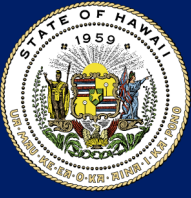


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A Message from Senator Kahele

Aloha!

As I write this over the Memorial Day weekend, I, like millions of Americans all over our great state and nation, are preparing for another summer with families and friends.

From this weekend until Labor Day students will be out of school, high school graduation celebrations will take place, summer fun activities will begin and many of us will enjoy traveling, trips to the beach, camping, hiking and enjoying the special place we all call home, Hawai'i.

As your State Senator for Hilo, my summer will focus on jump starting the many initiatives accomplished this session as well as getting out into our community to continue the discussion on the many issues our residents face every day.

Again, mahalo nui loa for the opportunity to serve as your State Senator and I wish each and every one of you a safe, fun filled and productive summer!

Hau'oli ka mana'o

Gilbert Kahele

Informational Briefing on Department of Hawaiian Home Lands

On Thursday, May 23, 2013 the Senate Committee on Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs held an informational briefing to address concerns raised in the Audit of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands' (DHHL) Homestead Services Division.

The audit of the DHHL's Homestead Services Division, released last month, proved lax oversight, mismanagement, insufficient record-keeping, poor communication and a lack of policies and procedures undermine the agency's mission of serving Native Hawaiians.

Senators and the leadership of DHHL agreed that a better tracking system for loans is sorely needed to ensure delinquencies are better managed. Director Jobie Masagatani pledged to make tangible progress within the next six months.



Jobie Masagatani, Director of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, addresses the concerns of the Senators.

Aha Moku Site Visit to Kaho'olawe

On May 28th and 29th the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission (KIRC) hosted a handful of legislators and the Aha Moku Advisory Committee (Aha Moku) to brief them on the status of the restoration, operations and management of Kaho'olawe. Another focus of the trip was on the correct cultural protocol to start the Aha Moku in the right way.

The Aha Moku was created by the Legislature and signed into law by Governor Abercrombie through Act 288 on July 9, 2012. The purpose of the Aha Moku is to advise the Chair of the Board of Land and Natural Resources and its department on issues related to land and natural resources management through the aha moku system, a system that is based on the indigenous resource management of moku (regional) boundaries.



A briefing on the status of the restoration, operations and management of Kaho'olawe was given by KIRC.

Congratulations Graduates!

May was filled with graduations in the district as students from elementary to college take the next step in their lives. Senator Kahele is proud of all they have accomplished and looks forward to the bright futures that they face as they continue to grow and contribute to our community.



Waiakea High School held its annual baccalaureate ceremony on May 18, 2013. Senator congratulates Owen Sandstrom and his mother Gail.



Senator Kahele and Yu Yok Pearring on May 10, 2013 at the UH-Hilo Spring commencement ceremony.

Chiefess Kapi'olani School



On May 24, 2013 Senator Kahele had the privilege of speaking at the Chiefess Kapi'olani Elementary School Year End Program and 6th Grade Graduation as their honored guest.

As an alumnus of Chiefess Kapi'olani School, he was proud to present Senate

Certificates to 16 outstanding students who consistently demonstrated their dedication and respect for their school and community. These students regularly take it upon themselves to perform simple acts of kindness, make efforts to be punctual, complete their homework and serve as role models to their classmates.

Recognizing our Foster Parents

Children are Hawai'i's most precious resource and ensuring their healthy development deserves our highest priority. Resource caregiver families provide our keiki with passion, encouragement to learn and achieve, and above all it instills the self-esteem and support of an Ohana. Mahalo to the East Hawai'i Foster Parent Association and East Hawai'i Friends of Foster Families who work diligently to improve the health and well-being of our communities by educating our society through public awareness of placing

children in resource families. On May 10, 2013 we celebrated their efforts at the Hilo Church of the Holy Cross.



Kevin Dayton and Senator Kahele presented a Proclamation and Senate Certificate at the Foster Parent Mahalo Dinner Dance

Post Session Deadlines

Notice of Intent to Veto Deadline: If the Governor has any intent to veto a bill, he must give notice to the Legislature of his plans by the 35th day after adjournment. This year, the 35th day after adjournment falls on **June 24, 2013**. Any bill for which notice is not given will become law, either by the Governor's signature within the next ten days or by effect of law on the 45th day. The Governor's notification of intent to veto does not necessarily mean that a bill will be vetoed. The Governor may decide to sign the bill or simply allow it to become law without his signature.

Veto Deadline: After the Legislature adjourns, the Governor has 45 days (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays) to consider bills presented to him, including those sent to him less than ten days before adjournment. This year, **July 9, 2013** marks the 45th day after adjournment and is the last day for the Governor to veto bills from his intent to veto list. Any bills not signed or vetoed by this date will become law without the Governor's signature.

Special Session: The Legislature may convene at or before noon on the 45th day in special session to amend a returned bill to meet the Governor's objections or to override the Governor's vetoes. The Legislature may override a veto by two-thirds vote of all members to which each house is entitled.

Legislative Update Meetings



Hawai'i Island Legislators Senator Russell Ruderman, Representative Nicole Lowen, Representative Mark Nakashima, Senator Gilbert Kahele, Representative Clift Tsuji and Representative Richard Onishi provided a legislative briefing to the Hawai'i Island Contractors Association on May 16, 2013.



Dr. Kyle Chock, Representative Clift Tsuji, Representative Richard Onishi, Dr. Patsy Fujimoto, Dr. Garrett Ota, Dr. Wally Chong III and Senator Gilbert Kahele at the Hawai'i County Dental Society Annual Thank You Legislators Dinner on May 21, 2013.