



Neighborhood Board Report

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Aloha Friends and Neighbors,

First of all, I would like to thank everyone for giving me the opportunity to represent District 39 in the Hawaii State House of Representatives. I am humbled by your continued support and it is my honor to serve our community. I would like to offer you these highlights about the events this office has been participating within the community.

The Great Malunggay Festival & Parade

The first annual Malunggay Festival was held on Saturday, February 21, 2015 at the Leeward Community College. Mahalo to Alfred D. Simbahon and the planning committee for perpetuating Filipino culture.



LifeSmarts Competition

On Saturday, February 7, 2015 the National Consumer League held their annual Hawaii LifeSmarts Competition, brought to Hawaii by the State Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Office of the Securities Commissioner, and in partnership with Hawaii Credit Union league. I would like to stand a round of applause to the students from the district that have participated in this event.



Announcements

PLEASE JOIN ME!!

Transportation Community Meeting at Waipahu High School Cafeteria 6:00pm Wednesday, March 11, 2015

New Traffic Signals

GREAT NEWS!! We introduced **HR 160** urging the City to construct a traffic signal at the intersection of Honowai and Waipahu Streets, addressing safety and traffic congestion concerns in the area. After four long years, in collaboration with the city, we have finally installed the traffic signal lights. We are proud to announce that the construction is almost complete.



2015 Sponsored Bills:

First lateral has passed, February 20, 2015, here are my following introduced bills that are still moving through the legislature:

HB759

Requiring the DOE and DAGS, in consultation with the State Energy Office of DBEDT and Hawaii Natural Energy Institute of UH, to develop a cooling master strategy and comprehensive retrofitting study for public schools and to report findings to the Legislature. Authorizes general obligation bonds and appropriates funds for efficient classroom-cooling demonstration projects.

HB760

Changes the State's automatic deduction of the gross proceeds of a county's surcharge on state tax for mass transit to three per cent to reimburse the State for costs associated with handling of the county surcharge on state tax. Requires an annual report of the usage of surcharge accounts.

HB1394

The department of accounting and general services shall conduct a feasibility study on the use of water scalping technology in state facilities. In conducting this feasibility study, the department of accounting and general services shall coordinate with the department of health and agencies from each county with jurisdiction over wastewater management.