



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.

Legislative Updates:

As that State of Hawaii moves to conserve our natural resources, I'm grateful for the passage of HB1394/ Act 229, which I introduced during the twenty-eighth legislative session. The purpose of this Act is to explore the sustainability and conservation potential of water scalping in Hawaii by conducting a feasibility study on the use of water scalping technology in state airport facilities and, if funds are available, developing a process design for the processing portion of the implementation of water scalping technology.



Ho'okele Elementary:

The groundbreaking of Ho'okele Elementary was held last year, on Wednesday, April 2, 2014. The 78,404 sq. foot school is located between Kunehi Street and Fort Barrette Road. I am excited to announce that Ho'okele Elementary School will finally be opening their doors at the start of the 2015-2016 school year. It is estimated to serve 750 students in Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 5. Hookele means navigator, and is meant to reflect the learning environment.



Sugarland and Monsanto Farm Tours:



On July 21, 2015 members of the House Finance Committee, including myself, visited Sugarland and Monsanto, which are both part of house district thirty-nine. As public stakeholders it is imperative to understand the political and economical impacts of local and corporate farming. The agriculture industry is essential to providing food for the people in our community and the rest of Hawai'i. I would like to encourage our community to take part in supporting both local and corporate farming in Hawai'i.

Announcements:

Just a reminder to make appropriate traveling preparations for the following:

- First day of all public schools: July 29, 2015.
- First day of University of Hawai'i: August 24, 2015

