



# STATE REPRESENTATIVE CINDY EVANS

District 7: North Kona, North Kohala, South Kohala

Second Quarter/Spring 2015

## Aloha from the State Capitol!

We are halfway through the legislative session and a lot has happened to date. As a member of the House leadership, it is exciting to be working with the new administration and the seven newly elected legislators.

Some high profile topics were extensively debated during floor session prior to the vote. Some of the topics discussed were: medical marijuana (HB 134 HD1), new tax surcharges for Honolulu's rail project (HB134 HD1), sex education (HB459 HD2), and the privatization of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation Maui Regional System (HB1075 HD2). I encourage you to look at these bills and provide your input.

Inside this newsletter is a directory of services from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs. Information on state certified arbitration programs, hiring a licensed contractor, insurance fraud, and consumer information is listed with the appropriate websites and numbers for you to contact.

I encourage you to continue being active in the legislative process. Information on bills, hearing dates, and testimony can be found on the State Capitol's website: [www.capitol.hawaii.gov](http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov). If you have any questions please don't hesitate to call my office at (808) 586-8510.

Sincerely, *Cindy Evans*

*"Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm."*

- Ralph Waldo Emerson

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The Big Island Delegation:  
Representatives Nakashima, Tsuji, Onishi, San Buenaventura, Creagan, Lowen, and myself.

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Visitors from the Arc of Kona for Developmental Disability Day at the State Capitol

## Bill Highlights

Here are a list of bills I introduced that have been sent to the Senate for consideration. For a complete list, visit [www.capitol.hawaii.gov](http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov).

**HB 252 HD 1**—Pharmacy Benefit Manager; Maximum Allowable Cost  
Relating to Pharmacy Benefit Managers  
Authorizes a pharmacy benefit manager to establish a maximum reimbursement amount for a drug under certain circumstances.

**HB 253 HD 2**—Pharmacists; Vaccine  
Relating to Vaccinations  
Authorizes pharmacists to administer vaccines to persons between 14 and 17 years of age who have a valid prescription from the patient's medical home.

**HB 515 HD 3**—Public Lands; Remnants; Definition; Disposition  
Relating to Remnants  
Clarifies the definition of the term "remnant" for purposes relating to the disposition of public lands. Prohibits disposition as a remnant of land that contains resources necessary for the exercise of native Hawaiian subsistence, cultural, or religious practices.

**HB 525 HD 2**—State Park System; Smoking/Use of Tobacco Products Prohibited  
Relating to State Parks  
Prohibits smoking and the use of tobacco products and electronic smoking devices within the state park system. Requires posting of signage prohibiting smoking or the use of tobacco products.

**HB527 HD 1**—Lifeguards; Appropriation; Kua Bay; Kekaha State Park  
Making an Appropriation for State Lifeguards  
Appropriates funds for salaries and benefits for lifeguards for Kua Bay located in Kekaha Kai State Park on the Island of Hawaii, an area under the jurisdiction of DLNR.

**HB 612 HD 2**—Emergencies and Disasters; Postponed Elections  
Relating to Elections  
Prohibits disclosure of votes cast in a postponed election. Authorizes discretionary withholding of election results unrelated to postponement. Clarifies Governor's emergency postponement authority. Limits postponement period to 7 days after an election.

## Now What? With Representative Cindy Evans

Every month, I invite guests to the Capitol to be featured on my show titled *Now What? With Representative Cindy Evans*. I try to invite guests to discuss certain issues that affect our State, especially issues that deal with the Big Island and our district.

I have invited guests such as Chamber of Commerce Hawaii CEO & President Sherry Menor-McNamara, Public Access Coordinator Virginia Beck, Executive Director of the Hawaii Public Charter School Commission Tom Hutton, and Chief Justice Mark Recktenwald of the Hawaii Supreme Court.



Sherry Menor-McNamara, CEO & President of the Chamber of Commerce Hawaii

### Olelo Showtimes for Now What?

#### Now What?:

**Chamber of Commerce Hawaii**

3/29/2015 - 6:00 PM - OLELO 49

3/31/2015 - 8:00 AM - OLELO 49

4/1/2015 - 3:00 PM - OLELO 49

4/4/2015 - 8:00 AM - OLELO 49

#### Now What?:

**Hawaii Supreme Court**

3/30/2015 - 6:00 PM - OLELO 49

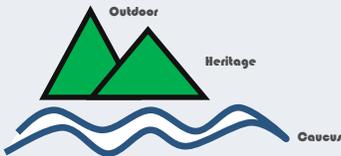
3/31/2015 - 8:30 AM - OLELO 49

4/1/2015 - 3:30 PM - OLELO 49

4/4/2015 - 8:30 AM - OLELO 49

The **Department of Education** released its list of repair and maintenance projects this upcoming fiscal year starting July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015. These projects were developed with the approval of school administrators. A total of **\$1,377,000** was awarded to:

- ◇ Kohala Elementary School for reroofing and drainage improvements
- ◇ Kohala Middle School for reroofing, replacing gutters/downspouts, and replacing ramps
- ◇ Kohala High School for reroofing with overall whole school renovations.



#### 2015 Members of the Outdoor Heritage Caucus

##### **Senate:**

**CO-CHAIR**, Sen. Laura H. Thielen  
 Sen. Rosalyn H. Baker  
 Sen. Suzanne Chun Oakland  
 Sen. Mike Gabbard  
 Sen. Lorraine R. Inouye  
 Sen. Gilbert Kahele  
 Sen. Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran  
 Sen. Gil Riviere  
 Sen. Russell E. Ruderman

##### **House of Representatives:**

**CO-CHAIR**, Rep. Cindy Evans  
 Rep. Della Au Belatti  
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 Rep. Gregg Takayama  
 Rep. Cynthia Thielen  
 Rep. Clift Tsuji  
 Rep. Gene Ward



Charter School students visiting my office on Opening Day.

## Outdoor Heritage Caucus

Senator Laura Thielen (25<sup>th</sup> Senatorial District) and Representative Cindy Evans (7<sup>th</sup> House District) launched the Outdoor Heritage Caucus. The caucus's mission is to identify, protect, and promote the State of Hawai'i's heritage of subsistence hunting and fishing, outdoor cultural practices and recreational activities, and to foster appreciation and respect for outdoor heritage.

The caucus will focus on: (1) ensuring public access to public lands for the enjoyment of outdoor pursuits; (2) safeguarding the integrity of user-pays trust funds, license revenues, and other dedicated financial contributions by hunter men and women, fishermen and women, and outdoor recreational users; and (3) enhancing state aquatic and wildlife habitat conservation for current and future generations. Legislators in this caucus will watch national debates on issues related to outdoor cultural practices, recreational activities, and hunting and fishing.

"We are pleased to announce the formation of the Outdoor Heritage Caucus," Evans stated. "With population growth and challenges of liability, many people are looking at our natural resources from different aspects. We need to find balance to make sure that we can use the outdoors but still maintain protection of our natural resources so we can pass on our practices. The group of legislators in this caucus would like to send a strong statement that we value the quality of life in Hawai'i and perpetuate the joys and opportunities outdoors for future generations."

"The Outdoor Heritage Caucus is a great way to showcase and advocate for outdoor recreation in Hawai'i," said Thielen. As more and more residents and tourists explore our state's varied outdoor recreational opportunities, it is important to ensure that there is adequate support and funding for these opportunities."

## Hawaii Top 10 Invasive Species



Little Fire Ants



Coconut Rhinoceros Beetle



Coqui Frogs



Fireweed



Invasive Algae



Rats



Mongoose



Strawberry Guava



Albizia Trees



Miconia

## Invasive Species is Everyone's Kuleana What can you do? Here are 5 ways to take action:

- 1) Survey your yard and all new plants for little fire ants.
- 2) Always clean hiking boots, clothes, boats and trailers, off-road vehicles and other gear to stop invasive species from hitching a ride to your next location.
- 3) Spot it and stop it! Illegal species such as snakes, pests like coconut rhinoceros beetles and little fire ants should be reported to the State Pest Hotline at 643-PEST. If you or someone you know has an illegal pet, surrender it by calling 643-PEST, which offers immunity from prosecution.
- 4) Get educated and spread the word!
- 5) Voice your support for programs that protect our islands from invasive species.

## Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs Directory of Services

### Consumer Resource Center

For questions about filing a complaint against a professional or vocational licensee, or to report unlicensed activity. Provides helpful information to consumers on a variety of topics, including hiring a licensed contractor and protecting yourself against unlicensed activity. Also accepts complaints for the Office of Consumer protection..... 587-4272  
Visit [cca.hawaii.gov/rico/quicklinks/consumer\\_resource\\_center](http://cca.hawaii.gov/rico/quicklinks/consumer_resource_center)

### State Certified Arbitration Program

Does your brand new vehicle seem defective? Do you keep having to go back to repair the same problem? Under Hawaii's Lemon Law, SCAP helps consumers resolve disputes with auto manufacturers and may be able to help you get a refund.  
Call 587-4272 and visit [cca.hawaii.gov/rico/scap\\_llaw](http://cca.hawaii.gov/rico/scap_llaw)

### Hiring a Licensed Contractor Hotline

Visit [cca.hawaii.gov/rico/licensedcontractor](http://cca.hawaii.gov/rico/licensedcontractor) ..... 587-4272

### ID Theft Hotline

Visit [cca.hawaii.gov/identify-theft-information](http://cca.hawaii.gov/identify-theft-information) ..... 587-4272

### Insurance Fraud Unit Hotline

Download a fraud referral form from the DCCA website.  
Visit [cca.hawaii.gov/ins/other\\_ins](http://cca.hawaii.gov/ins/other_ins) ..... 587-4272

### Landlord-Tenant Code Information Line

Monday—Friday. 8:00 AM to 12 Noon ..... 586-2634  
Visit [cca.hawaii.gov/ocp/landlord\\_tenant](http://cca.hawaii.gov/ocp/landlord_tenant)

### Consumer Information Line

24 hours a day ..... 587-1234  
An automated system that contains commonly requested consumer messages organized by subject. Visit [cca.hawaii.gov/consumer-dial-information](http://cca.hawaii.gov/consumer-dial-information)

### Online Services

Business & license complaint history search, business name search, certificate of good standing search, various business filings, insurance and professional/vocational license renewals and license search. Visit [cca.hawaii.gov/resources](http://cca.hawaii.gov/resources)

For a one-stop check on complaints history, business registration, license status.  
Visit [www.businesscheck.hawaii.gov](http://www.businesscheck.hawaii.gov)

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