



Dee's Feed

The Newsletter from State Representative Daynette "Dee" Morikawa
16th District—Ni`ihau, Lehua, Koloa, Waimea



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Mahalo Nui Loa!

The 2011 Legislative session ended on Thursday, May 5 on a day known to everyone in the State Capitol as Sine Die. It was a day signifying the end of official business in the building. It was also a day of bittersweet feelings as I felt that myself and my colleagues had accomplished so much in such a short amount of time but also at the same time, there could have been so much more that could have been done to improve our precious State of Hawai'i. This is why I cannot wait to start this process all over again in the 2012 session that begins this upcoming January.

Sine Die also marked the last day of my rookie session as a State Legislator and as such I learned a tremendous amount on the inner workings of our state

government. It was truly an experience that I will cherish for many years to come. With this experience, I also believe I can become an even more effective public servant to your 16th District and the State of Hawai'i. It is this belief that adds to my increased anticipation to start the 2012 session.

But before the 2012 session begins, I need to thank all of you for your tremendous support this past session. I could not have been an effective servant without your guidance and support. This is why I believe in maintaining my open door policy to everyone. Whether you have concern, complaint, or you just want to talk story, my office is open listening to your voice. Together we can create a better Kaua'i, Ni`ihau, and Hawai'i.



Mahalo Nui Loa,

Daynette "Dee" Morikawa
State Representative—16th Dist

Committee Assignments:

- Vice-Chair House Health Committee
- Committee Member of:
 - Finance
 - Human Services
 - Hawaiian Affairs
 - Culture and Arts

Bill Signed by Dee Becomes Law!

HB 865 HD2 SD2 was signed into law May 4, 2011 by Governor Neil Ambercrombie. This bill "increases the fee assessed for the inspection, quarantine, and eradication of invasive species contained in any freight from 50 cents to 75 cents for every 1,000 pounds of freight or part thereof brought into the State." Rep. Morikawa was a vital part in moving this bill through the legislative process. She was a co-

introducer of the bill along with her colleagues Reps. Tsuji, Choy, Chong, and Manahan. The bill can now be found in the Hawaii Revised Statutes as Act 36.





Westside Businessman honored by Rep. Morikawa

January 27, 2011: Representative Daynette "Dee" Morikawa attended the Hawaii Business Magazine's 'Smallbiz Success Awards' reception at the Hawaii Prince Hotel to honor Milton Ozaki; owner of Robert's Of Kauai and Roberts Jewelry. That night, Mr. Ozaki was awarded the '2011 Smallbiz Success Award' in the Family Business category. Here Mr. Ozaki is pictured with his wife Carol and Rep. Dee.



Lets Go Fishing!

Get your fishing reels and tackles ready as through a simple request by Rep Dee to the State Department of Land and Natural Resources, funding to replenish trout populations at the Pu`u Loa Reservoir has been reinstated! This is just an example of the representative's efforts to contribute in her district.


HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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February 14, 2011

The Honorable Neil Abercrombie
 Governor, State of Hawaii
 Executive Chambers, State Capitol
 Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Subject: Funding for the Rainbow Trout Fishing Program at Pu'u Loa Reservoir, Koke'e, Waimea, Kauai.

Dear Governor Abercrombie:

One of the popular family activities on Kauai during the summer months is driving up to Koke'e State Park and Forest Reserve to experience rainbow trout fishing at the Pu'u Loa Reservoir. Each year, hundreds of families flocked to the banks of the reservoir and enjoyed an event unique to the state.

Koke'e is the only location in Hawaii that rainbow trout can be raised due to ideal water temperature and climate. Last year's season brought an estimated 2,000 fishing enthusiasts catching a total of 6,800 trout, averaging 1.5 pounds per trout.

Because the trout cannot reproduce, the DLNR Division of Aquatic Resources purchases trout fry (young trout) from the mainland and would raise them in floating pens within the Pu'u Loa Reservoir until they matured and then released. Without the yearly purchase and rearing of the fry, the rainbow trout population will cease and trout fishing will no longer occur.

This family orientated recreational activity is a much welcomed boost for Kauai's economy. It also brought in an estimated \$10,000 generated through fresh water fishing licenses to the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR). Last fiscal year, \$100,000.00 was appropriated with 75% reimbursed by the Sport Fish Federal Aid Program for the purchase of the fry and rearing of the trout. Moreover, the former DLNR Chairperson refused to release the funds.

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I humbly request your support in having the new DLNR Chairperson release the funding for this unique recreational activity that will also help Kauai and the State in these difficult economic times. Mahalo in advance for your positive consideration to this request.

Sincerely,


 Daynette "Dee" Morikawa
 House of Representatives
 16th District - Ni'ihau, Lehua, Koloa, Waimea

cc: Mr. Francis Onishi, Division of Aquatic Resources


STATE OF HAWAII
 DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES
 HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813

February 28, 2011

The Honorable Daynette "Dee" Morikawa
 House of Representatives, 16th District
 Hawaii State Capitol, Room 310
 Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Representative Morikawa:

Thank you for your letter dated February 14, 2011 to Governor Abercrombie regarding funding to support the rainbow trout fishing program at Pu'u Loa Reservoir, Koke'e, Waimea, Kauai. I am pleased to inform you that earlier this month, I received the reinstatement of this popular project. Currently, the Division of Aquatic Resources is preparing a shipment of approximately 75,000 to 100,000 eyed rainbow trout eggs from the Mount Shasta fish hatchery in California, which should arrive next month.

Fishery Technicians at the Anauau Fisheries Research Center on Sand Island will care for the eggs and juvenile fish, including working on furlough days, as the young trout require care on a daily basis. This additional project is estimated in cost between \$300 to \$1,000 and as you noted in your letter, the majority of the project costs are reimbursable through the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program.

We believe stocking of juvenile rainbow trout at the Koke'e Public Fishing Area should continue as this provides recreational fishing enjoyment for both visitors and residents of Kauai.

Sincerely,


 WILLIAM J. AILA, JR.
 Interim Chairperson

cc: Neil Abercrombie, Governor

The State Budget

This biennium, our State Legislature was faced with a \$1.3 billion deficit. Together with the collective efforts of my colleagues in the legislature, we were able to create a balanced budget that, along with other forms of legislation, was able to cut that deficit approximately in half. We were able to do this through making cuts to the budget and passing revenue increasing bills. Altogether we were able to draw up approximately \$600 million in budgetary cuts and \$600 million in increased revenue legislation.

The following bills were fundamental in managing the State budget for the next biennium:

- **HB 200—The State Budget**
- **HB 575—Extension of Salary Cuts**
- **SB 120—Non-General Fund Transfers**
- **SB 570—Tax Deduction**
- **SB 754—Repeal of GET exemptions**

- **SB 1186—TAT and HTA Cap**
- **HB 1039—Rental Vehicle Surcharge**

More information on these bills can be found on the Hawaii State Legislature's website at: www.capitol.hawaii.gov or you can contact my office.





Highlights Inside Your State Capitol



Vice Chair Dee and Chair Ryan Yamane lead the Health Committee. Here the two host a public hearing where the community can express their opinions on particular bills that have been referred to the Health Committee



Valentine's Day was also Kick Butts Day in the Capitol. Here Rep. Dee is pictured in her office with students from Waimaea and Kapa'a High Schools who participated in the anti-tobacco event



Students from Ke Kula Kaiapuni 'o Anuenue came to testify in support of House Bill 1344 HD1 which promotes the traditional Native Hawaiian method of pounding poi. Here Rep. Dee is congratulating the students on their knowledge of poi and Native Hawaiian fluency



Rep. Dee and her legislative colleagues gather to support Kupuna Day at the State Capitol. Here they are collecting bags of rice to support AARP's food drive



The Hawaii State House of Representatives honored the cast and crew of the television series Hawaii Five-0. Here the reps are taking pictures with some of the honorees



Rep. Dee loves to meet with concerned members of the public. Here she is finishing up her meeting with representatives from the HSTA



Here Rep. Dee takes a picture while talking story with representatives from KIUC. She is probably thanking them for the excellent lunch they provided that day



Hammer time? Here Rep. Dee is participating in Habitat for Humanity's nail driving contest. She hammered 5 nails in one minute!



Even while in the chaos of conference, some reps manage to find the time to attend standing committee hearings. Here Rep. Dee manages to attend a House Human Services Committee Hearing. She is discussing the fate of a Senate Concurrent Resolution with Chair Mizuno and Rep. Pine.



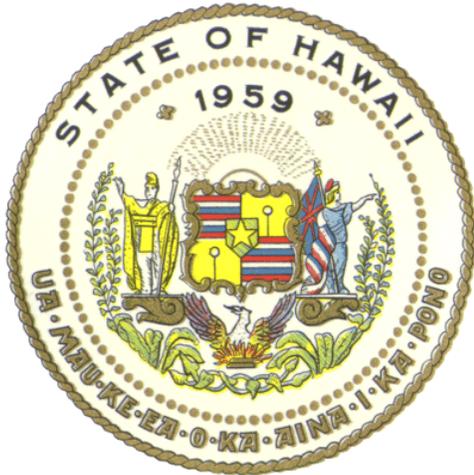
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Rep. Morikawa's Staff

Representative Morikawa is fortunate to have three Kaua'i individuals with various backgrounds on her staff this session:

Mark A. Mararagan, Office Manager

- General Office Management

Tommy Oi, Legislative Aide

- Constituent Matters, Communications,
Community Specialist

Grant Kagawa, Committee Clerk

- Coordinates the Health Committee
logistical needs.

