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A Message from Senator Kahele

Aloha Mai Kākou!

We are just about midway through the legislative session and it is shaping up to be a memorable one. The UH-Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy and the proposed Aviation Training Center at both Hawai'i Community College and UH-Hilo collectively, remains to be a top priority.

Investing in higher education, specifically at UH-Hilo and HawCC will not only benefit our community but it will also compliment Governor Abercrombie's statewide Early Education Initiative. Educational resources for our keiki, haumāna, and makua provides a more secure and prosperous future for all of Hawai'i.

Whatever economic challenges our state may be facing at this time, we must continue to invest in education. Educating the present for the future is the best way to prepare our lāhui for a vast and competitive global society.

Hau'oli ka mana'o,

University of Hawai'i at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy



Dean John Pezzuto
briefs State Legislators



Pat DeLeon, former Chief of Staff to Senator Daniel K. Inouye, provides background information on Senator Inouye's vision of the C.O.P.



A rendering image of the College of Pharmacy facility

On February 21st, the University of Hawai'i Board of Regents approves a package that names four University of Hawai'i programs or facilities in honor of the late Senator Daniel K. Inouye. One program in particular would be the UH-Hilo College of Pharmacy. "His vision was that each neighbor island would harbor a center of excellence, that every island should have its own specialty. The specialty for Hawai'i Island envisioned by Senator Inouye was our own College of Pharmacy," said UH-Hilo Chancellor Donald Straney.



(From L to R: Dean John Pezzuto, Pat DeLeon, Jerry Chang, Senator Kahele, and Kate Stanley)

The following day, Dean John Pezzuto of the University of Hawai'i at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy held an informational briefing for the members of the legislature here at the State Capitol. The event was hosted by Senator Kahele and Representative Tsuji.

The Hawai'i State Senate Honors our Constituents with Senate Certificates



Senators congratulate Waiakea Intermediate School student **Emily Fujita**, the 2013 Youth Honoree for the Arthritis Foundation, Hawai'i Office. **Emily** was also recognized by Rep. Onishi and the House of Representatives. (From L to R) Senator Kahele, Senate President Kim, Sherri Fujita (mother), **Emily**, Senator Solomon, Jennifer Hee (Arthritis Foundation), Senator Espero and Senator Chun Oakland



University of Hawai'i at Hilo held its Annual Distinguished Alumni and Service Awards Banquet on February 22, 2013. This year's Distinguished Alumni honorees were **Bishop Eric Matsumoto, Dr. Larry Kimura and Valerie Takata**. The Distinguished Service honoree was **Gerald De Mello**. (From L to R) Rep. Tsuji, **Bishop Matsumoto**, Randy Kurohara, **Dr. Kimura**, Senator Kahele, **Ms. Takata, Mr. De Mello** and Chancellor Straney



A Senate floor presentation was held to honor retired Hawai'i County Fire Chief **Daniel Ayala** for his induction into the Senior Softball World Hall of Fame. Senate President Kim and Senator Kahele welcomes Mr. Ayala's family and friends.



Hilo High School Foundation honors three outstanding alumnus at its third annual recognition dinner. Senator Kahele presented **Robert "Bobby" Fujimoto, Larry "Juice" Isemoto and Armando Mendoza** with a Senate Certificate for their service, dedication and commitment to excellence to the Hawai'i Island community.

2013 Legislative Calendar

March

1st First Decking
7th First Crossover
11th Budget Decking
13th Budget Crossover
Last day to Introduce Substantive Resolutions
14th Second Triple Referral Filing deadline
22nd Second Lateral

April

1st First Lateral for Senate Concurrent Resolutions
2nd First Lateral for House Concurrent Resolutions
5th Second Decking
11th Second Crossover and Last day to Disagree
12th First Crossover for Concurrent Resolutions
19th Constitutional Amendments: Deadline for Final Form
22nd Second Crossover for Concurrent Resolutions
25th Last Day to File Non-Fiscal Bills to Deck for Final Reading
26th Last Day to File Fiscal Bills to Deck for Final Reading

May

2nd Adjournment *sine die* (Last Day of Session)

Bill Status

If you would like to check the status of a particular bill, please visit the Capitol's website at www.capitol.hawaii.gov.

Enter your bill number in "Bill Status/Measure Status," the top box, in the left hand column.

The status sheet is an excellent source of information.

- Click on the bill number, at the top of the page, to view the most current version of the bill.
- Use the "Submit Testimony" button to the right of the bill number to submit your testimony.
- The top section provides a summary of the bill, followed by a chronological listing of the progress of the bill.
- On the right hand column, you will be able to view all versions of the bill, testimonies submitted, as well as the hearing notices.



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