



SENATOR KAIALI'I KAHELE

NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2016

Aloha!

On behalf of my 'ohana and the hard working office staff here at the Capitol, I would like to wish you and your loved ones a happy and healthy holiday season.

For me, the holiday season is a chance to celebrate with family and friends, eat some 'ono food, give thanks for all the blessings from the year, and to spend some quality time with my wife Maria and our three daughters, 'Ale'a, 'Iolana and Nāmaka.

This year has been a challenging one for our family, our office, and the District of Hilo. The sudden passing of my father, the late Senator Gilbert Kahele, and the recent passing of the late Representative Clift Tsuji, serve to remind me of how precious life is and to reinforce my commitment to public service and building a brighter future for Hawai'i.

In closing, I would also like to acknowledge the members of our military, specifically the men and women of the Hawai'i Army and Air National Guard, for their service to our State and Nation. Each and every day these part-time citizen soldiers and their families make great sacrifices so that we can enjoy the freedoms and holidays we enjoy today.

Again, mahalo nui loa for the opportunity to serve as your Senator for Hilo. I look forward to working hard, making you proud, and building a better Hawai'i for our future generations.

Mele Kalikimaka a me ka Hau'oli Makahiki Hou!

Imua Hawai'i,



**Mele Kalikimaka a
me ka Hau'oli Makahiki Hou!**

Opening Day 2017

Senator Kaiali'i Kahele

cordially invites you to visit

his Senate office following the

Opening Day Ceremony

On Wednesday,

the 18th of January

Two-thousand and seventeen

12 noon

Hawai'i State Capitol

Room 213

The Opening Day Ceremony will begin at 10:00 am in the Senate Chamber. Admission to the Senate Gallery will be first come, first served.

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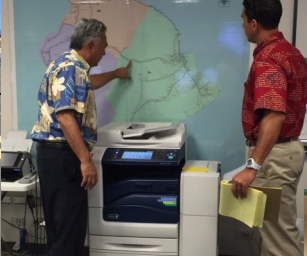
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Year in Review, Working for YOU...



Hawai`i State Senate Leadership & Committee Assignments



Twenty-Ninth Legislature

President: Ronald D. Kouchi

Vice President: Michelle N. Kidani

Majority Leader: J. Kalani English

Majority Caucus Leader: Brickwood Galuteria

Majority Floor Leader: Will Espero

Majority Whip: Donovan M. Dela Cruz

Assistant Majority Whip: Brian T. Taniguchi

AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT (AEN)

Gabbard, Mike (Chair)
Riviere, Gil (Vice Chair)
Nishihara, Clarence K.
Rhoads, Karl
Ruderman, Russell E.

COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH (CPH)

Baker, Rosalyn H. (Chair)
Nishihara, Clarence K. (Vice Chair)
Chang, Stanley
Espero, Will
Ihara, Jr., Les
Kidani, Michelle N.
Ruderman, Russell E.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, TOURISM, AND TECHNOLOGY (ETT)

Wakai, Glenn (Chair)
Taniguchi, Brian T. (Vice Chair)
Baker, Rosalyn H.
Galuteria, Brickwood
Thielen, Laura H.

EDUCATION (EDU)

Kidani, Michelle N. (Chair)
Kahele, Kaiali'i (Vice Chair)
Dela Cruz, Donovan M.
Espero, Will
Riviere, Gil

GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS (GVO)

Kim, Donna Mercado (Chair)
Ruderman, Russell E. (Vice Chair)
Galuteria, Brickwood
Rhoads, Karl
Tokuda, Jill N.

HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS (HWN)

Shimabukuro, Maile S. L. (Chair)
Galuteria, Brickwood (Vice Chair)
English, J. Kalani
Green, Josh
Kim, Donna Mercado

HIGHER EDUCATION (HRE)

Kahele, Kaiali'i (Chair)
Kidani, Michelle N. (Vice Chair)
Espero, Will
Keith-Agaran, Gilbert S. C.
Taniguchi, Brian T.

HOUSING (HOU)

Espero, Will (Chair)
Harimoto, Breene (Vice Chair)
Kahele, Kaiali'i
Keith-Agaran, Gilbert S. C.
Nishihara, Clarence K.

HUMAN SERVICES (HMS)

Green, Josh (Chair)
Chang, Stanley (Vice Chair)
Harimoto, Breene
Tokuda, Jill N.
Wakai, Glenn

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS AND THE ARTS (IAA)

Taniguchi, Brian T. (Chair)
English, J. Kalani (Vice Chair)
Chang, Stanley
Ihara, Jr., Les
Shimabukuro, Maile S. L.

JUDICIARY AND LABOR (JDL)

Keith-Agaran, Gilbert S. C. (Chair)
Rhoads, Karl (Vice Chair)
Gabbard, Mike
Kim, Donna Mercado
Thielen, Laura H.

PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS (PSM)

Nishihara, Clarence K. (Chair)
Wakai, Glenn (Vice Chair)
Baker, Rosalyn H.
Ihara, Jr., Les
Thielen, Laura H.

TRANSPORTATION AND ENERGY (TRE)

Inouye, Lorraine R. (Chair)
Dela Cruz, Donovan M. (Vice Chair)
English, J. Kalani
Harimoto, Breene
Shimabukuro, Maile S. L.

WATER AND LAND (WTL)

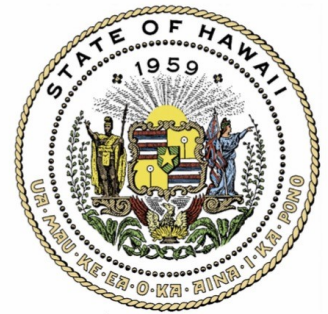
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Gabbard, Mike (Vice Chair)
Inouye, Lorraine R.
Kim, Donna Mercado
Thielen, Laura H.

WAYS AND MEANS (WAM)

Tokuda, Jill N. (Chair)
Dela Cruz, Donovan M. (Vice Chair)
English, J. Kalani
Galuteria, Brickwood
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Wakai, Glenn



*Saturday
with your Senator*



**STATE SENATOR
KAIALI'I KAHELE**

**What's Saturday with
your Senator?**

"Saturday with your Senator" is a two-hour event for community members to meet and talk story with Senator Kaiali'i Kahele.

Fashioned after the popular "Coffee with a Cop" initiative, the idea is to facilitate communication between residents and the Senator to foster positive relationships and find solutions for the community's most pressing issues.

If you can't see the Senator on December 17th, no problem! His next "Saturday with Your Senator" event will be:

Next Event

**Saturday, January 14th
KTA Puainako, Hilo
50 East Puainako St.
9am to 11am**

We hope to see you and your 'ohana there!



**State Senator
Kaiali'i Kahele**

*Building relationships
and talking issues
that matter to OUR
community!*

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