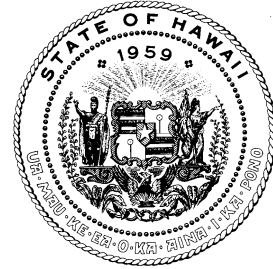


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### HAWAII STATE CAPITOL HOLDS 4<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL ART AT THE CAPITOL

OAHU – The Hawaii State Legislature will host the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual "Art at the Capitol" event this Friday, March 2, 2012, from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. "Art at the Capitol" is a unique opportunity for the public to view over 460 works of state owned art displayed in the offices of legislators and executive offices located in the State Capitol.

Representing the 7<sup>th</sup> Senatorial District, Senator Ronald D. Kouchi stated, "I believe it is important to support art and our local artists. Numerous studies have shown that art stimulates and develops imagination and critical thinking, while refining cognitive and creative skills. Included in my office collection of state sponsored artwork are pieces from Kauai artists, David Kuraoka, Phyllis Kunimura, Paul Yardley, and Koloa born and raised Take Hama."

Senator Kouchi further added, "In addition to the state sponsored art in my office, I have on display several pieces of my personally owned artwork from Kauai artists, Kerry Oda, Noah Silva, and a commissioned ceramic piece from Judy Mahon."

(Photo caption: A hand crafted artwork by Kauai Artist Judy Mahon of Luki Arts is displayed in Senator Ronald D. Kouchi's office at the State Capitol)

(Photo courtesy: The Office of Senator Ronald D. Kouchi)

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