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ALL ABOUT AG & H2O!

Senator Ryan cares deeply about agriculture, natural resources, and those who make their living working the land. She grew up on a farm in Molokai, raising crops such as mango, along with chickens, pigs, and cows.

Now, as the Senator representing District 25, which includes quite a large area of agricultural land in Waimanalo and Hawaii Kai, she is committed to improving the lives of those who grow our produce. Addi-

tionally, she wants to make sure that our state's natural resources are used appropriately and protected.



Food security is another related issue that Senator Ryan is passionate about. She firmly believes that she and other state officials

must advocate for smaller scale family farms that are being adversely affected by bringing attention to federal agencies concerning the imposition of corporate driven policies. She will be addressing correspondence with her colleagues explaining Hawaii's unique circumstances and how small farms are being driven out by mainland competition due to ineligibility to sell their products in our chain and box stores.



DEPT OF AGRICULTURE (DOA)

Promotes the conservation, development and utilization of agricultural resources of the state. Assists farmers and others engaged in agriculture by means to improve the well-being of those engaged in increasing the productivity of lands. To administer programs related to animal husbandry, entomology, farm credit, product and market production, product grading and labeling. Administers aquaculture program, among other responsibilities.

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DEPT OF LAND &

NATURAL RESOURCES (DLNR)

Manages and administers Hawaii's public lands and minerals thereon and all water and coastal areas (except commercial harbors). Responsibility includes soil conservation function, forests and forest reserves, aquatic life, wildlife resources, state parks, including historic sites, and all activities therein including boating, ocean recreation and coastal areas programs.

2011 Agricultural Legislation

These pages contain information on legislation that was proposed and passed during the 2011 Legislative Session.

Senator Ryan remains committed to supporting measures that will have benefit to our agriculture communities. Please share your comments, concerns, or ideas with her office so she can draft a legislative agenda this is constituent driven.

ACT 184 (SBI153)

NEW FARMER PROGRAM

Revises the New Farmer Program by qualifying new farmers based on ability, experience, and training, in addition to other requirements. Specifies that class "F" loans only require one credit denial to qualify for the program and authorizes the Board of Agriculture to waive the credit denial requirement for emergency loans. Sets loan rates at 1.5% below the prime rate or 6%, whichever is less. Increases loan limits from \$100,000 to \$200,000 or 85% of project cost.



ACT 208 (HB227)

TRESPASSING ON AG LANDS

Makes entering or remaining unlawfully on agricultural lands without permission an offense of criminal trespass in the second degree if the lands are fenced, enclosed or secured to exclude the general public and has signage is posted to give reasonable notice prohibiting trespassing. Also limits the liability for land owners for injury, death, loss or damage suffered by a trespasser with certain exceptions.

ACT 202 (HB1568)

BIOSECURITY AND ISPECTION

Requires the Department of Transportation to coordinate with the Department of Agriculture to facilitate inspections of imported and exported agriculture and other inspected commodities at airports. Requires the Department of Transportation to provide space at commercial harbors for biosecurity and inspection facilities and requires the Department of Transportation and Department of Agriculture to design and construct biosecurity and inspection facilities for the Department of Agriculture at harbors.

ACT 207 (HB331)

PUBLIC LAND LEASES

Allows the Board of Land and Natural Resources to extend the fixed rental period or term of certain leases (i.e. intensive agricultural, aquaculture, commercial, special livestock, pasture, industrial); provided that the aggregate of initial term and any extension granted does not exceed 65 years. *(previous maximum lease term was set at 55 years)*



GOVERNOR'S ACTIONS

Governor Neil Abercrombie returned several agriculture bills to the Legislature with his veto message. These included:



HOUSE BILL 667

Would have created a food safety and security program to provide training, certification, support and assistance to the agriculture industry to combat the threat of food contamination.

The Governor's statement of objections reads, in part,

"The Department must develop and implement programs to educate the agricultural industry to meet state and federal laws, rules, and regulations. However, the authority to adopt administrative rules for the new program has not been provided and funds have not been appropriated to support this program. This issue is important enough that this Administration will work to put together comprehensive legislation including a funding mechanism for the next legislative session."

SENATE BILL 1559

Would have established incentives for designate "important agricultural lands" including priority permit processing and renewals and preferential utility rates for purchase of energy used for agricultural activities with PUC approval.

The Governor's statement of objections reads, in part,

"This bill is objectionable because this measure may create implementation issues involving dispute resolution, monitoring, and compliance. Furthermore, additional consideration should be given to the overall development of agriculture and which agricultural activities deserve additional support through incentives or favorable treatment."



Senator Ryan participating in agricultural tours and site visits in Waimanalo and across Oahu, 2011.





Our Hawaii Dept. of Agriculture working to market local growers. Over 45 Hawaii companies currently participate in this successful program. This is exactly the type of program our state must support in order to show dedication to strengthening agricultural production.



PROGRAM OVERVIEW

A statewide branding program to protect the integrity and value of the “Hawaii” marketing cachet and help our genuine fresh and processed products compete equally and fairly with “look alike” products from elsewhere.

One-year, renewable licensing agreement and a licensing fee of one-half cent per anticipated impression or 105 percent of the printing cost for stickers will be collected. Fees will help offset costs of program administration, marketing and promotional activities. State and Federal funds

PROGRAM QUALIFICATIONS

- Hawaii point of origin
- 100 percent grown in Hawaii for fresh produce
- For value-added, processed agricultural and food products, the primary agricultural product must be entirely produced in the State of Hawaii
- Quality, as determined by Hawaii State export standards/laws and trade associations (i.e. Hawaii Food Manufacturers Assoc.) guidelines

ENFORCEMENT & PENALTIES

- HDOA may suspend or revoke the license to use the seal when an authorized user violates the Hawaii Administrative Rules (4-7-135 HAR)
- Fine of not more than \$1,000 for each separate offense. Each day or instance of violation constitutes a separate offense



Department
of Agriculture
STATE OF HAWAII

Market Development Branch
Agricultural Development Division
Tel. (808) 973-9595 • Fax (808) 973-9590

*One time, non-refundable application fee of \$50 per product line.

Participation will be approved by HDOA and the industry panel

PEOPLE • PLACES • PRODUCTS



The Hawai'i Seals of Quality label guarantees a genuine, high-quality product from Hawai'i.

The Hawai'i Seals of Quality is a branding program, enforced by the Hawai'i Department of Agriculture. Only the finest of the island's agricultural products can bear the seal that distinguishes a true premium Hawai'i product.

Products in this program must satisfy the following requirements:

Hawai'i point of origin

Fresh produce must be grown in Hawai'i

Value-added products, processed agricultural and food products must be entirely produced in the State of Hawai'i

Meet quality standards determined by Hawai'i State export standards and laws and by trade associations

PROGRAM HISTORY TIMELINE

Summer 2001: Conversations began among members of public and private sectors involved in agriculture on the need to have a Hawaii Seal of Quality program. Earlier efforts, including the Grown-in-Hawaii, Made-in-Hawaii and Island Fresh lacked key quality control and enforcement components.

Summer 2002: The State Legislature passed Act 163, mandating the Hawaii Dept. of Agriculture (HDOA) to establish a Hawaii Seal of Quality program to protect the integrity and value of the "Hawaii" brand and help our genuine island grown and made products compete equally and fairly with fraudulent "Hawaiian" products.

Fall 2002: HDOA contracts with the Hawaii Marketing Alliance (HMA) to develop the program and purchases all rights relating to Made-in-Hawaii and Grown-in-Hawaii logos.

2003-2004: HMA works on brand strategy and conducts presentations with industry stakeholders on all major islands.

2004-2005: HDOA works with the Hawaii Tourism Authority (HTA) to license seal, draft contracts and review promotional activities. HDOA drafts and gains approval of administrative rules and seeks regulatory approval from the Board of Agriculture and Small Business Regulatory Review Board and holds public hearings

2006: Marketing plan update, funding sources secured. Official launch of Seal of Quality program.

www.sealofquality.hawaii.gov



To learn more go to the official website.

Interested in signing up?

See contact info on left page.

Historic Sites of Senate District 25

Paikō Lagoon

Location: End of Bay St., makai of Kalaniana'ole Hwy, adjacent to Kuliouou Beach parking lot.



Historic information obtained from "Ancient Sites of Oahu" by Van James.. Proceeds to Native Hawaiian Culture & Arts Program and Bishop Museum Press.
www.bishopmuseum.org/press

Maunalua Bay is accessed from the Maunalua Bay Beach Park, Makai of Kalaniana'ole Highway, and opposite the end of Hawaii Kai Drive.

In 1848, as a result of the Great Mahele, it became possible to buy and sell property in Hawaii. At that time most of the Maunalua Paiko land and water rights were acquired by a Portuguese whaler named Manuel De Pico, for \$800. De Pico subsequently changed his name to the much more Hawaiian, Paiko.

birds, including the endangered stilt (ae'o). The adjacent Kuliouou Beach Park is a small community park with restrooms and access to shallow reef flats.

Punakou and five that were unnamed.

Paiko Lagoon Wildlife Sanctuary is managed by DLNR. Additional monitoring of the Maunalua Bay area are organized by the community non-profits Malama Maunalua and the Maunalua Fishpond Heritage Center. These groups are dedicated to preserving the cultural and ecological heritage of coastal East Oahu.



Paiko Lagoon Wildlife Sanctuary was established in 1981 and is a Marine Protected Area fed by freshwater springs. The lagoon is home to migratory

As recently as the 1930's, there were eleven recognized fishponds in the East Oahu area including: Maunalua, Paiko, Kupapa, Kamoana, Wailupe,

Maunalua, East Oahu

To learn more about the history and resources of the Maunalua Bay area or to find volunteer opportunities please visit:

www.malamamaunalua.org

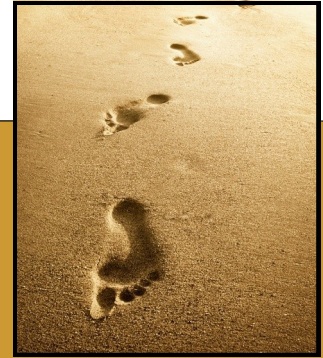
www.maunaluafishpondheritage.com

Senator on the MOVE!

7/04 – Kailua 4th of July Parade
 7/04 – Independence Day at Maunaloa Bay
 7/06 – Aha Kuka Olelo, Waimanalo
 7/07 – Geothermal Info Briefing, Honolulu
 7/07 – Kailua Farmers Market
 7/07 – Kailua Neighborhood Board Meeting
 7/08 – Hawaii Clean Energy Forum, Honolulu
 7/09 – HI Environmental Education Alliance, Sea Life Park
 7/10 – 4H Livestock Competition, Kualoa

7/10 – HPD Bike Safety meeting, Kailua
 7/11 – PETCO Opening, Kaneohe
 7/11 – Waimanalo Neighborhood Board
 7/12 – Kailua Beach Commercial Activities Mtg w/ DLNR
 7/13 – Hawaiian Affairs Info Briefing, Honolulu
 7/15 – Hickam Communities Tour, Pearl Harbor
 7/16 – Ni'i Farm Site Visit, Kamilonui
 7/19 – Bellows National Guard Site Visit, Waimanalo

7/19 – Windward CIV/MIL meeting, MCBH
 7/20 – Manoa Innovation Center tour, Honolulu
 7/20 – Summer Fun Program, Waimanalo Beach Park
 7/22 – Agriculture Security meeting, Kunia
 7/23 – Ulupo Heiau Hoike, Kailua
 7/27 – Waimanalo Town Hall Meeting, Bellows
 7/29 – Host CSG West, Honolulu
 7/29 – Waimanalo Country Fair



Youth Conservation Corps & MCBH Partnership

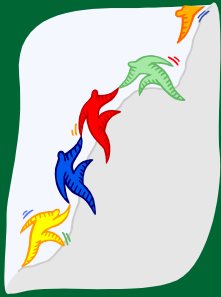
This summer two teams from the Hawaii Youth Conservation Corps (HYCC) each spent a week at Marine Corps Base Hawaii (MCBH) doing service projects in and around the wetland and wildlife areas. The work involved removal of destructive invasive plants that choke out native species on the Marine Corps Base. They cleared mangrove and kiawe near the Mokapu Peninsula Shoreline and nearby wet marsh. This vital restoration enhances habitats for endangered spe-

cies such as moorhen and the Hawaiian stilt. The military is committed to caring for the fragile ecosystems in Hawaii and has been partnering with HYCC over the course of many years.

The HYCC is a truly invaluable program for all involved and, most importantly, the environment. In fact, Senator Ryan fondly remembers her first job as a teenager with the HYCC on Molokai restoring Kawela Wetlands and trapping mongoose. She shares that this experience

has contributed to her lifelong appreciation for the land and the need for diligent conservation. She is extremely pleased that HYCC and MCBH have partnered in such a venture providing the base with very appreciated labor and the Hawaii youth with an opportunity to learn and also receive an educational stipend from AmeriCorps.





Volunteer Opportunities

Waimanalo's Hawaii Food Bank needs volunteers to pack bags of food and make other arrangements for those in need. Volunteer opportunities are every Wednesday at 4:00 pm. St. Matthew's Episcopal, Waimanalo. Please call Aunty Nickie Hines to help at 259-8406.

Seagull Pre-School has many volunteer opportunities for those who enjoy helping young keiki ages 2-5. There are many choices ranging from reading to the kids to taking them on field trips. Contact: Jayne Arasaki, 674-1444

Community Helping Schools is dedicated to improve the quality of education in Hawaii's public schools. Many public schools turn to Community Helping Schools with requests for various volunteer services. You can see what the schools need help with on Community Helping School's website at <http://communityhelpingschools.org/wishes/volunteer>, Contact: Kathie Wells, 225-2621

Sea Life Park has various volunteer opportunities to help both the animals and the community. If you enjoy working with animals you can help rehabilitate sick and injured seabirds, or if you want to educate the community you can assist with student outreach programs. More information and applications are on their website www.sealifeparkhawaii.com/educintern_volunteer.asp. Contact: Brianna Saylor, 259-2513.

Community Events

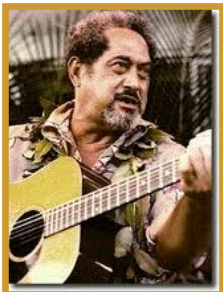
SATURDAY, AUG 6

9am—6pm

Waimanalo Beach Park

Gabby Pahinui Kanikapila

Free Admission. Live music, hula, crafts and food vendors. Proceeds to benefit perpetuation of Hawaii's musical heritage. (Gabbypahinui.com)



SUNDAY, AUG 7

11am—5pm

Waimanalo Health Center (41-1347 Kalaniana'ole Hwy)

Free event offering health screenings, information, lomilomi, Zumba and Tai Chi demonstrations. Live entertainment and refreshments

259-7948

(Waimanalohealth.org)



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