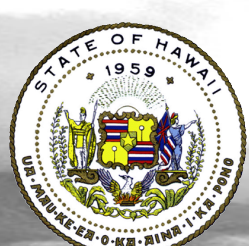




# Senator Shan S. Tsutsui

## District 4

### Wailuku, Waihe'e, Paia, Lower Paia



January 2011

#### 2011 Opening Day at the Hawaii State Capitol

On January 19, 2011, the first legislative floor session of the year convened at the Hawaii State Capitol for Opening Day of the Twenty-Sixth Legislature. A departure from Opening Day 2010, this year's ceremony included traditional pomp and circumstance, complete with flowers, song and dance. "I felt it was important we set a positive tone for the upcoming session and welcome our new Senators in the traditional celebratory fashion" said Senate President Tsutsui.

Floor session was called to order at 10am then proceeded with an opening prayer, the National Anthem and Hawai'i Pono'i by Mr. Danny Kaleikini. After administration of the Oath of Office to the new members, Senate President Tsutsui delivered remarks addressing the work that lay before the Legislature this session as well as his positive attitude toward the future. In his message Senate President noted that "Balancing the needs of today with one eye on the future will be critical," but "better days are ahead."

After the Senate President's message, Senators, guests and members of the public were entertained by the Kamehameha School Choir, Society of Seven and Willie K. Guests in attendance included Governor Neil Abercrombie, Lieutenant Governor Brian Schatz, county officials from across the State, as well as former Governors George Ariyoshi, John Waihee, Ben Cayetano and Linda Lingle. Following the close of session, Senate President Tsutsui hosted public refreshments of Okuhara Saimin and Nu'uano Okazuya Teriyaki Beef Sticks in room 409.



Senate President with his wife Lyndelle and daughters Mikayla, Kaylee and Kenna



Chief Justice Mark E. Recktenwald swearing in Senate members



Senate President Tsutsui addressing members, guests and the public



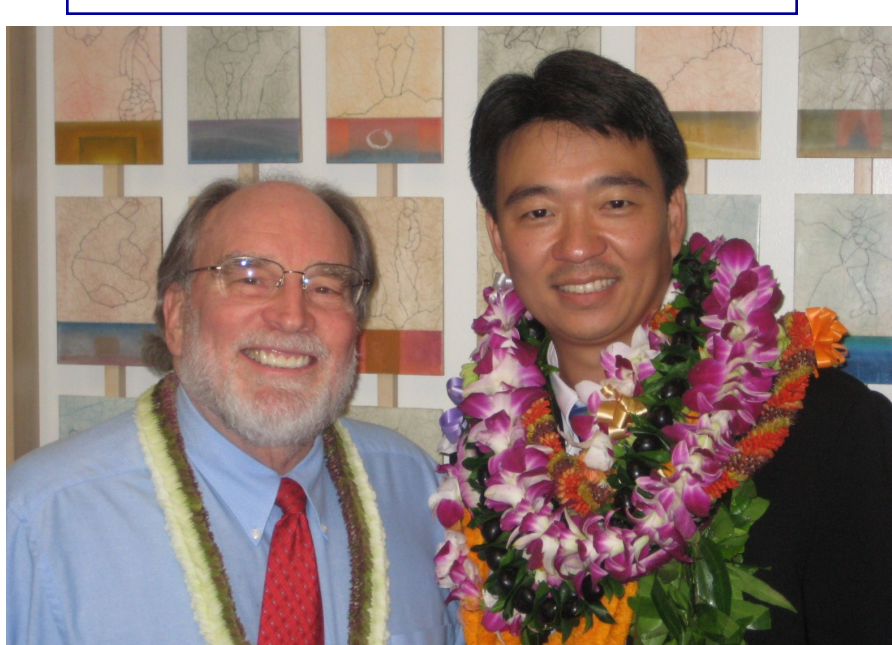
The Kamehameha School Choir entertaining the audience



Entertainer Willie K's closing performance



MEO members stopping by to congratulate the Senate President



Governor Abercrombie and Senate President Tsutsui



Family and friends enjoying refreshments in the Senate President's Office

#### Maui's First Aloha 'Āina Earth Day

This January, Senator Tsutsui was proud to host Maui's first ever Aloha 'Āina Earth Day (AAED). Held at Baldwin High School on the 15<sup>th</sup> from 8am-2pm, some of the items accepted included scrap metals, bicycles, appliances, newspaper, cardboard, computers and printers. According to AAED coordinator Rene Mansho, volunteers kept busy assisting a steady stream of residents dropping off their unwanted goods making the inaugural event quite a success. All proceeds collected from recyclables will be donated to Baldwin High School.



Senate President Tsutsui with Aloha 'Āina Earth Day volunteers

#### Maui County Council Inauguration

On January 3, 2011, the Maui County Council held its inauguration ceremony at the Kalana O Maui building in Wailuku. Anthony P. Taki-tani served as the Master of Ceremonies and Senate President Shan S. Tsutsui delivered the keynote address. Judge Blaine Kobayashi administered the Oath of Office to Council Members Gladys Coelho Baisa, Robert Carroll, Elle Cochran, Donald G. Couch, Jr., G. Riki Hokama, Danny A. Mateo, Joseph Pontanilla, Michael P. Victorino, and Mike White for a two year term.

To watch Senate President Tsutsui's keynote speech click [here](#).

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