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Mark Your Calendar

End of Session Talk Story with Rep. Har

Saturday, May 9, 2015
9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Kapolei High School Teacher's Lounge
Re-cap highlights of the 2015 legislative session

Island Pacific Academy Graduation

Saturday, May 23, 2015
4:30 p.m.

Lanikuhonua

Admission by ticket only

Kapolei High School Graduation

Friday, May 29, 2015
6:00 p.m.

Kapolei High School Stadium

Celebrate Kapolei High School's Eleventh Commencement Ceremony

Mākeke Market

Thursdays

3:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Kapolei High School Parking Lot

Farmers' Market including produce, baked goods and food truck vendors

Aloha Friends,

I hope you and your families are well. It is hard to believe that as of this printing there are only two weeks left of our 2015 legislative session. We have begun the conference committee process to reconcile differences between House and Senate versions of bills. There is still much to be done before we adjourn on May 7th and I will continue to work on ways to improve all measures that come before me, and fully address the diverse issues that are important to the people of the State of Hawai'i.

I would also like to personally invite you to my end of session "talk story" which will be held on **Saturday, May 9, 2015, from 9:00-10:00 a.m. in the teachers' lounge at Kapolei High School.** I will provide a recap of the 2015 legislative session covering the state budget and bills that have passed. I hope to see you there.

As always, should you have any questions or comments to share with me, please do not hesitate to contact my office. Mahalo for allowing me the privilege of serving as your state representative.

Mahalo,

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HO'OKELE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ON SCHEDULE TO OPEN IN JULY



L-R: Principal Lauren Dunn, Rep. Sharon Har, and Kiewit Building Group, Inc. Project Manager, Mr. Damon R. Gray at Ho'okele Elementary School.

On April 15, 2015, Rep. Har participated in a site visit and tour of our newest school, Ho'okele Elementary School, located on Kunehi Street near the Mehana development in Kapolei. The 7-building campus is being built by the Kiewit Building Group, and will serve up to 750 students in grades Pre-K through 5. The school will be Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design (LEED) certified, integrating energy-saving measures such as natural lighting, and includes '21st Century Schools' design standards. The Department of Education and Principal Lauren Dunn will open up Ho'okele's doors to new students on July 29, 2015.

The school is still accepting registration for the upcoming school year. Registration will be held Mondays-Fridays at the Kapolei Community School for Adults located on Kapolei High School's campus from 7:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Visit <http://hookele.hidoe.us/> to make sure you have the proper documentation for registration, and to see if your child is eligible to enroll, or call (808) 305-8339 for more information.



PACK NEEDS YOUR KŌKUA

The Performing Arts Center of Kapolei (PACK) is an after-school theatre program for students of all ages, funded through production fees, ticket sales, and outside contributions. As a testament to their commitment to keiki and 'ohana, PACK is taking their talented young artists to Florida in February 2016 to perform at the National Performing Arts Festival at Disney World. Students will also participate in professional workshops focusing on dance, vocals and musical theater.

This trip requires airfare, hotel, park passes, transportation and food, in addition to production expenses such as costumes, props and music. PACK students and families have been working very hard to raise the funds for this trip, but please consider donating today to help provide these children with an amazing opportunity. For more information, please contact PACK's Treasurer, Lisa Shaw, at (808) 352-3281 or packapolei96707@gmail.com. You can also visit PACK's website: <http://www.packapolei.org/>.

FUNDING RELEASED FOR DISTRICT PROJECTS

Governor Ige announced the release of Capital Improvement Project (CIP) funds for improvements benefitting our House district on April 10, 2015. Projects totaling over \$36 million include:

H-1 Freeway, Kapolei Interchange Complex — \$5,381,000 — Construction of the Wakea Street Overpass at the Kapolei Interchange, an off-ramp from the H-1 Freeway to Wakea Street, and an on-ramp from Wakea Street to Farrington Highway to reduce traffic congestion.

Kalaeloa Enterprise Energy Corridor — \$320,000 — Planning, design and construction to repair the Kalaeloa Enterprise Energy Corridor.

Youth Challenge Academy, Bldg. 32 Repair & Improvements — \$280,000 — Repairs and improvements for the renovation of Bldg. 32.

Department of Education Lump Sum CIP — \$30,500,000 — Construction funding for school repairs and maintenance.

COMMUNITY NEWS / AT THE CAPITOL



Top Left: Rep. Har offered the opening speech to begin the Starbucks Global Month of Service on April 7, 2015. More than 100 volunteers participated in a series of service projects to improve the Kumuhonua Transitional Housing Living Center in Kalaeloa.

Top Right: L-R - Kahu Hanalei Marzan, Rep. Har, Jeff Dinsmore (MacNaughton Group), George del Fierro (T.J. Maxx), and Todd Hedrick (MacNaughton Group) participated in the grand opening of T.J. Maxx' fourth O'ahu store at Kapolei Commons on April 9, 2015.

Left: Reps. Har and Cullen welcomed Mrs. Oya's Kapolei High School - Human Services Academy 11th grade students to the State Capitol on April 8, 2015. Students toured the Capitol and Judiciary to learn about the branches of government.