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Dear Friends,

I hope this finds you and your families well. As you know special session on same sex marriage will convene on October 28. If you have not already done so, please register to receive legislative hearing notices at capitol.hawaii.gov/login/register.aspx. The hearing notice will provide information on when and where the same-sex marriage bill will be heard and also include information on when, where, and how you may submit testimony on the bill.

I also wanted to inform you that the state Department of Transportation (DOT) has closed Runway 8R-26L at the Honolulu International Airport for airfield maintenance work. As a result of the closure, DOT has advised that there will be an increase in aircraft traffic over Ewa and Honolulu as a result of modified flight patterns. Please call 587-2160 if you have any questions.

October is Domestic Violence Awareness and Breast Cancer Awareness Month. For more information on Domestic Violence Awareness and Breast Cancer Awareness month, please visit hscadv.org and komenhawaii.org.

Aloha,
Sharon Har
Representative, 42nd District
Kapolei, Makakilo

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HAWAII HEALTH CONNECTOR OPENS FOR BUSINESS

The Hawaii Health Connector (HHC), an online insurance marketplace established in 2011 as a nonprofit organization by the state Legislature through ACT 205 (2011), to comply with the 2010 Federal Affordable Care Act, has opened for business. The HHC was designed to help individuals, families and small businesses take advantage of the health insurance choices available to them. And to also provide information on subsidies and federal tax credits for health plan purchasers.

The HHC was set up to provide Hawai'i residents with a clear and easy way to compare health plans, benefits and costs to help healthcare consumers find coverage that best fits their needs.

State-certified health insurance exchanges were supposed to debut their websites by Oct. 1 to allow browsing for health insurance plans but when HHC unveiled its website earlier this month, plans weren't available due to glitches with getting the website up. Consumers have until Dec. 7 to enroll in insurance plans for coverage beginning Jan. 1, the earliest date for plans to be available through HHC. Enrollment will continue until March 31st. There are approximately 100,000 people in Hawaii who have no health insurance.

To find out more information, please visit the Hawaii Health Connector's website at hawaiihealthconnector.com or by calling 877-628-5076 from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., seven days a week.

READING IS FUNDAMENTAL

Representative Har visited Kapolei Elementary School on October 8th to read to Kapolei Elementary School students as part of the Read Aloud program. The Read Aloud program motivates children to develop a passion for reading and literature. It stimulates a child's imagination, promotes early learning skills, offers children new vocabulary and other tools for self-expression and inspires children to read on their own. For more information on the Read Aloud program, please visit readaloudamerica.org or call 531-1985.



KAPOLEI COMMUNITY WORKDAY A SUCCESS!

Over a hundred volunteers participated in the community workday that took place on Saturday, October 5th. The work day was sponsored by E Ola Pono Ma Kapolei. We wish to thank the many volunteers, and the following individuals, groups, businesses and organizations for making the community work day possible.

The leadership group for the E Ola Pono Ma Kapolei coalition:

- Gerogette Stevens, Coalition Chairperson
- Virginia Jackson, Community Coordinator
- Cheryl Labuguen, Community Coordinator for EW-Alution 96706 Coalition
- Melissa-Kim Tom, Program Manager, Coalition for a Drug-Free Hawaii
- Cheryl Kameoka, Coalition for a Drug-Free Hawaii
- Elden Esmeralda, Principal, Kapolei High School
- Bruce Nugawa, Principal, Kapolei Middle School
- Lolita Takeda, PCNC, Kapolei High School
- Terry Bunkley, PCNC, Kapolei Middle School

Team leaders who organized and supervised volunteers:

- Scott Fuji, Goodwill Industries (Kamokila Park)
- Vela Heleniki, Kapolei High School Polynesian Club (Kapolei Community Park)
- Shad Kane, Hawaiian Civic Club (Kalaeloa Trail and Cultural Park)
- Leroy Contee, Youth Challenge Academy (Hula Mound in Kapolei Regional Park)
- Craig Stenstrom, Bushwackers Archery Club (Archery Range in Kapolei Regional Park)
- Jill Stensrud/Richard Wentling, AYSO Leeward (Kapolei Regional Park)
- Jerome and Eunice McDonald, New Hope Leeward Church (Kapolei Middle School)
- Grace Pacific (Barber's Point Park)
- Elden Esmeralda/Lolita Takeda, Kapolei High School (Kapolei High School and Malama Learning Center)
- Shannon Sagapolutete, Hope Chapel Second City, (food service)
- Tanya Fiaseu, HPD (Security)
- Leslie McKeague, 'Olelo Community Media (videography)

Sponsors and supporters who contributed money, in kind, or manpower :

- Hawaiian Electric Company, Aloun Farms, Mcdonalds, Costco, Grace Pacific, DR Horton-Schuler, the James Campbell Company, Hunt Corporation, Trees of Hawaii, Island-Ready Mix Concrete, Inc., Delta Construction Company, 'Olelo Community Media, Mehenune Water Company, Walmart, Kapolei High School Graphics Department, and the City and County of Honolulu Parks and Recreation.

