

March 2011

Community Update

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Dear Neighbor,

It is truly a privilege to serve you in the State House of Representatives. I will serve on several committees: **Finance, Labor, Public Safety & Military Affairs, and Transportation.** I am also honored to serve as the Vice Chair on Transportation.

All bills have been introduced and are being heard within the House and Senate. I look forward to discussing new ideas on how to improve our State with my colleagues and our community.

As we continue through the legislative session, I welcome your thoughts and suggestions. Please feel free to contact me at my office at 586-6220.

Sincerely,

Highlights:

2011 Governor's Legislative Package

HB 200

The Abercrombie administration released the State Budget for the Fiscal Year 2012 (HB 200), recommending \$11.4 billion in spending with \$5.7 billion in general-fund spending. The Governor stated that the goals of this new financial plan are to repair government, accelerate economic recovery, and reorient the government towards the New Day plan.

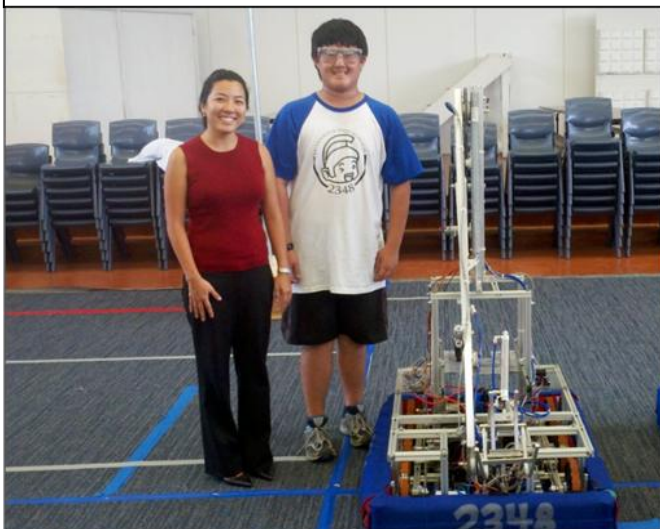
HB 1046 HD1

With rising health care costs, accessibility to quality health care has become a nationwide issue. Thus in 2010, President Obama signed into law the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. HB 1046 HD 1 will allow our State to enforce this federal law and improve our access to quality health care.

HB 1055

Educating our keiki is a top priority. To allocate precious classroom time towards educational priorities that are in the best interest of our keiki, HB 1055 will replace the current state-wide assessment tests with the Common Core State Standards Assessment. The CCSS would be a direct match of the standards that are being taught in the classroom on a National scale.

Futuristic Youth



Rep. Ichiyama with Todd Nishimura and MoHS robot 2348 at the FIRST Robotics Mentor Appreciation Ceremony.

Funds Released for Our Local Schools

The Abercrombie administration released *Capital Improvement Project* funds for the following projects in our district. Distribution of these funds are part of the Governor's *New Day Work Projects* initiative to improve and strengthen communities across Hawai'i.

Salt Lake Elementary School:

Project: Building F-10 Renovations

Total Project Cost: 1,000,000

Construction Dates: March 2012- January 2013

Moanalua Elementary School:

Project: Electrical upgrades

Total Project Cost: 14,999,000

Construction Dates: December 2012- October 2013

In the Media

February 1, 2011

Hawaii Public Radio interviewed Rep. Ichiyama for her input on several prominent measures of this legislative session.

February 16, 2011

Midweek Article, "*Legislature's Fresh Faces, Views,*" features Rep. Ichiyama in a discussion about the rising trend of youth leadership in our State Capitol.

February 17, 2011

KITV- Representatives and Senators gathered in the Lieutenant Governor's office to discuss long term challenges facing our State and how to engage younger generations in government.

February 18, 2011

The Aliamanu Middle School Media Group visited the Capitol to see their District leaders in action.



Rep. Ichiyama with Lt. Gov. Brian Schatz and members of the State Legislature after a forum hosted by KITV for young elected officials.

"[Hawaii's youthful legislators] exude a combination of ambition, energy and optimism."

-Dan Boylan, Midweek



Hawaii Public Radio host Wayne Yoshioka interviews Rep. Ichiyama.



The Aliamanu Middle School Media Group with Rep. Ichiyama.



Bulky Item Pick Up

Bulky item pick up for our district is on the **1st Monday** of every month!* Mark your calendars for this month's first pick up day- **March 7, 2011.**

Place item(s) at the curb fronting your property by **6 a.m.** on the first day, and no earlier than the evening before. Pick up is conducted over a **3-4 day period.**

*Only applies if you're using the City's 3-cart collection system



Need Help Filing Taxes? IRS Free File Program

Taxpayers with an **income of \$58,000 or less** in 2010 can use the IRS Free File program to prepare and e-file their taxes for **free**. Taxpayers who made **more than \$58,000** can use Free File Fillable Forms.

It is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and you can get your refund in as few as 10 days. **Visit www.irs.gov/freefile** to file your taxes today!

Community Meeting Schedule

Moanalua Gardens Community Association

- 7:00pm Tuesday, March 1, 2011 at Moanalua Middle School, Rm B2

Moanalua Valley Community Association

- 7:00pm Wednesday, March 9, 2011 at Moanalua Valley Golf Clubhouse

Neighborhood Board # 18 (Salt Lake/Aliamanu/Foster Village)

- 7:00pm Thursday, March 10, 2011 at Oahu Veterans Center