

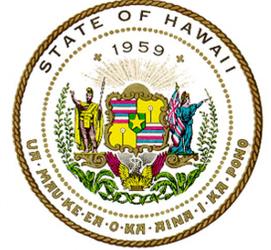
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In July and August I attended two conferences, the Council of State Governments (CSG) which was hosted in Waikiki and the National Convention of State Legislators (NCSL) in San Antonio, Texas. Similarly, the missions of both organizations are to give opportunities for legislators and staff to share ideas and experiences with their colleagues. At the conventions, I was extremely honored and privileged to "talk story" with other legislators as well as attend numerous meetings which were aimed at focusing on issues that were relevant to our local government. Some talking points discussed at the conventions were economic development, education, energy and public lands, fiscal affairs, international trade and water and environment.



Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement

As the Chair of the Committee on Hawaiian Affairs, I was invited to speak at the Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement's Convention which was held August 23rd through the 25th in Honolulu. Here, I was able to share several landmark Acts that passed through our legislature; Acts 54, 55, 195 and 209. The Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement's mission is to enhance the well-being of Hawaii through the cultural, economic, and community development of Native Hawaiians. For more information on the Acts please visit our Capitol's website.



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Lovely Ali'i Kula Lavender: AgTourism At Its Best

On a recent trip to Maui, I had the pleasure of visiting the Ali'i Kula Lavender farm on the slopes of Haleakala. A premier purveyor of unique, quality lavender products on Maui, Ali'i Kula Lavender (AKL) is a leader in promoting health and wellness, as well as rejuvenation and relaxation.

Built on the value-centered philosophy of "Aloha," AKL has become an integral part of helping to grow sustainable economies through their innovative practices and unique partnerships with other local companies.

Lani Weigart, one of AKL's co-owners, also serves as President of the Hawaii Agri-Tourism Association, a position she is well-qualified for since AKL is a premier ag-tourism destination. As such, AKL serves as a model for world-class ag-tourism operations. It is a model that Hawaii can be proud of, and should replicate on every island.



Senator Pohai Ryan, Representative Angus McKelvey, and I (pictured here with a lovely backdrop of lavender bushes) were escorted through much of the 10.5 acres of prime farm land, all the while being educated about the history of the farm, the land on which it stands, and its caretakers. At the end of the tour we were invited to browse through a stunning array of products that were lavender inspired, infused, or based.

Their hours of operation are daily from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., but their products are available for purchasing online. For detailed information about the farm and the Ali'i Kula Lavender line of products, visit their website at www.aliikulalavender.com.

Kaka'ako Makai Marketplace



Launched on June 10th of this year, the Kaka'ako Makai Marketplace is one of a growing number of open markets that support the local agriculture industry while providing consumers with alternative shopping venues.

The marketplace is being run by Hui Kulanakauhale LLC, headed by Juanita Kawamoto, Lynn Sager, Maria Orr and Christiane Kaulana Lucas, and features local performers, fresh from the farm produce, fish and eggs that are sustainably harvested, local artisans, gourmet food vendors, and Hawaiian cultural festivities.

Operating hours are Fridays from 4:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Visit their website for more information: www.kakaakomakaimarket.com/.