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Aloha Friends and Neighbors,

My warmest mahalo to all of you who voted in the recent general election. I am honored and humbled to have been re-elected for a second term, and will do my very best to serve you with integrity, honesty, and dedication for these next four years as the Senate Majority Leader and Chair of the Hawaiian Affairs Committee.

These past four years have been filled with many new challenges, exciting accomplishments, and the inception of several potentially ground-breaking movements. I am proud to have been part of such a dynamic group of elected officials who, in spite of our differences at times, managed to pass legislation that will sustain, and in many cases, improve the quality of life for the citizens of our beautiful state.

I am also very pleased that President Barack Obama was re-elected as the leader of our country, and am confident that he will continue to serve the American people with determination and toughness tempered with compassion. Let us hope that the coming year brings us the dissolution of partisan politics, both nationally and statewide, and the dawning of a new spirit of cooperation.

Mahalo again for granting me the privilege of serving you. I invite you to share your concerns and ideas with me. Please contact my office if we can be of any assistance.

State Launches New Website

The State's new website, data.hawaii.gov, was launched on October 4, 2012, and is an important new tool that will help increase accessibility to public records.

State agencies have already begun posting machine readable datasets, such as excel spreadsheets, to the website where new summaries, charts, graphs, maps, and other visual tools can be generated to fit the user's needs. Instead of solely responding to requests for information, state agencies are proactively posting public data which can be viewed, searched, sorted, summarized, analyzed, and/or combined in a myriad ways by users.



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Senate Organizes Quickly

Maui State Senator Shan S. Tsutsui (Sen. District 5) has once again been elected as the President of the Senate and will preside during the 27th Hawaii State Legislature, which will convene on January 16, 2013. Senator Donna Mercado Kim (Sen. District 14) will also continue to serve as Senate Vice President and Chair of the Senate Committee on Tourism and Government Operations and Special Committee on Accountability. Senator David Ige (Sen. District 16) will continue as Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means, with Senator Michelle Kidani (Sen. District 18) serving as his Vice Chair.

The Senate acted quickly to organize after the November 6, 2012, General Election, with a primary goal of promoting an environment of cooperation and shared leadership and authority. While much of leadership and committee chairmanships remained unchanged from the 26th Legislature, additional standing committees were established to provide greater scrutiny over important subject matter areas, as well as to provide a greater number of Senators the experience and authority to preside as committee chairs and vice chairs.

A complete listing of Senate Leadership and Committee Chairmanships is as follows:

President	Shan S. Tsutsui
Vice President	Donna Mercado Kim
Majority Leader	Brickwood Galuteria
Ways and Means, Chair	David Ige
Ways and Means, Vice Chair	Michelle Kidani
Majority Floor Leader	Will Espero
Majority Caucus Leader	Ron Kouchi
Majority Policy Leader	Les Ihara, Jr.
Majority Whip	Gil Kahele
Majority Whip	Jill Tokuda
Judiciary and Labor, Chair	Clayton Hee
Commerce and Consumer Protection, Chair	Roz Baker
Agriculture, Chair	Clarence Nishihara
Arts and Technology, Chair	Glenn Wakai
Economic Development and Housing, Chair	Donovan Dela Cruz
Energy and Environment, Chair	Mike Gabbard
Education, Chair	Jill Tokuda
Hawaiian Affairs, Chair	Brickwood Galuteria
Health, Chair	Josh Green, M.D.
Higher Education, Chair	Brian Taniguchi
Human Services, Chair	Suzanne Chun Oakland
Public Safety and Military Affairs, Chair	Will Espero
Special Committee on Accountability, Chair	Donna Mercado Kim
Tourism and Government Operations, Chair	Donna Mercado Kim
Transportation & International Affairs, Chair	J. Kalani English
Water and Land, Chair	Malama Solomon

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Official Red Cross First Aid App

The official American Red Cross First Aid app puts expert advice for everyday emergencies in your hand. Available for iPhone and Android devices, this app gives you instant access to the information you need to know to handle the most common first aid emergencies. With videos, interactive quizzes, and simple step-by-step advice, it's never been easier to know first aid.

Features:

- Simple step-by-step instructions guide you through everyday first aid scenarios.
- Fully integrated with 911 so you can call EMS from the app at any time.
- Videos and animations make learning first aid fun and easy.
- Safety tips for everything, from severe winter weather to hurricanes, earthquakes, and tornadoes help you prepare for emergencies.
- Preloaded content means you have instant access to all safety information at anytime, even without reception or an internet connection.
- Interactive quizzes allow you to earn badges that you can share with your friends and show off your life-saving knowledge.

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