



Sitting near the basketball court at Manoa School, I watched many parents trying to balance the bike, as their children wobbled in their attempts to learn to ride a two-wheeler. My parents did the same thing for me a long time ago. It made me think, for some things, change is not necessary and should be left alone.

The daily invocation that begins each House session has been a tradition that began when the very first legislature convened. Speaker Emeritus Souki said it very well when it was his turn to give the invocation, "*If you no like the invocation, you no need listen*". Well said!

Immediately after the general election, I was assigned the task of representing Speaker Say in the reorganization of the house. The many days and nights of meetings, discussions, negotiations are now done! Now I have enough material to write a pretty interesting and insightful exposé, but I am totally exhausted and the real work of the legislative session has just begun.

The legislature is off to a pretty slow start. We all have just been assigned to our committees and attended all the state departments' informational briefings. Our state departments and agencies are having a difficult time drawing up with their new budget proposals, especially since all the directors are new appointees.

The realization that during the last two years, we were forced to take drastic measures with all of the departmental operating budgets, is now apparent. The departments are now requesting restoration of their budgets in areas where they see services lacking. This rebuilding is being attempted with the few extra dollars from a still-slowly-recovering economy. The departments are trying to coordinate their efforts and will need to have their priorities submitted by March 15<sup>th</sup>.

The problem with this deadline is that it is **after** crossover, so the House will just have to prioritize for them, in time to get the proposed budget over to the Senate on time. *Do not worry, we will get it done!*

The Governor's State-of-the-State message was interesting to say the least. However, I don't believe and I think the governor himself, does not believe, that all of his proposals will be implemented. We will work together to come up with solutions that will probably make more people angry than happy. Nonetheless, we will try to keep everyone's sacrifice to an "even" level.

The most important lesson I learned from earlier budget battles in the legislature, is to keep all options on the table until the very last minute. Tying our hands early in the deliberation is not the way to get the most equitable results.

I have introduced bills to address crime, the homeless, revenues, education, tax compliance and our Hale Kipa problem. As of last week, there were approximately 1600 bills introduced, of which about 10 percent may become law. The vetting process has begun and hopefully some of my ideas will provide good, helpful laws that improve our lives.

Let me end by paraphrasing George Bernard Shaw who said, "*Some men see things as they are and ask 'Why?'. Others dream things that never were and say, 'Why not?'*".

I believe a legislator should see the world not as it is, but as it can be.

*Mahalo & Aloha,*

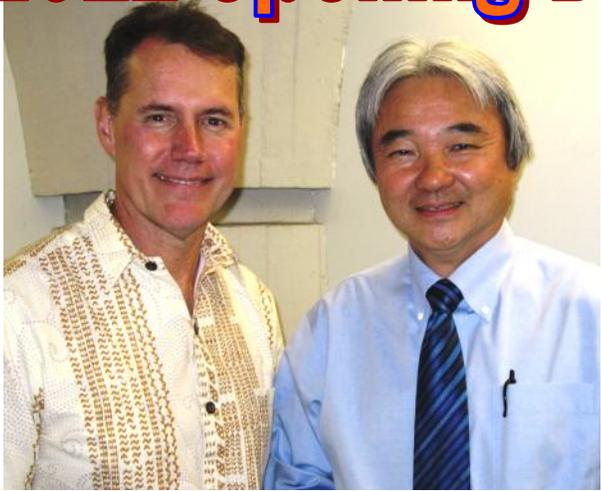
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# 2011 Opening Day at the Legislature



Mr. Ed Case greets Rep. Choy



The Choy Family- L to R: Mrs. Laurie Choy, Lee Shinjo, Mrs. Kazuko Choy & Representative Isaac Choy



Senator  
Brian  
Taniguchi

## Legislative Town Meeting

SATURDAY,  
FEB. 26, 2011  
9:30 AM – 11:30 AM

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SCHOOL LIBRARY



Representative Isaac Choy

JOIN YOUR DISTRICT  
ELECTED OFFICIALS AS  
THEY WILL BE ON HAND  
TO UPDATE YOU ON  
MID-SESSION 2011  
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Councilmember  
Ann  
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### REP. CHOY'S BILLS OF NOTE:

- HB 64: Addressing Home Invasion/Burglary
- HB 66: Gambling Waiver
- HB 829: Addressing the Homeless
- HB 65: Special Treatment Facilities/"Hale Kipa"
- HB 95: Banning Leaf Blowers

These are just a few of the bills Rep Choy has introduced and is following to make our neighborhoods safer and preserve the quality of our lives.

**MANOA**  
Wednesday  
March 2, 2011  
7:00 pm

Manoa Elementary  
School Cafeteria  
(temporary new location)

**Neighborhood  
Board Meetings**

*Come get involved  
in your  
Community!*

**McCully-Moiliili**  
Thursday  
March 3, 2011  
6:30pm

Washington  
Middle School  
Cafeteria

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