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**Summer 2013**

Aloha friends,

With the conclusion of a highly productive 2013 session, I would like to sincerely thank you again for electing me as your representative.

Under the new House Leadership, I was assigned Vice Chair of the Labor and Public Employment Committee and member of the Committees on Finance, Transportation, and Public Safety.

Each year, we hear many concerns from our constituents. One of the common concerns is why government projects take a long time to take effect. The timeline on page 3 will give you an idea of what each Capital Investment Project (CIP) has to go through when it is brought forth as a proposal to when funds are secured, and finally, when constructions begins.

In 2011, I was successful in securing funds for the Kalaniana'ole Highway Re-Paving as well as the Aina Haina Elementary School Parking Lot Project. Construction at the school will begin this summer. As you see the changes in the community around you, keep in mind that these changes are based on the needs of the community; many of you played an important role in making that change.

We are in the interim of the First year of the biennial session, and will resume the second half in January 2014. As always, I look forward to hearing your thoughts and concerns regarding our district. Please feel free to directly contact me or my Office Manager Kathy Kato at 586-6510.

Mahalo,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark".



### Hui Lokahi O Aina Haina Visits the State Capitol

Representative Hashem speaks with the Hui Lokahi O Aina Haina Senior Citizens Club in the House Gallery and explains what goes on at the State Capitol when it is in session and how the legislative process works.



**Kalani High School Soccer Team** presents two autographed championship-game soccer balls to Representative Hashem and Representative Kobayashi as they await a special presentation honoring the 2013 Division I State Champions. This is Kalani High School's first boys soccer championship.

# 2013 Legislative Highlights

## Highlighted Bills

### **SB19: RELATING TO RENEWABLE ENERGY:**

Allows renters to enjoy cost savings on their electrical bill through the installation of solar panels without having to incur the cost of installing the system themselves. Landlords would enjoy an investment opportunity to add value to their property.

### **SB106: RELATING TO AGING**

Establishes and funds a position for an Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementia Services coordinator. Appropriates funds for programs and services that support the State's elderly population.

### **SB1095: RELATING TO EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION**

Establishes a statewide early childhood program consisting of providers of high quality early childhood education and to assist families in establishing a solid foundation for success in school.

### **HB200: RELATING TO STATE BUDGET**

Appropriates funds for the operating and Capital Improvement Projects budget for the 2014-2015 fiscal year. The two-year budget is set at \$11.8 billion for 2014 and \$11.9 billion in 2015. The budget also includes an additional \$160 million into the Hurricane Relief Fund.

### **HB546: RELATING TO THE HAWAII EMPLOYER-UNION HEALTH BENEFITS TRUST FUND**

Establishes the Hawaii employer-union health benefits trust fund (EUTF) task force to ensure that adequate annual contributions to the unfunded liability will be made by fiscal year 2018.

### **HB858 RELATING TO HI GROWTH INITIATIVE**

Appropriates funds for the HI Growth Initiative, an investment program to develop an ecosystem supporting high growth entrepreneurial companies in the

## 2013 Capital Improvement Projects

### **Wailupe Place Flood Control**



For decades residents of Wailupe Place have been plagued with flooding. Heavy rain combined with a high tide, caused an old storm drain pipe to back up. In extreme cases flooding was over 3 feet.

In the 2013 budget, \$1.3 million was set aside to mitigate this problem.

\* Photo March 2012

### **East Honolulu Schools Improvements**

Kaiser High School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Planning, designing, and construction for a new track and synthetic field turf</li> <li>• Replace Football Score Board</li> <li>• Reroof H &amp; N Buildings</li> </ul>
Kalani High School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reroof F Building</li> <li>• Replace Girls Lockers</li> </ul>
Niu Valley Middle School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reroof A Building</li> </ul>
Aina Haina Elementary School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Replace / Refurbish Playground Equipment</li> <li>• Reroof A Building</li> <li>• Install Exterior Lighting</li> </ul>
Hahaione Elementary School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reroof A &amp; D Building</li> <li>• Replace / Refurbish Playground Equipment</li> </ul>
Kahala Elementary School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Construction for replacement of stage floor and curtains; ground and site improvements and equipment.</li> </ul>
Wilson Elementary School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reroof F Building</li> </ul>

# ***Timeline of Aina Haina Elementary School Upgrades***

***Why Government Projects Take So Long...***

<b>FIRST YEAR</b>		
<b>1. Identify Community Needs (1 Month)</b>	<b>2. Verify Validity of Project (1 Month)</b>	<b>3. Legislature Appropriates Funds (6 Months-1 Year)</b>
<p><b>December 2010:</b></p> <p>Meeting with Principal Burns to discuss needs of Aina Haina Elementary School.</p>	<p><b>January 2011:</b></p> <p>Meeting with Department of Education to verify the support by the Department for the improvements.</p>	<p><b>2011 Legislative Session:</b></p> <p>Aina Haina Elementary Upgrades are inserted in 2011-2012 State Budget. Legislators fight to get their projects inserted into the State Budget.</p>


**Aina Haina Elementary School**



**Below changes were appropriated in the 2011-2012 State Budget:**

- Construction of a new parking lot (34 stalls) in the gravel area near West Hind Drive.
- Construction of a fence to prevent people from walking across the parking lot.
- Landscaping and installation of auto-irrigation system.
- Installation of wireless system throughout the school.
- Construction of a kindergarten playground.

<b>SECOND YEAR</b>	
<b>4. State Sells Bonds (6 months-1 year)</b>	<b>5. Governor Releases Funds (6 months-2+ years)</b>
<p><b>December 2011:</b></p> <p>The State sells bonds in the open market (New York Stock Exchange) to fund appropriations in the 2011 Budget.</p>	<p><b>May 2012:</b></p> <p>Governor releases funds for Aina Haina Elementary School Upgrades. Funds from bond sales are not all released at once. The Governor releases funds over a 2 year period based on the priority of the project.</p>

<b>THIRD YEAR &amp; MORE</b>		
<b>6. Planning &amp; Permits (6 months - 2+ years)</b>	<b>7. Bidding &amp; Procurement (3-4 months)</b>	<b>8. Construction Starts</b>
<p><b>Department of Education Receives Funds:</b></p> <p>Funds go to the appropriate department. Planning and permitting of the project begins. Scope and complexity of the project, will determine how long permitting takes.</p>	<p><b>March 2013:</b></p> <p>Bidding and selection of a private contractor is completed. Bidding is opened to the private sector and awarded to the lowest bidder. Bid protests or lawsuits may delay the project.</p>	<p><b>Summer 2013:</b></p> <p>Construction begins after the school year ends.</p> 

# Easterly Winds

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## Congratulations to Kalani High School

Kalani High School was named *Newsweek Magazine's* Top 2000 Public Schools in the America. Ranking is based on 6 components including graduation rate, college acceptance rate and AP/IB/AICE test scores.

Kalani students also captured 14 out of the 80 statewide Manoa Chancellor's Scholarships this year, making Kalani the top school with the most awardees for the second year in a row.

## Senior Handbook

The Elderly Affairs Division publishes a handbook with useful contact information for City, State and organizations.

- If you are a constituent and would like a hard copy of the handbook, call our office at 586-6510 and we will mail one to you.
- To view the handbook online visit the Elderly Affairs Division's website at:  
<http://www.elderlyaffairs.com>

For more information call the Elderly Affairs 767-7700

## Free Computer Classes for Seniors

The Great Aloha Run and the Harry & Jeanette Weinberg Foundation are providing **free computer classes** for people 55 years and older. Classes are 2 hours long and include instruction on email, use of the internet, composing documents, and being comfortable with computers.

**Where: Carole Kai Charities Inc. Office**

**418 Kuwili Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96817**

**When: June-August**

For more info contact Rene Mansho at 291-6151



## Toddler Time

Free entertainment, storytelling, sing-a-longs, crafts and other fun and educational activities for you and your keiki to enjoy together!

**Where: Kahala Mall Center Court**

**When: Every Wednesday**

**10:30am-11:30am**



## Aina Haina Recycling Center

Aina Haina Recycling Center is now opened to the public for recycling. The redemption and scrap metal recycling center is located at the Aina Haina Elementary School on 801 West Hind Drive.



**When: Saturdays and Sundays from  
9am-5pm (closed from 12pm-1:30pm)  
For more info call: 487-2802**

## Free Classes at UH Manoa for Hawaii's Seniors

The Senior Citizen Visitor Program is offering Hawaii's senior citizens free courses at the University of Hawaii at Manoa. Visitors are exempt from payment, no credit is awarded and no permanent records are retained.

**Where: University of Hawaii at Manoa  
Queen Lili'uokalani Center for Student Services 413**

For more info call Dr. Masters (808) 956-9317

## Homeowners Handbook To Prepare for Natural Hazards

**The worst disaster is not being ready!**

Free publication on:

- Natural Hazards: an Overview for Homeowners
- Protecting Your Family and Property

**\*For more information go to:**

**<http://www.getreadyhawaii.org>**

**\*For hard copy contact our office**



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