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Happy New Year! As we reflect on the year gone by, we count our blessings and be thankful for family, friends and countless others who support us throughout the year. I am grateful for the opportunity to meet many people who support my initiatives and the work that I am doing and trust me to work in their behalf. My efforts are always dedicated and committed to be worthy of their trust in me.

I am encouraged by the progress of the initiatives I have been working on. The Whitmore Project has made great strides in its movement to succeeding phases and we continue to move in the direction of making Central Oahu an agricultural hub. I am enthused by the many pieces that are coming together as I hope this project can be used as a template for other rural areas.

The First Responders and Cyber Security Campus at Mililani Tech Park is also moving along and we have formed a task force of all pertinent agencies that have expressed interest and support for this, and as the project moves along, we have noted what the needs are and what we need to do to bring this project to fruition.

Another project currently in the planning stages and we continue to work on is the Pacific Technology Institute on Aging (Geriatric Park) in Central Oahu, possibly at the Wahiawa General Hospital. It will include a full range of technology development to support the many aspects of the aging population and also address social aspects related to working with the aging.

As we celebrate the positives of the past year, we also look forward to this New Year with hope and enthusiasm for greater accomplishments and we reaffirm our hopes and ambitions for the future. We were challenged at times to make the right decisions and tough decisions had to be made. New challenges undoubtedly await us in the new year as we continue to work toward making our state a place where residents are proud to call home and where succeeding generations have opportunities without having to move elsewhere.

My best wishes for a new year of contentment and everything you are hoping for.

UPDATE ON KEEP HAWAII'S HEROES CAMPAIGN

The goal to gather more than 40,000 signatures may be falling short of its desired number. Schofield and Fort Shafter are among 30 Army installations nationwide being evaluated for potential cutbacks. Other jurisdictions are also conducting their own campaign to preserve their troop strength. No decisions will be made until each of the 30 installations has had an opportunity to describe the impacts on their respective locations. We encourage everyone to sign the petition by going online at <http://keephawaiiheroes.org/>. We want to assure that we reach the number we need.

The public is invited to attend an Army-hosted community listening session regarding the proposed personnel reduction in Hawaii at the following:

Honolulu	Central Oahu
January 27 – 6:30-9:00 p.m.	January 28 – 6:30-9:00 p.m.
Hale Koa Hotel – DeRussy Hall	Leilehua High School Cafeteria

This is your chance to show your support and let the Army know we need and want the Army at its present numbers in Hawaii and we need to show that we support our troops as well.

As we prepare for the 2015 session of the Legislature, we would like to share with you the following information that will help in following our work during the legislative session.

Our legislative website provides tools that will allow you to track specific issues that may be of interest to you, review hearing notices, and submit testimony on bills scheduled for a committee hearing. You can search and track online at capitol.hawaii.gov.

For selected scheduled hearings, Capitol TV provides a live stream online. Log on to capitoltv.org for more information and broadcast schedule.

The Legislature's Public Access Room provides information and assistance on the legislative process. You may stop by their office at the State Capitol on the fourth floor, Room 401. On-hand staff has many resources available to assist the public throughout the legislative session. You may also access these resources online at lrbhwaii.org/par, or call them at 587-0478.



Senator meets with DOE Superintendent and executives regarding Mililani Middle School.



Senator conducts a site visit of the Whitmore Project with Central District DOE personnel and faculty.

