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NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD REPORT

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LEGISLATIVE ISSUES



Hawaii and CT&T, a Korean electric vehicle manufacturer, announced plans to build an assembly plant in Hawaii. Initially assembled cars will be imported before the plant commences production of 10,000 cars/yr and generate up to 400 jobs with a potential of 1,000 jobs from the ripple effect. Prices will start at \$8,000.

DISTRICT CONCERNS

New Police Chief Kahala Resident – Congratulations to Louis Kealoha on becoming the new head of HPD. His wife Katherine Kealoha has been the president of the Kahala Community Association. They were recently featured in the OHA newsletter.

Kaimuki Kau Kau Tour – Eateries featured in the Metromix section of the newspaper, Okata Bento, Kaimuki Fast Food, BC Burrito, Crack Seed Store, Scone's Bakery, Kaimuki Grill, Hog Island BBQ, Pillbox Pharmacy (Cascade Glacier Ice Cream).

Kalani High in the News – The Kalani boys volleyball team competed in the OIA Red Conference tourney at Farrington. They played Roosevelt in the finals. The Kalani boys came in second after a tough game (25-22, 25-20, 25-9). Kalani alumna Nicole Sakamoto, a sophomore at James Madison in VA, is one of 3 individual golfers selected by the NCAA Div. I Women's Golf Committee to participate in the E. Regional. Of 359 selected for the regional competition, 126 advanced to the finals. Sakamoto ended +8 tied for 54th.

Representative Marumoto 2010 Pass/Fail Report

Bills subject to Gubernatorial Veto. Legislature may convene to override vetoes on July 6, 2010

Bill # / Description P=Pass F=Fail V=Veto O=Override Veto C A=Constitutional Amendment

Budget/Government

HB 2598	State retains counties' share of hotel tax	F	
SB 2807	Surplus can go to emergency funds as well as rebates to taxpayers	P	C A
HB 2542	Raids \$45 million excess balances from special funds to general fund	P	
SB 1178	Appropriates \$120 million for Medicaid funds to address funding shortfall for FY2010	P	
HB 444	Establishes civil unions similar to marriage for adults	P	
SB 2394	Removes Director of Human Services from Deferred Compensation Board	P	V O
HB 1868	Denies return rights to civil servants if appointed for more than one year	P	V O

Business/Taxes

SB 2001	Repeals the high tech business investment tax credit effective 5/01/10	P	
SB 2405	Sets up internet/mail order sales tax	F	
HB 2421	Increases tax on crude oil from \$.05 to \$1.05/barrel	P	V O
SB 2461	Raises rental car customer facility charge from \$1 a day to \$4.50 a day	P	
SB 2834	Reinstates gambling losses to be deducted from winnings on state income tax	P	
HB 2169	Reduces increase in employer contribution for unemployment fund for 2 years	P	
SB 2401	Suspends high tech business investment tax credits for 3 years	P	
SB 771	Requires real estate arbitrators to use Uniform Standards for Property Appraisers Practice	P	V
HB 2877	Temporarily increases GET from 4% to 5%	F	
SB 2402	Assesses GET on 1% on condo association fees and certain non-profits	F	
HB 1907	Caps itemized deductions on state returns - \$25,000 individual over \$150,000 AGI	P	
SB 2501	Mandates peer review of public accountancy firms every three years	P	V O
HB 2866	Reinstates Hawaii death tax after April 30, 2010	P	V O
SB 2159	Raises Traffic Abstract fee from \$7 to \$20	P	V O
SB 2840	Requires 80% local workers on public construction projects	P	V O
HB 2289	Extends gift certificate expiration date to five years, allows purchase fees	P	
HB 2027	Permits a service charge of up to \$30 for dishonored checks	P	

Crime/Safety

SB 2045	Establishes sexual human trafficking offenses	P	
SB 2745	Adds salvia divinorum to list of controlled substances	P	
SB 1059	Allows counties to ban fireworks and enact stricter ordinances	P	
HB 1987	Allows for forfeiture of property if involved in illegal fireworks	P	
SB 2897	Finalizes breath alcohol ignition interlock device program for DUI	P	
SB 2213	Establishes compassion centers for medical marijuana	F	
HB 2759	Authorizes Native Hawaiian casinos	F	
HB 2396	Authorizes one stand-alone casino in Waikiki	F	

Dr. Nancy Pace Honored by Honolulu Junior League – Kahala resident Dr. Nancy Pace received the Laura Dowsett Award for her outstanding leadership efforts for Global Hope Network International, The American Cancer Society, Salvation Army, Boys & Girls Club, Kahi Mohala Behavioral Health, Rotary Club of Honolulu, Kaimuki Christian Church, and for being an outstanding Sustainer member of the League.

2010 Pass/Fail Report (cont'd)

Education

SB 2124	Dedicates \$67 million from Hurricane Relief Fund to end furloughs 2011 - 2012	P	
HB 2376	Governor to appoint BOE with advice and consent of the Senate	P	C A
HB 1853	Bans the sale of ice cream and candy by public schools	F	
SB 2172	Authorizes \$20 million special purpose revenue bonds for Kaimuki Christian School	P	
HB 2486	Increases instructional days to 180 for school year 2011-2013	P	

Environment/Energy

HB 2643	Establishes clean energy bond loan program for renewable improvements	F	
HB 1808	Ensures the public's lateral access along the shoreline if blocked by "enhanced" vegetation	P	
SB 2559	Requires supermarket customers to pay 5 cents for plastic or paper checkout bags	F	
SB 1311	Gives maintenance control & use of DLNR resources of Kaneohe Bay to UH	P	V O

Health/Social Services

SB 2469	\$24 million Rainy Day funds for health & human services agencies	P	
SB 2395	Teachers health insurance (VEBA) to merge with state employees' EUTF 12/10	P	
SB 2650	Prevents DHS changes in welfare eligibility program	P	V O
HB 1642	Restricts DHS purchase of service contracts & operation for low income and elderly	P	V O
SB 2599	Mandates health insurance coverage for colorectal-cancer screenings	P	
HB 2085	Bars DHS dirs. from contracting for future Medicaid health insurance plans over \$100M	P	V O
HB 2086	Allows sharing of patients' clinical lab test results	P	V O

Miscellaneous

SB 2169	Prohibits possession, sale, and distribution of shark fins in the State	P	
HB 2583	Establishes civil penalties for shark feeding	P	
SB 466	Prohibits the use of leaf blowers except within allowed time periods	P	
HB 14	Bans cell phone and mobile electronic device use while driving	F	
HCR 277/HR 199	Legislature recognizes cockfighting as a "cultural activity"	F	
SB 2646	Designates Waikiki and North Shore as surfing reserves	F	
HB 2311	Allows flying American flag in homeowners associations	F	

Lions Fete Tim Shiraki – The Kaimuki Lion who started the Makana Eye Bank, Tim Shiraki, received the Friends of the Hawaii Lions Eye Bank and Makana Foundation Award. Former Lili'uokalani Principal Karen Tsukiyama organized the event, and prominent Lions from Koko Head, Diamond Head, and Hawaii Kai were in attendance. Thanks to Tim there have been 4000 successful corneal transplants in Hawaii!



MARUMOTO ACTIVITIES

Once again Rep. Marumoto was happy to judge the Chevron Elementary Speech Festival. Students that she was able to judge include Kailani Johansson and Jenna Tsukaki of Kahala Elementary, Bryzha Caires and Zachary Arakaki of Liholiho, Keana Yamashiro of Palolo, Jazlyn Bulatao of Aina Haina, and Kelli Uyeno of Aliiolani.

Joining Vice Speaker Magaoay and Sen. Bunda, Marumoto addressed the members of the Western States Petroleum Association. She was happy to attend the annual Goodwill fundraiser and joined a few other legislators in an impromptu fashion show (she carried the skis for a model who was wearing a ski outfit). The Kahala Business Association threw a successful event to raise money for Kalani High School scholarships at 3660 On The Rise.

Rep. Marumoto met with several Asian Pacific legislators at the Capitol to meet with National Conference of State Legislatures officials to revitalize the AP Caucus nationally. She attended an event hosted by the Nature Conservancy and was glad to support the recent recycling effort at Kalani High. The Kahala Hotel was the site of this years HUGS fundraiser. As a board member Marumoto attended the annual meeting of the Hawaii Imin Preservation Society but will now go off the board of the UH Colleges of Arts & Sciences Alumni Association.

Kaimuki High senior Melissa Miranda, 18, was excited about attending her Senior Prom and graduating soon. Melissa was killed when she was ejected from the back of a pickup truck. One girl was critically injured and four others were seriously injured including the driver. There were 8 students in the truck. People convert to banning riding in pickup beds after being affected by a bad accident.

Traffic Safety Bills Hit Stone Wall

Rep. Marumoto was responsible for passing a bill to prohibit children under 13 from riding in pickup truck beds. But she has not been successful in extending that ban to all ages. "If certain chairs are not in favor of the concept, then the bill does not get a hearing," said Marumoto.

Despite favorable editorials on her traffic safety package, the bills have stalled. It contains legislation that would require riders of two-wheeled vehicles and all-terrain vehicles to wear helmets. "With the increasing popularity of these vehicles we will no doubt see more injuries and fatalities. We should follow the recommendations of the American Academy of Pediatrics and ban ATV use for those under 16 years of age."

"We also need a statewide prohibition on certain activities while driving - like texting on electronic devices. Not all counties have this provision. We should require a hands-free device with cell phone use."

"Public support is building for traffic safety reform bills - so maybe next year. Meanwhile, we will keep pushing these vehicles uphill," Marumoto