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Aloha,

Hau‘oli Makahiki Hou!

I am very honored and humbled to have this opportunity to work with a new Legislature and Administration in determining the future of our state during the 25th Legislative Session.

In addition to serving as the Vice Chair of the Committee on Education and Housing, I am also a member of the Committees on Ways & Means, Public Safety & Military Affairs, and Tourism.

Community comments and suggestions are always welcome. I am dedicated to serve you in any possible way. Please feel free to visit me at my office or contact me by phone, fax, or email. Thank you for your continued support.

Me ke Aloha Pumehana,

Senator Michelle Kidani



Senator Kidani with Representative Lee at the Mililani Christmas Parade



Award presentation at the Mililani Neighborhood Board 25 meeting for the Mililani JV Girls White Volleyball State Champions



Senator Kidani, Representative Yamane and Representative Lee, meets with Mililani Middle School Principal and staff.



Senator Kidani gets interviewed by Waipahu Elementary Schools 'Olelo program.

STATE RELEASES PLANS FOR MAJOR TRAFFIC CONGESTION-RELIEF PROJECTS

On Monday, January 12, 2009, the Governor Linda Lingle, Senate President Colleen Hanabusa, Representative Marilyn Lee, and the state DOT unveiled two plans that would relieve traffic congestion for O'ahu Motorists.

First, the State plans on improving the westbound afternoon rush hour commute by adding a 6.2-mile contra flow lane beginning at the Radford Drive overpass and ending at the Waiawa Interchange. Permanent contra flow lanes on both sides of the center median will be created by installing barriers to separate traffic. Although similar to the current Zipperlane, the new Permanent contra flow lanes will eliminate the need for the Zipmobile, ultimately saving the State approximately \$1 million per year in operating costs. Included in the PM Contra flow project is the process of strengthening the shoulder pavement between Waiawa and the Waikele off-ramp to allow shoulder-lane travel during the contra-flow operations. Eighty percent of the \$40 million contra flow project will be federally funded and 20 percent will be state funded. Construction for this project is anticipated to begin in early 2010.

The State's second project focuses on widening the East bound Middle Street Merge, after the Middle Street tunnel, by adding a fourth continuous lane to the highway and a second exit lane to the Vineyard Street off-ramp. The cost for this project is approximately \$100 million; following the environmental assessment expected to be completed by August 2010, construction is slated to begin by 2011.

Both projects are projected to cut traffic times by 10-15 minutes during peak traffic hours.

The Governor hopes these important infrastructure improvements will "stimulate our economy and create jobs" in the short-term and "position our state for future growth."

HAWAI'I STATE LEGISLATURE'S PUBLIC ACCESS INFORMATION

WebPages:

- Legislature: www.capitol.hawaii.gov
- PAR: www.hawaii.gov/lrb/par/
- LRB Library: www.hawaii.gov/lrb
- State: www.hawaii.gov

Neighbor Islands (Toll Free):

- Hawai'i: 974-4000 ext. 7-0478
- Maui: 984-2400 ext. 7-0478
- Kaua'i: 274-3141 ext. 7-0478
- Moloka'i: 1-800-468-4644 ext. 7-0478
- Lana'i: 1-800-468-4644 ext. 7-0478

LEGISLATORS MEET WITH LOCAL EDUCATION OFFICIALS TO DISCUSS PUBLIC EDUCATION FACILITIES

In December, the Senator along with Representative Yamane and Representative Lee met with local principals to discuss the progress and state of the public schools. Each school provided an overview of the school's enrollment numbers as well as updates on the students' accomplishments. The principals and Legislators also set up CIP requests, totaling \$10,182,000, in order of priority.

Although the budget is tight across the capitol, the legislators worked hard to get money released for school repairs and updates. The governor released a substantial amount of funds for the Mililani District.

A complete CIP fund release list can be emailed upon request. Please contact the Senator's office if you are interested in a copy of the CIP list.

CIP Status for Mililani Schools

School	Project	Money Released
Mililani High School	Repair/Replace Fire Alarm System	\$133,000
	Replace program Bell system	\$167,000

2009 HAWAI'I STATE JUDICIARY COURT INTERPRETER CERTIFICATION PROGRAM ORIENTATION AND TESTING CYCLE INFORMATION

The Judiciary Court is looking for individuals interested in becoming a court interpreter. To qualify as an interpreter, individuals must:

1. Complete and submit the Judiciary's Certification Program Application Form
2. Attend a two-day Certification Program Basic Orientation Workshop (BOW)
3. Pass both the written English proficiency and Hawai'i Basic Ethics exams
4. Clear a criminal background check.

The BOW Registration Form and \$120.00 registration fee must be received via regular mail or hand-delivery to the Office on Equality and Access to the Courts at 426 Queen Street, B17, Honolulu, HI 96814, no later than 4:30 p.m. on January 30, 2009

See attached flyer and registration form for more information.

If you have any questions regarding the Certification Program please contact the OEAC at (808) 539-4860.