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Aloha,

Hau'oli Makahiki Hou! This year I am continuing to serve as 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.

The State Capitol has been busier in the past weeks, with everyone preparing for the start of the new legislative session on January 20.

I am excited to share with you that my seasonal staff from last year, **Resa Tsuneyoshi** and **Trevor Nagamine** are returning.

I also have **Joan Manke** joining my staff and am sure her prior experience at the federal and county levels will be a valuable asset to our office.

I also wanted to share with you that in recent weeks I have received many emails from Mililani and Waipio residents concerning fireworks. Many residents have asked me to renew efforts for a total ban, in addition to the three other fireworks bills I introduced last year.

The state's budget situation remains the foremost issue this year, and it is sure to be a challenging session. I have attended many Ways and Means informational briefings since December, and if you would like a schedule of upcoming WAM briefings, please don't hesitate to contact my office.

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,

2010 LEGISLATIVE TIMETABLE

January

20th Opening Day: Due to the financial crisis our state is facing, the legislature is refraining from the customary activities and ceremony and getting down to business right from the start. There will be no entertainment, no flowers, no subsequent receptions as has been the tradition years past.

Non-Administrative Bill Package Cutoff

25th State-of-the-State Address

Administrative Bill Package Cutoff

27th State-of-the-Judiciary Address

Bill Introduction Cutoff: Last day to introduce bills

29th Grants/Subsidies Cutoff

February

3rd State-of-the-University Address

4th Triple Referral Filing

12th First Lateral (Bills): Must be moved to final committee in originating chamber

15th Holiday: Presidents' Day

19th to 25th: Mandatory 5-Day Recess

26th First Decking: Last day to file non-budget bills for Third Reading in originating chamber

March

4th First Crossover (Bills)

8th Budget Decking

10th Budget Crossover

Last day to introduce Substantive Resolutions

11th Triple Referral Filing (Bills)

19th Second Lateral (Bills): Must be moved to final committee in non-originating chamber

26th Holiday: Kuhio Day

30th First Lateral for Concurrent Resolutions

April

1st Second Decking (Bills): Last day to file bills for Third Reading in non-originating body

2nd Holiday: Good Friday

8th Second Crossover (Bills) & Last day to disagree

9th First Crossover for Concurrent Resolutions

16th Constitutional Amendments: Deadline for final form

19th Second Crossover for Concurrent Resolutions

22nd Last day to file Non-Fiscal Bills to deck for Final Reading

23rd Last day to file Fiscal Bills to deck for Final Reading

29th Adjournment sine die (Session pau!)

Source: Public Access Room

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

January 26	Cyber-Bullying Workshop Mililani Mauka Elementary Cafeteria 6:30- 7:30 pm
January 28	Cyber-Bullying Workshop Mililani Uka Elementary Cafeteria 6:00- 7:30 pm
February 20	Mililani Complex Wellness Fair, Mililani Town Center 10 am- 1pm

WOMEN IN GOVERNMENT

Senator Kidani recently attended the 16th Annual State Director's Conference in Laguna Niguel, California from January 7-10 2010. Women in Government provided scholarships for the Hawaii legislators to attend, which included the cost of airfare, ground transportation, accommodations and meals.

Senator Kidani and Senator Donna Kim Mercado were sworn in as new State Directors for Hawaii, joining Representative Corinne Ching and Representative Barbara Marumoto, who serves as the Treasurer for the Women in Government State Board of Directors. As State Director, Senator Kidani will serve a two year term until December 2011.

Senator Kidani attended seminars that covered a wide range of topics, to include how states across the nation are dealing with shrinking budgets and troubled economies; strategies on improving skills in advancing legislation and public policy with fellow state legislators; why alternative sources of energy should be examined and how federal energy legislation will impact the states; what state governors and legislators are planning to do with regard to the passage of health care reform.

WIG serves all of the approximately 1,700 female state legislators in the United States and hosts meetings, summits, and task forces on an annual basis.

APPLICANTS SOUGHT FOR ETHICS COMMISSION

The Judicial Council is accepting applications to fill two anticipated vacancies on the Hawaii State Ethics Commission.

Applicants must be United States citizens, residents of the State of Hawaii, and may not hold any other public office. A resident of any island may apply. Transportation costs to attend meetings on Oahu are covered by the Commission for neighbor island members.

Interested persons should submit an application along with a resume and three letters of recommendation (attesting to the applicant's character and integrity) no later than close of business on February 12, 2010 to:

Judicial Council, Hawaii Supreme Court, 417 S. King Street, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813-2902.

Form applications are available from the Judiciary website at www.courts.state.hi.us. Applications may also be obtained from the Public Affairs Office, Room 206-C, 417 South King Street, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813 or by calling the Judicial Council at 539-4702.

HAWAII STATE JUDICIARY SEEKING BILINGUAL APPLICANTS

Court interpreters earn \$25 to \$55/hour at a 2-hour base minimum. The Hawaii State Judiciary is seeking court interpreters for all languages, including:

American Sign Language, Chinese, Chuukese, Ilocano, Japanese, Korean, Kosraean, Laotian, Mandarin, Marshallese, Pohnpeian, Portuguese, Russian, Samoan, Spanish, Tagalog, Thai, Tongan, Vietnamese and Yapese.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

Complete and submit a court interpreter certification program application form and attend a two-day Basic Orientation Workshop on February 20–21, 2010 (Sat./Sun.)

Pass both the Written English Proficiency Exam and Hawaii Basic Ethics Exam and clear a criminal background check

FOR MORE INFORMATION or to request an application, contact: Office on Equality and Access to the Courts at (808) 539-4860 or oeac@courts.state.hi.