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Kung Hee Fat Choy!

A month of session has come and gone, and there is still so much to accomplish.

Status of bills that I've introduced and supported in committee:

- **SB2612:** Mortgage Loan Originators; Secure and Fair Enforcement for Mortgage Licensing Act- **hearing scheduled in CPN on 2/17/2010 @9:15**
- **SB2613:** School Construction; School Renovation; Alternative Energy Design - **passed and referred to WAM**
- **SB2614:** Excessive Speeding; Punishment; Forfeiture of Vehicle- **passed and referred to Judiciary (JGO)**
- **SB2873:** Code of Ethics; Teachers- **passed and referred to JGO**
- **SB2874:** Income Tax Check-Off Boxes - **passed and referred to WAM**
- **SB2365** relating to fireworks - Bans fireworks but allows counties to "opt out"- **passed, referred to JGO**
- **SB2936** Authorizes the department of transportation and the department of defense to inspect shipping containers – **passed, ready for third reading.**

Passed out of Education and Housing Committee and referred to JGO:

- **SB2570** Constitutional amendment requires BOE be appointed by the governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate
- **SB2571** Establishes a BOE nomination commission.

The Senator is also working on a Resolution regarding traffic on Meheula. It would prohibit left turns from Meheula to the H2 North bound entrance.

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,

MEET MY STAFF: JOAN MANKE



Joan Manke joined our office as a legislative assistant just as the 2010 legislative session began in January.

Joan has a fine record of public service to our community and state that spans at least twenty years. She most recently served as the Executive Secretary of the Neighborhood Commission for the City and County of Honolulu. She was also on the staff of U. S. Representative Patsy T. Mink, who served Hawai'i's second congressional district with such distinction and dedication for so many years. Joan worked in the Washington DC and Honolulu offices of Congresswoman Mink in the 70s and then again in the 90s. She currently serves as a Trustee of the Patsy Mink Education Foundation for Low Income Women and Children.

Joan's previous work experience includes fifteen years in the medical field. She served as medical staff director at St. Francis Medical Center's two O'ahu hospitals, as well as other positions in administration. She currently sits on the advisory board for St. Francis Hospice.

At our State Capitol office, Joan will handle constituent inquiries and correspondence, review legislation and track bill status, along with general administrative duties.

Joan grew up in Nanakuli and has lived in Kokohead, Nu'uuanu and Aliamanu. She has two grown children and lives with her husband Jim and son Eric in Kailua. Her daughter Angela works for the City of Seattle.

MOLDING YOUNG MINDS

Senator Kidani welcomed Abdul Kareem Fanni on January 22 while participating in the "Shadow" Internship Program. Kareem is from Jordan and attending Mililani High School this year. His host family is M/M Linke of Mililani. He loves Hawaii and wants to return to attend the University of Hawaii.

2010 LEGISLATIVE TIMETABLE**February**

19th - 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 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

Source: Public Access Room

HAWAII 2010 CENSUS TIPS

To avoid becoming a victim of fraud or identity theft, the Better Business Bureau (BBB) offers a few tips for participating in Hawaii's 2010 census.

** If a U.S. Census worker knocks on your door, they will have a badge, a handheld device, a Census Bureau canvas bag, and a confidentiality notice. Ask to see their identification and their badge before answering their questions.

** Census workers are currently only knocking on doors to verify address information

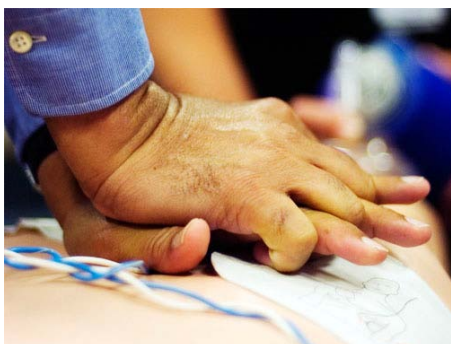
- No matter what they ask, you really only need to tell them how many people live at your address.
- The Census Bureau might ask for basic financial information but you don't have to answer anything about your financial situation.
- The Census Bureau **will not** ask for Social Security, bank account, or credit card numbers, nor will employees solicit donations. Any one asking for that information is NOT with the Census Bureau.
- Eventually, Census workers may contact you by telephone, mail, or in person at home. However, the Census Bureau **will not** contact you by EMAIL, so be on the lookout for Email scams impersonating the Census.
- **Never** click on a link or open any attachments in an Email that are supposedly from the U.S. Census Bureau.

FOR MORE INFORMATION REGARDING THE CENSUS, VISIT THE CENSUS BUREAU'S WEBSITE AT [HTTP://WWW.CENSUS.GOV/](http://WWW.CENSUS.GOV/) OR WWW.BBB.ORG

FOODBANK BACK IN FULL SWING AT THE HAWAII STATE SENATE

Last session, Senator Kidani coordinated the Senate Foodbank drive and with her staff led in raising the most money of the total \$14,000 collected by the Hawaii State Senate to feed Hawaii's hungry.

Once again, the Senate will participate in the annual Foodbank fundraisers. This session the staff and I are determined to keep our position by collecting the most canned goods. Please help the Hawaii Foodbank by donating any canned goods and non-perishable items (including baby formula and diapers). Feel free to drop off donations at my office; we will be collecting goods all session. For more information contact my office at 586-7100.



Hands-only CPR will save lives!
You just need to know what to do...

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E5huVSebZpM>

In Hawaii, California, and almost every other state there is no liability for assisting someone in any emergency-life threatening situation. This includes performing CPR...

You just need to know how to do it...

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E5huVSebZpM>

Watch the You Tube video and send it to everyone you know and love.

I first saw this video 5 days ago, the video had 1,000,000 hits,

today it has almost 2,000,000 hits, so many more lives can be saved with this knowledge.

Now you know what to do and how to do it!

Pass it on!!!

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How to send in Testimony

If you would like to submit a testimony in support or opposition of any measures, you may do so in one of the following ways.

- By Email: Testimony may be emailed if less than 5 pages in length, to the Committee it is being heard. Committee email address will be posted on the agenda. Please indicate the measure, date and time of the hearing. Email sent to individual offices or any other Senate office will not be accepted.
- By Web: Testimony may be submitted online if less than 4MB in size, at
- <http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/emailtestimony>.
- In person: 1 copy of their testimony to the committee clerk at the State Capitol.
- By fax: Testimony may be faxed if less than 5 pages in length, to the Senate Sergeant-At-Arms Office at 586-6659 or 1-800-586-6659 (toll free for neighbor islands), at least 24 hours prior to the hearing. When faxing, please indicate to which committee the testimony is being submitted and the date and time of the hearing.

Free Tax Service on the Web

All taxpayers making less than \$57,000 can visit www.IRS.gov and use the industry's top tax preparation software for free. Users get the step-by-step help they need to prepare, complete and file federal tax returns online – at no cost.

The program is made possible through a partnership between the IRS and the Free File Alliance – a group of industry-leading tax software providers. Since 2003, the Free File program has delivered free tax services to more than 25 million people. Not only is the program completely free and secure, but taxpayers who use Free File with direct deposit may receive refunds in as little 10 days.

To use this free service you may go to: www.IRS.gov

Or to learn more, please get in touch or visit www.freefilealliance.org.



BOY SCOUTS TROOP 32 ALOHA AINA EARTH DAY

The Mililani Boy Scouts Troop 32 is hosting its first community clean up and recycling fundraiser on

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2010
8am - 2pm
Mililani Park-and-Ride

in Mililani Mauka on Ukuwai Street.

Please save your recyclable waste and turn your trash into cash for the Boy Scouts Troop 32!

Recyclable items accepted at the site are:

- Appliances (no TVs or microwave ovens)
- Athletic shoes
- Batteries
- Beverage containers
- Bicycles
- Cardboard
- Cellular phones
- Cooking oil
- Desktop home computers (limit one per household)
- Foam cups, packing, and roofing
- Green waste
- Laptop computers
- Magazines
- Newspapers
- Passenger tires (limit four per household)
- Printer cartridges
- Scrap metal (free roll-off bin service off-site is available)
- Telephone books
- Unwanted cars (free towing available by appt only)
- Useable clothing
- Used eye glasses and hearing aids

Not accepted are: Gas Tanks, hazardous fluids, microwave ovens, paints, school or commercial computers and TVs.

FREE TAX HELP AT THE CAPITOL

The Hawaii Alliance for Community-Based Economic Development (HACBED) will host a special tax clinic at the Hawaii State Capitol, open to the public. Taxpayers can file their tax returns for free and receive information about financial literacy class and credit management.

WHERE: Hawaii State Capitol
WHEN: Saturday, February 27
TIME: 9am-1pm

All tax returns will be prepared by IRS-certified volunteers who volunteer at other sites coordinated by HACBED's Family and Individual Self-Sufficiency Program.

For more information about the special clinic at the Hawaii state capitol and to make an appointment, taxpayers should call **393-4364**. To get help locating other free tax assistance sites, taxpayers can call Aloha United Way's helpline at **2-1-1**. For a complete list of tax sites and more information about the EITC and other tax credits, taxpayers can visit the program's website at www.hawaitaxhelp.org.

WAIPAHU STUDENTS VISIT



On January 13, students from Waipahu Intermediate School interviewed the Senator for an 'ōlelo special.

MHS MARCHING BAND TO VISIT CHINA

This semester, the Mililani High School Marching Band will travel to China for a whirlwind tour of the country. We are helping the band by collecting donations of non-perishable lei and other items from Hawaii to share with their 80 hosts in China.