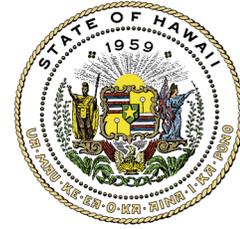




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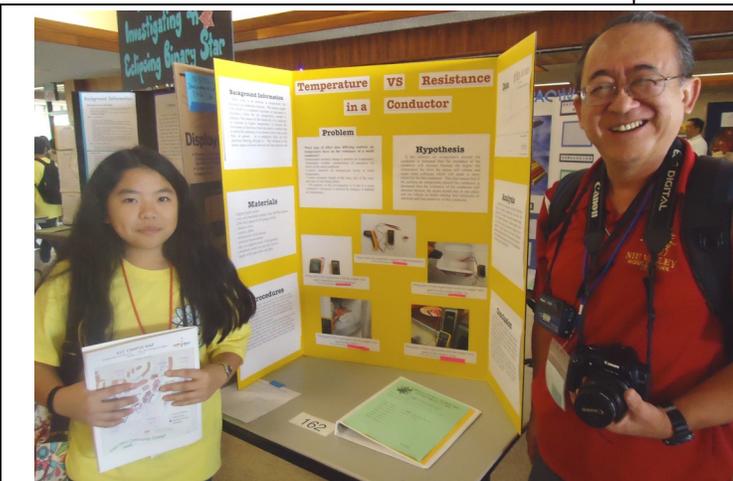
Legislative Issues

Imitation is the sincerest form of flattery – Marumoto’s ideas live on!

If imitation is the sincerest form of flattery, than Representative Marumoto must be humbled by the amount of flattery she is receiving. Other legislators have imitated her brown tree snake prevention bill, All-Terrain Vehicle safety bill and Kahala bills. Rep. Marumoto’s proposal to re-start the dog detection program was heard and scooped into the Agriculture Chair’s bill. The ATV measure picks up her ideas to prohibit passengers, ban those under 16 from using ATVs and require helmet use. Her bills to deter irresponsible landowners from keeping messy and neglected properties were copied in the House as well as the Senate. All bills are still alive.



Kahala School Visits Capitol – 80 5th graders came prepped to asked questions about state government.



Clyde Kobashigawa, Coordinator for the Science Fair, with Niu Valley Middle School student Stephanie Young. Elementary through high school students from the Honolulu District participated in this years Science Fair held at KCC.

District Concerns

Sacred Hearts Wins on Ch.5 It’s Academic

Congratulations to the Sacred Hearts team that defeated Castle and Nanakuli High Schools on the March 19th quiz program. On an earlier program, Kalani High came in second behind Kauai High, but ahead of Lanakila Baptist. Kudos to the student participants.

In the February issue of *Hawaii Landscape*,

Kaimuki restaurateur Ed Kinney is recognized for his sustainability efforts. Besides promoting locally -produced food, he practices water conservation in his Town and Downtown restaurants.

Kahala Nui – Generous residents and staff donated \$45,000 to Aloha United Way.

Marumoto Activities

The Junior League of Honolulu, the Organization of Women Leaders and the YWCA held a joint meeting inviting women legislators to discuss their priority measures in the current 2012 session.

Marumoto on Olelo – The representative taped Time With Barbara Marumoto with Christy Martin of CGAPS and Carol Okada of the Dept. of Agriculture on the horrors of brown tree snakes in Hawaii. She taped a Better Government series with Minority Leader Gene Ward and her bi-monthly 7 minute capitol commentary to update folks on legislative activities. She has been interviewed on several TV stations and the print media on the tree snake, reapportionment and traffic safety bills.

She attended a Small Business Hawaii meeting to hear Budget & Finance Director Kalbert Young, the Chocolate Festival promotion at Kahala Mall, a gathering hosted by the Western States Petroleum Association, and the excellent HOT presentation of Don Pasquale. She was delighted to show Junior League-provisional members through the House Chambers and the Minority Caucus Room. Members of the public don't have the opportunity to visit these places.



Rev. Sky St. John blessed the HUGS House, the play yard and the brand new van. Board members, staff and families joined in the celebration.



Members from the General Contractors Association visited legislators to explain their legislative priorities.



Chocolate Festival organizer Amy Hammond, Rep. Marumoto, Rep. Ching and her daughter would like people to know that Hawaii is the only state that grows chocolate. It is premium grade quality.

Signposts: A sudden loss was the death of Myrtle Lee, a pioneer woman leader in Hawaii's tourism industry. Everyone who is everyone in the visitor industry attended her services - testament to a great lady!