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NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD REPORT

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### **LEGISLATIVE ISSUES**

**Crossover Day** - March 10 marked the day when the House and Senate passed their own bills and transmitted them to the other House. The Marumoto Nuisance bill (designed for Kahala) that would enable an owner of a rundown property to be cited for a misdemeanor did not make crossover. HB 1808 that would



**One of Kawamoto's many homes in Kahala that are neglected and have fallen into disrepair.**

have required beachfront owners to trim encroaching vegetation was heard only in the Environmental Protection Committee. One Marumoto DNA bill (to require samples from arrestees of violent crimes) advanced as far as the Judiciary Committee. The only Marumoto traffic safety measure heard in the Transportation Committee would have banned minors from using All-Terrain Vehicles. The Representative will be working to amend Senate bills or draft resolutions to advance her ideas.

**Good News** – a CIP authorization for stairwell security gates at Kalani High is included in the budget bill.

**On Other Fronts** – Due to lower tax revenues, look for tax and fee increases. "Takeaways" from public employees are apparently off the table. Republicans are urging more spending cuts.

#### **Public Access Room**

The State Capitol has a Public Access Room that is an excellent resource for learning how to:

- track bills
- find a hearing notice
- submit important testimony (live, e-mail or written)
- tips on speaking at hearings

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**Reps. Manahan, Marumoto and Oshiro listened to students testify in support of the Kamehameha butterfly being named the state insect.**

If you would like to receive Rep. Marumoto's newsletters by email please contact the Rep's. office at (808) 586-6310 or email at [repmarumoto@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:repmarumoto@capitol.hawaii.gov).

## DISTRICT CONCERNS

**Traffic Improvements** – "Countdown" pedestrian signals have been installed at Waialae and 16<sup>th</sup> Avenues. This will make this dangerous corner much safer. You will now know how many seconds remain to cross the street. The State Department of Transportation will re-pave the Kalanianaʻole Highway on and off-ramps (near Ainakoa) as well as - finally - smooth the rough spots at the Waialae/Kilauea intersection. The City project to rebuild Kilauea Avenue from 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue to Malia Street appears to be going well. If you are wondering why two agencies are dealing with the same intersection, it's because the State controls the areas in and around – and under - state highways and freeways.

**Kalani Robotics Team Needs Help** – Kalani's Team 3008 qualified for the World Championships to be held in Dallas. Cash, frequent flyer miles would help get them there. The team would also appreciate donations of parts for new robots, gift cards for City Mill or Home Depot, and time and expertise from persons who have the technical know-how to advise the team. See [www. Kalanihs.k12.hi.us](http://www.Kalanihs.k12.hi.us) or contact teacher Bryan Silver at [bryan\\_silver@notes.k12.hi.us](mailto:bryan_silver@notes.k12.hi.us).

**KBPA Stars on Ole'lo** – Rep. Marumoto hosted leaders of the Kaimuki Business & Professional Association on a 30 minute Ole'lo program. Vice President John Kobayashi and Secretary Denise Motohiro related the 63-year history of KBPA as well as its current activities.

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## MARUMOTO ACTIVITIES

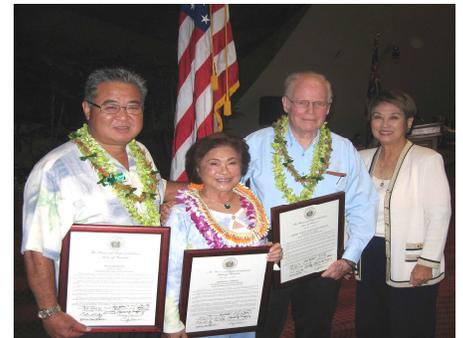
**Women's History Month** – Rep. Marumoto addressed the County Committee on the Status of Women observance for Women's History Month. She spoke about the late Ah Quon McElrath and her lifelong battle for women and all those she considered underdogs. Marumoto also attended her services at the ILWU headquarters.

Waiokeola Congregational Church observed the retirement of Bud Klein, its Music Director. Rep. Marumoto and Sen. Slom presented him with Certificates of Recognition from the Legislature. Rep. Marumoto also recognized this year's honorees of the Nisei Veterans Endowed Forum Series - Universal Values for a Democratic Society – Frank DeLima, Waialae Nui resident Patricia Nishimoto, Bill Paty and, posthumously, Robert Sakai.

The 2009 Junior Achievement inductees to its Business Hall of Fame were honored in both the House and the Senate – Farmer Dean Okimoto, Philanthropist Susanna Cheung and Big Isle rancher Monte Richards.

Marumoto was glad to assist with the opening of Liberty Dialysis on Harding & Koko Head Avenues – a welcome addition to the neighborhood.

Watch Capitol Commentary on Ole'lo. - Rep. Marumoto and other legislators report to the district regularly on pending legislation. The representative was also pleased to speak to the new members of the Junior League provisional training program.



(Left to Right) Nalo Farm's Dean Okimoto, Philanthropist Susanna Cheung, Big Island Rancher Monte Richards, and Rep. Marumoto.