



BARBARA MARUMOTO

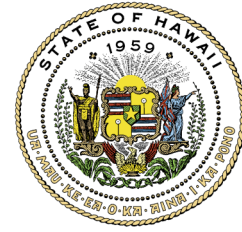
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NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD REPORT

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Legislative Issues

Controversial Bills

- State-owned Banks to purchase distressed mortgages, invest in energy programs
- Early release from prisons
- Temporary Exemption from Procurement Code for Capital Improvement Projects
- Temporary Exemption from EIS law for projects designated by the Governor and Mayor
- Temporary Exemption from Coastal Zone Management & SMA permitting
- List of State Priority Projects in categories such as transportation, energy, etc.
- Health insurers will be on Obamacare "Connector" board

A Marumoto concurrent resolution passed asking Congress to establish a Women's Museum. Another resolution introduced by Rep. Marumoto also passed calling for the Department of Health to set up a plan to tackle COPD (Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease). A Kahala bill, the dog inspection bill and an ATV safety bill are still alive (as of April 4) in the Senate. The East Honolulu Fishpond preservation provision was stripped from HB2820.



KCC participates in Education Week at the Capitol – KCC Culinary and several chefs-in-training provided Capitol workers with sliders and fish and local veggies. UH Manoa football coaches were also present.



Hundreds of adorable Pre-Schoolers filled the Capitol rotunda to emphasize the importance of the role Good Beginnings Alliance is in preparing children for elementary school and for life.

District Concerns

CIP - East Honolulu Improvement Projects in HB 2012 HD 1, House version of the budget. Here are the some items from HD1 (in thousands).

DOE Data Center - improvements, equipment (at Lili'uokalani School?)	\$2.200 M
Kamiloiki School – ADA accessibility compliance	375
Niu Valley Middle - 4 world language classrooms, construction	3.000
KCC Culinary Institute - \$5 M construction & equipment	5.000
Diamond Head Birkhimer Tunnel Emergency Operating Center,	600
Land acquisition, construction, equipment	



Nancy Wilcox discussed her efforts to save the Queen Theatre during Historic Preservation Day at the Capitol. Also on hand, the Doris Duke Museum.

Marumoto Activities

Welcome UH football coach Norm Chow and his assistant coaches! They greeted Ahahui Koa Anuenue supporters at Waialae Country Club recently. She stopped in at a meeting of the Kapiolani Park Preservation Society.

Organizations that have invited legislators to meet and greet sessions include the Diabetes Association, the Dietetic Association, National Federation of Independent Businesses, Public Charter Schools Network, Girl Scouts, Kahi Mohala, Caregivers, Honolulu Junior League and OHA. Exhibitions at the Capitol include many organizations dealing with mental health, agriculture, historic preservation, Hawaiian culture, and education.

Diamond Head Theatre is promoting its next season so for those who support the performing arts. Check out their website.

Kalani High

Seven hundred persons attended the annual OIA Foundation Dinner that honored Dwight Toyama for his contribution to high school athletics. Marumoto attended as a guest of the Kalani Athletic Department. Congratulations to the Boys Soccer team and Coach Mike Ching for a stellar season.

Diamond Head

The Governor attended the groundbreaking of the Linear Trail improvement at the entrance of Diamond Head Monument. The trail will run along Diamond Head Road from 18th Avenue to the former Cannon Club.

New Kahala Business

American Financial Services Center opened up at the former American Savings Bank site, 1215 Hunakai Street. Waialae Baptist Church Pastor Robert Miller provided the blessing, and HEI Chair Constance Lau was also on hand. Do you recall there was an armed robbery at ASB a few years ago?

The preliminary results on Representative Marumoto's mid-session survey are in. About 300 residents responded and shared their thoughts and opinions on six different issues.

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Issue 1: Governor's plan to bring back prisoners housed on the mainland, build or expand facilities in Hawaii, and allow early release of prisoners to ease overcrowding.

27% 60% 12%

Issue 2: Governor's policy bill to support 10+ projects including the City rail, wind energy electrical cable from Lanai, Maunakea telescope, and a 650' tall private condo with a rail station.

24% 61% 14%

Issue 3: Establishment of a Gambling Commission to assess the social and economic costs and benefits of different types of gambling for Hawaii.

23% 70% 6%

Issue 4: Study the creation of a state-owned bank with state funds to bail out owners facing foreclosure and make loans for alternative energy projects. Establishes a program to buy distressed homes.

11% 78% 10%

Issue 5: Authorize counties to set up speed cameras – "van cams" to catch speeders.

41% 46% 11%

Issue 6: Ten-cent fee for single-use plastic check-out bags to be used for environmental programs. Bill allows businesses to retain a portion of fee.

24% 67% 6%

Keep posted for the final results. If you are interested in the final results please email me at repmarumoto@capitol.hawaii.gov and I will add you to our email list to ensure that you get the final results of this survey.



Randy Sotsuda received an Excellence in Service Award from the Friends of the Library for her work at Kaimuki Regional Library.



Reps Kawakami, Evans & Thielen were among legislators who attended the Honolulu Junior League meet and greet at the Capitol.



Sen. Clarence Nishihara chats with Junior League sustaining members Dr. Nancy Pace and Barbara Pleadwell.



Kaimuki Lions volunteered at the Wai'alaie Charter School Fair and honored JPO students at Paradise park



Where is this? The cactus garden with super-sized saguaro is located on the KCC campus. Drive by; it is visible from the Diamond Head parking lot.



Kalani High Sustainability Project exhibit for Education Week.