



LEGISLATIVE CONNECTION

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ADVOCACY & LOBBYING

The Legislative session is always an exciting time, with literally thousands of ideas for new laws being considered. Many groups come to educate lawmakers about the merits of bills. Here are some of them.

HAWAII CAREGIVERS

Hawaii's caregivers take care of you! The American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) is among those who look out for both our kupuna and for those who tend to their needs and well-being. The informative gathering is an annual effort for the organization.



GREEN / PLASTIC BAGS

The Sierra Club knows how to make a point: plastic bags don't disintegrate for a very long time and really pile up! To encourage consumers to reduce, reuse, and recycle, the Sierra Club gave out green shopping bags. No word on how many in the costume.

MOTHERS AGAINST DRUNK DRIVING

The Legislature recently honored Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD), for its many long years in encouraging motorists to drive safely. Representing MADD are Jennifer Dotson, state Executive Director (*second from right, top row*), Carol McNamee and Arkie Koehl (*center, bottom row*).



EWA BEACH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

March is Read Across America month. Senator Espero recently visited and read to this enthusiastic 6th grade class.

KUALAKA'I PARKWAY

The long awaited Kualaka'i Parkway is now open! Leeward residents have a beautiful, open-space roadway to commute into or out of Ewa and Kapolei from the H-1. Senator Espero began work on this road in 2000. Representative Sharon Har and Senator Espero proudly hold the name sign.





NAVY LEAGUE

The Navy League recently honored Senator Espero for his efforts to provide beach access at Iroquois Point and to preserve MCAS Ewa Field. Executive Director Bob McDermott presented the award on behalf of the Navy League.

CIVIL AIR PATROL

Senator Espero was honored at the annual awards hosted by the Civil Air Patrol, for his support of the CAP and the West Oahu CAP Cadet Program.



LINCOLN DAY

Ewa Elementary School celebrated its annual Lincoln Day. Students began celebrating President Lincoln's birthday in 1944. Then-Principal Katherine Burke wanted children to learn of his values of hard work, integrity, and love of learning and love of country. She was the driving force in commissioning the statue, created by Dr. Avatar T. Fairbanks of the University of Michigan.

"DOG" CHAPMAN

High profile bounty hunter "Dog" Chapman testified in favor of SB 2534. The bill requires law enforcement agencies to accept specified types of bonds when the court is not open. It also requires prompt release after acceptance of bail.



TUTUS

Many elderly are taking care of their grandchildren. Tutus joined the Hawaii Caregivers to make legislators aware of needed changes in the law that can ease the situation and improve their ability to ensure their grandchildren's well-being.

MESSAGE FROM SENATOR ESPERO

The 2010 Session is upon us. The Legislature is primed to deal with many issues, with the economy and its impact on the State budget at the forefront of the list. As always I continue to work hard to promote the well-being of our district and the concerns of our residents. If there is anything I can assist you with, please call my office at [586-6360](tel:586-6360) or send an e-mail at senespero@capitol.hawaii.gov.