



SENATOR

Ewa Beach to Lower Waipahu

# WILL ESPERO



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## LEMON LAW

At right, Alex Rodriguez testified in strong support before the Transportation and International Affairs Committee for Senate Bill 827 - RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLE EXPRESS WARRANTY ENFORCEMENT, which amends Hawaii's "lemon law" to include motorcycles in the definition of "motor vehicles."

Mr. Rodriguez, a constituent of Senator Espero, shared his own personal experience and concerns with the current language of Hawaii's "lemon law." Recognizing the need and importance to change the current existing state of affairs, Senator Espero introduced Senate Bill 827 this session.

We appreciate your ideas. If you have any questions or issues that need to be addressed, please feel free to contact us so we may better serve you.



## KEIKI CAUCUS

Senator Espero called for the expansion of parent-child interaction programs such as the Strengthening Keiki of Incarcerated Parents project (SKIP) at State correctional facilities, during the Keiki Caucus press conference held on January 31, 2007.

As co-sponsor of the bill, which supports these programs, Senator Espero emphasized the importance of passing this legislation to help children and incarcerated parents maintain important family bonds.

(Left): With Senator Espero are Representative Barbara Marumoto and Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland.



## HOLOMUA



The "Legislative Back to School Program" gives children the opportunity to learn about the process of making laws and what it's like to be a legislator. State lawmakers visit school children in their districts, teaching students how vital their ideas and opinions are for a representative democracy.

Senator Will Espero recently met with second grade students at Holomua Elementary School. He explained how an idea becomes a law, in a process that involves community input, negotiation, compromise and dialogue.

Designed by the National Conference of State Legislatures, the program is largely successful in initiating students to the law making process through personal visits from their legislator.



## ADMIRAL

Admiral William Fallon, commander of the U.S. Forces in the Pacific region, and Mrs. Mary Fallon were recognized by the Hawaii State Senate for their outstanding accomplishments.

Selected by President Bush for his broad experience and proven diplomacy, Admiral Fallon takes over as the new head of the Middle East Central Command. He and his wife lived in Hawaii the last two years.



*Two of Senator Espero's constituents from Ewa by Gentry, Laura and Albert Chun visited at the State Capitol for the "Share the Pride" event associated with the University of Hawaii.*



*The old Waipahu Sugar Mill – a local landmark – sits in back of the Leeward YMCA's six-lane heated pool.*



*On January 25, the Leeward YMCA opened its new \$13.5 million facility at the old Waipahu Sugar Mill. The Iroquois Point Elementary School's band entertained guests at the blessing ceremony. The new YMCA includes a six-lane heated swimming pool, fitness center, exercise and meeting rooms. It will provide after school mentoring and tutoring for Waipahu youth, among other services.*

**WOEDA**



Senator Espero is a founder of the West Oahu Economic Development Association (WOEDA), a group of business and community leaders dedicated to supporting jobs and economic development in West Oahu. WOEDA sponsored West Oahu Day at the State Capitol on January 19.





Listed below is a summary of some of Senator Espero key bills as first primary introducer for this session. The full language of the bill can be found at: <http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/>  
 If you are interested in testifying in support of these initiatives or would like to be notified in the case these bills are heard, contact our office at: [senespero@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:senespero@capitol.hawaii.gov)  
 Please enclose in the email the bill(s) of your interest and a contact number.

Measure	Report Title and Description
SB1232	<b>University of Hawaii-West Oahu; Appropriation (\$)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Appropriates funds for the purpose of infrastructure development at the University of Hawaii-West Oahu.</li> </ul>
SB1231	<b>Weed &amp; Seed; Expansion; Appropriations (\$)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Appropriates funds as a grant-in-aid to expand the weed and seed program to operate in the communities of Kalihi, Waipahu, and Ewa Beach on Oahu, to be expended by the attorney general through a contract with the YMCA of Honolulu.</li> </ul>
SB925	<b>Waiver of Abandoned Vehicle Public Auction Requirements</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allows the waiver of public auction of a towed vehicle that has not been claimed and the vehicle is missing major components or is so materially damaged as to render the vehicle inoperable and the registration period has expired for the vehicle.</li> </ul>
SB927	<b>Cathode Ray Tubes; Disposal</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Directs the department of health to adopt rules to establish a cathode ray tube recycling program. Prohibits placing cathode ray tubes in landfills after 1/1/09. Requires reports to the legislature.</li> </ul>
SB833	<b>Project Graduation; Schools (\$)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Makes an appropriation for all public high schools hosting Project Graduation festivities, or all-night, post-commencement, alcohol- and drug-free celebrations.</li> </ul>
SB924	<b>Mandatory Recycling; Government Offices (\$)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Requires state and county offices and buildings to create and implement plans for mandatory recycling. Appropriates funds to the counties.</li> </ul>
SB827	<b>Motor Vehicles; Motorcycles; Warranty; Lemon Law</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Amends Hawaii's "lemon law" to include motorcycles in the definition of "motor vehicles".</li> </ul>
SB1229	<b>Scrap Dealers; Copper; Copper Redemption Database (\$)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Requires scrap dealers to include a thumbprint of all persons redeeming copper in the required identification statement. Establishes a copper redemption database. Makes appropriations.</li> </ul>
SB907	<b>Office of Aerospace Development (\$)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Creates the Office of Aerospace Development within the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism. Appropriates \$1,673,000 in FY 2007-2008 and \$1,173,000 in FY 2008-2009.</li> </ul>
SB823	<b>SPRBs; Low-income and Moderate-income Housing Projects; Infrastructure</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Authorizes the issuance of special purpose revenue bonds to build infrastructure for low- and moderate-income housing projects.</li> </ul>
SB911	<b>Prison Study; New Prison Facility</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Requires the Department of Public Safety to conduct a study to identify three sites within the State for a new minimum security prison by December 15, 2007. Requires a report to the Legislature by January 1, 2008.</li> </ul>
SB1807	<b>CIP; 20<sup>th</sup> Senatorial District</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Appropriates funds for capital improvement projects in the 20th senatorial district including new funding for Ewa Makai Middle School.</li> </ul>

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