

OPENING DAY

Opening Day for the 2008 Session of the Legislature is Wednesday, January 16. This is an opportunity for the public to be involved in the law-making process by providing input on bills being considered. I look forward to hearing your ideas. If you have any issues or concerns, please contact my office. I will again chair the Senate Public Safety Committee, which oversees the prison system, and vice-chair the Senate Economic Development and Taxation Committee. I will also be introducing several bills, affecting public safety, energy, and the environment. I hope you can join me for the lunch next Wednesday at noon. Unfortunately, parking will not be available at the Capitol.

FREE JUDICIARY SEMINAR ON PROTECTIVE ORDERS

Also on January 16, from noon to 1 p.m. in the Supreme Court Conference Room, is a free informational session on protective and temporary restraining orders. The program is geared toward victims of harassment, physical or sexual violence, verbal threats, property damage, or stalking. Judge Barbara Richardson and Lepetia Letuli will explain the process of filing these types of orders and what happens when the parties go to court. The Supreme Court conference room is on the second floor of Aliʻi olani Hale, 417 S. King St., behind the King Kamehameha statue in downtown Honolulu. For more information, call the Judiciary Public Affairs Office at 539-4909.

FREE FAMILY FILMS AT HONOLULU ACADEMY OF ARTS

Please join the Honolulu Academy of Arts for its free family films, offered in conjunction with the exhibition, "Hawaiian Modern: The Architecture of Vladimir Ossipoff." On January 20, the featured films will be "Roberto: The Insect Architect" and "The Man Who Walked Between the Towers." For more information, call 532-8700.

ESPERO CONVERSATION

Watch *Espero Conversation* on Olelo Community Television every Monday night at 8 p.m. Past "Conversation" shows included a diverse array of guests: John Garibaldi of Hawaii Superferry, UH Athletic Director Herman Frazier, Lei Ahu Isa of the BOE, and Chuck Boller of the Hawaii Film Festival. The show is aired on channel 53 or 54.