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COMMUNITY MEETING



Last month Councilman Todd Apo and I held a community meeting to update residents about developments in the area. Rail will be on the ballot. Also discussed: North-South Road, Fort Weaver widening, Kapolei Parkway improvement and safety measures, Geiger Park opening, among others.

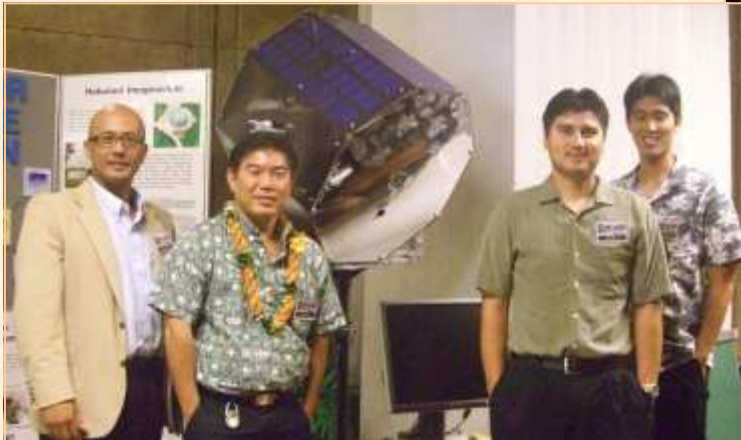
CONGRATULATIONS TANNER!

Hawaii is proud of our Waipio Little League team! Tanner Tokunaga was recently honored at his school, Waipahu Intermediate. Senator Espero presented a certificate to Tanner at the ceremony.



FUTURE FLIGHT

The Senate Economic Development Committee recently hosted an aerospace conference. Pictured is a small satellite built by UH students for future launches. The UH will be the first university to launch satellites into space.



FAREWELL NATIONAL GUARD

Senator Espero joined hundreds of residents to show support for our National Guard as they prepared to be deployed to the Middle East. Many are Ewa Beach residents.



WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

The Workforce Development Council, of which Senator Espero is a member, works to formulate policy to promote job readiness and competitiveness of Hawaii's workers. Council members listened to ideas given by



OFFICER GRADUATION

The Department of Public Safety recently graduated its newest class of corrections officers. As Chair of the Public Safety Committee, Senator Espero was invited to address the class.

PRISON REFORM

The Pew Report on the Corrections this year reported that unless reforms are made, corrections spending will blow most state budgets, and take away state funding from other badly needed areas such as education. Senator Espero has worked with the Department and prison advocates to institute alternative means of dealing with non-violent offenders to both keep the community safe while holding down costs. Here, Senator Espero, Senator Nishihara (Public Safety Vice-Chair), and a staffer of Committee member Senator Sakamoto all demonstrated the electronic monitoring system. GPS with monitoring is one less costly correctional alternative.



Senator Espero hosts a lively discussion on topics of the day on his "Espero Conversation" shown on Olelo Ch. 54 at 9:30 p.m. on Sundays. His guest for Sept. 14, 21, and 28 is Harvey Berliner, Chief of Facilities Engineering for the Honolulu High-Capacity Transit Corridor Project, Rapid Transit Division.

ESPERO CONVERSATION