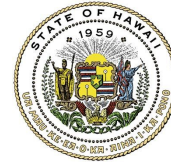




# Representative

2014

## Gene Ward



## May Report

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### BILLS YOU WILL SEE AGAIN!

Though the 2-year Biennium Session is over, there is some certainty that some bills will definitely be back in the next Session. In fact, most bills that will impact society the most - usually take the most number of years to pass. Here's a sampling for 2015:

#### Genetically Modified Organisms - HB2667 (FAILED)

- Establishes labeling requirements and import restrictions on imported genetically engineered produce.
- Authorizes the labeling of non-genetically engineered food as "not genetically engineered" or "does not include a genetically engineered ingredient". Establishes penalties for false labeling.



#### Legalization of Marijuana - HB1708 (FAILED)

- Legalizes the personal use of marijuana.
- Subjects marijuana establishments to excise taxes and income taxes.

#### Gambling - HB1065 (FAILED)

Would establish a gambling task force to perform a comprehensive social and financial analysis of the different types of gambling and their impact on the State in order for legislators to make informed policy decisions.



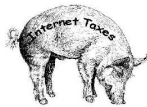
#### Kakaako Highrise Development - HB2554 (FAILED)



- Would require OHA to conduct a public hearing on any plan or proposal for any residential development in Kakaako on lands owned by OHA prior to submission of the plan or proposal to the HCDA.

#### Internet Sales Tax - HB2135 (FAILED)

- Enables the State to tax Internet-based transactions through its participation in the national Streamlined Sales and Use Tax Agreement (SSUTA).



#### Pension Tax - HB1569 (FAILED)

- Would provide for the taxation of the pension income of: (1) an individual filer with FAGI (federal adjusted gross income) of \$100,000 or more; (2) a joint or surviving spouse filer with FAGI of \$200,000 or more; and (3) a head of household with FAGI of \$150,000 or more.



#### Jones Act - HR113 and HCR153 (FAILED)

- Request Congressional exemption from the U.S.-build requirement of the Jones Act in the noncontiguous domestic trade of Hawaii for large self-propelled oceangoing ships, joined by Alaska and Puerto Rico



#### Early Learning \$ - HB1676 (FAILED)

- Would authorize the executive office on early learning to enter into agreements with the department of education and charter schools for use of available classrooms as public preschool classrooms. Makes an appropriation

#### Epi Pen (peanut allergy antidote) - HB2442 (FAILED)

- Would require designated school personnel to be trained to administer epinephrine to a student having an anaphylactic emergency, with the written authorization of the student's parent or guardian.



#### Driverless Cars - HB1461 (FAILED)



- Authorizes for testing purposes the operation of autonomous vehicles on public roads, streets, and highways.

### KA IWI WATCH UPDATE:

- No Permits Filed -



As of May 23rd, 2014, **no application has been filed** for development on the Ka Iwi coast, according to the City & County of Honolulu's Department of Planning and Permitting.

### GREAT LAWN UPDATE:

- Shopping Center on Hold -



As of May 23rd, 2014, no movement has been made by KS/BE regarding their proposal for the development of a shopping center on the Great Lawn.

## WARD SPEAKS AT HOKULE'A SAILING!



The Polynesian voyaging canoe, Hokule'a began its 50,000 mile journey around world to 26 nations from Sand Island on Saturday, May 18, 2014. Rep. Ward spoke at the gathering of a huge crowd of supporters with his memories of attending Hokule'a's historic and very spiritual return from Tahiti in 1976 at Magie Island. Ward said this was **another proud day for all of the people of Hawaii regardless of their age, ethnicity and other differences as we send our ambassadors on the Hokule'a throughout the world.** He also noted if people wanted to touch the Hokule'a's koa under-rigging to come to his office at the State Capitol where he has a display cabinet made from the same koa lumber stockpile used by Master Craftsman, Wright Bowman of Kamehameha Schools to build the Hokule'a as well as the cabinet built for the Ward family business at the Royal Hawaiian Hotel in 1976.



Ward's case made from Hokule'a's koa.

Hōkūle'a is a Polynesian double-hulled voyaging canoe. It was first launched on March 8, 1975 by the Polynesian Voyaging Society and is known for her maiden 1976 Hawai'i to

Tahiti voyage performed with Polynesian navigation techniques, without modern navigational instruments.

**Rep. Ward also had the honor of being an associate of the first captain of the Hokule'a, Herb Kane, the world renowned artist and designer of the Hokule'a while both were at the East West Center. Herb was a Senior Fellow in residence just next door to Ward's research office in Lincoln Hall, where he was doing his Ph.D. research on Hawaiians in business. Herb and Ben Finney, who served on Rep. Ward's dissertation committee were both founders of the Polynesian Voyaging Society.** In those days before the Hokule'a, sailing long distances without navigational instruments was believed to be nearly possible and Thor Heyerdahl's theory that Hawaii and other Polynesia settlements were accomplished by drifting or rafting ala his "Kon Tiki" design and successful voyage from Peru across the Pacific in 101 days was the accepted theory of the day. **The Hokule'a and the Hawaiians changed this Euro-centric view of Polynesia the day they sailed back from Tahiti in 1976, and they're about to change history again!**



Rep Ward with a Hokule'a crew member.

**Go Nainoa and crew! Godspeed, strong winds and Aloha be with you!**

## MEET WITH REP WARD IN A RELAXED AND UNSTRUCTURED ENVIRONMENT!

**M**onthly "Summits" are held at Koko Marina Shopping Center the first Tuesday or the first Thursday of every month.



**COFFEE SUMMIT - Tuesday, June 3, 2014 - 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Zippys (inside far right corner)**



**BEER SUMMIT - Thursday, June 5, 2014 - 5:30-7:30 p.m. - Kona Brewing Co.**

**Featuring Hawaii Kai's own:**

**Peter Carlisle  
Former Mayor and Prosecuting  
Attorney of Honolulu—June 5  
Guest Speaker**

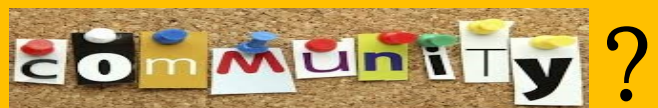


## NEWSMAN FOR A DAY!



**Rep. Ward became Newsman for a Day on May 7th, selling papers for Keiki Day outside the 7-11 in Hawaii Kai! Keiki Day newspaper is a Special Edition paper that helps to support PACT (Parents and Children Together). "The mission of Parents And Children Together is to promote and support healthy individuals, families and communities by creating opportunities for them to identify and address their own strengths needs and concerns and successfully realize their potential." Their vision is Hawaii as a peaceful and safe community, living as an ohana, successfully helping its members realize their dreams and full potential." Rep. and his team sold more than 50 papers to help support this great cause! Thank you Hawaii Kai!**

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