

Representative

Gene Ward



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JULY Report

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Ward vows to revive Shark Feeding Bill

On July 6, Governor Lingle vetoed House Bill 2583 which would have increased penalties for illegal shark feeding in state waters. Governor Lingle vetoed the bill due technical flaws that had little to do with the subject matter of the bill. Rep. Ward remains positive that a similar bill will pass the Legislature next year once the technical flaws are addressed.

By passing House Bill 2583, the Legislature showed its willingness to tighten shark feeding laws, and Rep. Ward is already working on legislation that will increase penalties for those who violate shark feeding laws. Ward and Hawaii Kai Neighborhood Board Chair, Greg Knudsen, defended the community's position in a recent radio interview on the subject.

One of the important bills that did escape a veto was House Bill 1665 to prevent the sale of Hawaiian fishponds. After hearing from the Hawaii Kai community, Rep. Ward wrote a letter to Governor Lingle in support of

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the measure, requesting the passage of House Bill 1665, which prohibits the sale of fee interests of public lands on which government-owned Hawaiian fishponds are located. Rep. Ward explained that both the Kalauha`iha`i and State-owned portions of the Kanewai Fishpond are planned to go out to auction later this year. He also reiterated what community organizations said, which was that the Kanewai Fishpond, which the Department of Transportation has possession of, was intended to be made available to other organizations after being acquired.

According to community organizations, the Kanewai Fishpond represents a very important cultural, scientific, and historical resource for the Native Hawaiian people and all citizens of Hawaii. As such, Rep. Ward requested that the Governor pass the legislation that would prevent its sale.

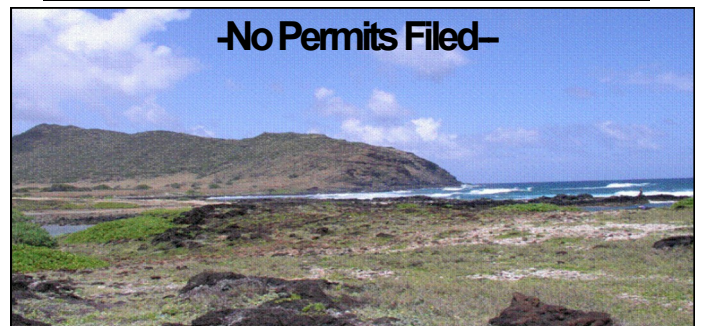
House Bill 1665 is now put into law thanks to the hard work of the Hawaii Kai community.

HAWAII KAI FARMERS ALERT: Farmers' Negotiations Underway



If you would like a bumper sticker to show your support, please call Judy Nii at 395-9811.

KA IWI WATCH UPDATE:



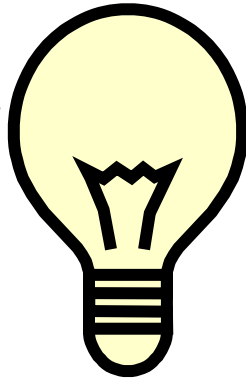
The Department of Planning and Permitting stated on July 21, 2010 that no application has been filed for development on Ka Iwi.

Community Survey for 2010 Session Preliminary Results

Furloughs and BOE:

- 1) Do you agree or disagree with the way furloughs were ended? Strongly Agree (8%), Somewhat Agree (18%), Somewhat Disagree (12%), Strongly Disagree (55%)
- 2) Should the Board of Education be elected or appointed? Elected (33%), Appointed (49%)
- 3) Should the 2011 Legislature pass legislation to ban school furloughs from ever being used again for the purposes of balancing the budget? Strongly Agree (39%), Somewhat Agree (12%), Somewhat Disagree (6%), Strongly Disagree (22%)
- 4) Who should get the most blame for the 17 days of lost education to kids due to school furloughs? *Respondents were asked to check all that applied.* Governor (29%), Teacher's Union (71%), Board of Education (47%), Legislature (43%)

What Do You Think?



Taxes and Spending:

- 1) Should we increase the GET in 2011? Yes (14%), No (61%)
- 2) The 2010 Legislature increased the tax on a barrel of oil from 5 cents to \$1.05. Did you agree with this tax? Yes (29%), No (61%)
- 3) What do you think are the best ways state government can cut spending or increase revenues? Most common answer was to prioritize expenses.
- 4) Should there be a left turn lane into Koko Marina Shopping Center for eastbound traffic on Kalaniana'ole Hwy? Yes (64%), No (24%) n=50

Where did George Santos Live?

Most people don't realize that the beginning of the "**Hawaiian Movement**" began in Hawaii Kai's **Kalama Valley**. More particularly it began at the pig farm of George Santos somewhere on the makai side of Kalama Valley near Sandy's and the Botanical Garden, but no one knows where. **If you know where George Santo's pig farm was located**, or have photos of it, please contact Rep. Ward's office at 586-6420.

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JOBS WATCH

Since the economic downturn in 2008 our biggest worry has been about jobs and when we're going to recover. The latest local unemployment figures are still climbing but below national rates:

	May 2010	June 2010
Big Island	9.6%	10.4%
Maui	8%	8.4%
Molokai	12.7%	12.2%
Kauai	8.5%	9.1%
Lanai	5.8%	7.9%
Oahu	5.2%	5.8%
STATE OF HAWAII	6.3%	6.9%
NATIONAL	9.3%	9.6%

*Source: Hawaii Dept of Labor Statistics, June 2010; These rates are not seasonally adjusted.

Protecting Our 'Aina



On July 15, Rep. Ward interviewed Department of Land and Natural Resources Director Laura Thielen and re-capped her time with the Lingle Administration for the show, "Better Government." To watch their discussion, tune in to Olelo Channel 54 on Fridays at 8 p.m.

CONSTITUENT'S CORNER

Have any announcements or advice for your neighbors in District 17? Call Beth at 586-6420.

- **Need to contact your Congressman?** Newly elected Congressman Charles Djou's office informs us that constituents should call (808) 541-2570.
- **Construction Alert: Lane closures** for the Cured in Place Pipe Lining **on Kalaniana'ole Hwy.** will begin on August 1 and last through the month of September. Closures will last from 7 p.m. to 2 p.m. occasionally throughout August and September. **Closures will not take place daily.**
- **The construction of two new lanes** from Keahole to Kalaniana'ole has begun also. No word on how long the construction will last. Expect delays.