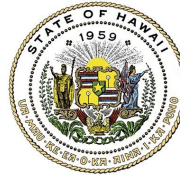


Representative Gene Ward

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SEPTEMBER Report



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9/11 Remembrance Walk



Rep. Ward joined Mayor Carlisle and other community leaders to honor and remember the 2,977 victims of the cowardly attacks on innocent civilians on September 11, 2001.

Rep. Ward was working in Washington, D.C. for the USAID Office of Democracy when the attacks occurred in 2001.

His office was located across from the White House and was caught in the black smoke and fear of the Pentagon just being hit a short distance away from across the Potomac.

The Mayor's remembrance walk began at HPD headquarters and concluded at the 9/11 Memorial - Eternal Flame on the grounds of Honolulu Hale.

New Growth Industry: Hawai'i's Film Studios



Supporting Hawai'i's film industry is a key component of growing our economy. Members of the House Republican Caucus toured the Hawai'i Film Studio during a field trip of Rep. Barbara Marumoto's district. Legislators spoke with Georja Skinner, Chief of the Creative Industries Division in DBEDT and discussed methods to increase the number of film projects that hire local talent and support personnel.

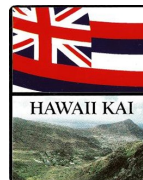
The visit to the Hawai'i Film Studio was a part of background research for 2012 legislation where two important bills will be considered to grow the film industry in Hawai'i.

KA IWI WATCH UPDATE:



The City's Department of Planning and Permitting stated on September 19, 2011 that no applications have been filed for development on Ka Iwi.

HAWAI'I KAI FARMERS UPDATE:



**KEEP THE VALLEY
VALLEY!**
SAVE KAMILONUI FARMLANDS

Kamilonui Valley farmers successfully renegotiated agricultural leases with the Kamehameha Schools this summer. Details of the settlement are still confidential - but our farmers are here to stay!

Koko Head Elementary School Center-Stage!



Rep. Ward interviews Rayne Hense, Counselor, and Jeffery Shitaoka, Principal of Koko Head Elementary School.

Education and **continues to meet adequate yearly progress since the inception of the No Child Left Behind Act.** See interview with Principal Jeffery Shitaoka at www.gene-ward.com.

Recent test scores show that our own **Koko Head Elementary School** is ranked as one of **top 2% of schools in the State of Hawai'i!**

As a result of the accomplishments of its faculty, staff, and students, Koko Head is one of three schools that will **represent Hawai'i in the 2011 National Blue Ribbon Schools Program.**

Thanks to members of our community and an effective D.O.E. regional administration, Koko Head avoided closure by the Board of

Ward Attends International Asia-Pacific Clean Energy Summit



Clean energy was the topic of a 4-day conference at the Hawai'i Convention Center mid-September as policy makers, professionals, educators and students gathered from around the Pacific rim.

A disappointing take away from the summit was that Hawai'i is using only 1% renewable energy from photovoltaic sources versus the 15% that is supposed to be allowable. This difference is how the 15% is defined as "peak load" only - not 15% total energy utilized!

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Update on Foodland



No word has been received that Foodland has obtained a sublease from Walgreens.

Walgreens submitted a building permit application to

the city Department of Planning and Permitting on August 8, 2011 to conduct general renovations to the existing Foodland location.

Plans are going through the department's review process. The Board of Water Supply submitted official comments on August 29, 2011.

Important Upcoming Community Events

REP. WARD'S TALK STORY AT MAUNALUA BAY: Stop by and share your community concerns and legislative ideas for the 2012 Session

- Saturday, October 22, 2011 | 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
- Maunaloa Bay

HAWAI'I KAI ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARADE 2011

- Saturday, November 26, 2011 - 10:00 | 11:30 a.m.
- Route starts at Kamiloiki District Park and ends at Koko Marina Center