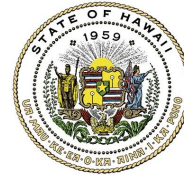


# Representative

# Gene Ward



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## Aloha Kaiwi



*Photo courtesy: Lesley Macpherson, HMSRTO*

Pictured above is Kaiwi with her mother Irma. Born on August 12, 2011, **Kaiwi is first documented Hawaiian monk seal born on the Ka Iwi Coast**, and has been closely monitored by the Hawaiian Monk Seal Response Team - O'ahu (HMSRTO), a volunteer organization that works closely with the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to monitor and help protect the seals.

**Get Involved!** Learn how to identify the seals and become a volunteer responder, go to: [www.hmsrto.org](http://www.hmsrto.org), call: (808) 234-7325, or e-mail: [sealonthbeach@gmail.com](mailto:sealonthbeach@gmail.com).

## Taiwan-Hawai'i Ties



A guest of the government of Taiwan, Rep. Ward, along with Speaker of the House Calvin K.Y. Say were a part of a delegation led by Economic Director Oliver Weng of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Honolulu recently returned from a goodwill tour of that country.

The purpose of the tour was to promote economic and cultural exchanges with Taiwan, and gain a better understanding of Taiwan and its unique situation in East Asia plus its founding roots in Hawai'i by its founder Sun Yat-sen who attended 'Iolani School and Punahou School. Rep. Ward has a history of working with foreign nations and dignitaries while he served with the United Nations in Africa and Asia, and as Peace Corps Country Director in East Timor.

## KA IWI WATCH UPDATE:



**- No Permits Filed -**

The City's Department of Planning and Permitting stated on October 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**

Farmers have renegotiated their leases with the Kamehameha Schools. Although lease-rents are on the higher side, they are much lower than what the school first offered. The farmers are here to stay, but you can expect a few different lessees.

## \$ Government Debt Growing



Rep. Ward with guest speakers (l-r): Sheila Weinberg - Institute for Truth in Accounting, Pam Tumpap - Maui Chamber of Commerce, and Kalbert Young - Director of Finance, State of Hawaii

Rep. Ward, along with Rep. Barbara Marumoto, convened the Government Debt Crisis Informational Briefing on October 11, 2011.

The purpose of the briefing was to discuss the impact of the national and state debt crisis on Hawai'i's future and ways to control excess government spending.

**Hawai'i's families carry the third highest per capita debt burden in the United States**, more than \$25,000 for every tax payer, while **the federal government borrows 40 cents of every dollar the United State spends.**

Watch national speaker Sheila Weinberg of the Institute for Truth in Accounting discuss the "seen and unseen" in government accounting, and what can be done by visiting [www.gene-ward.com](http://www.gene-ward.com).

### Constituent's Corner

- Have any announcements or advice for your neighbors in District 17? Call Jamé at 586-6420.
- In celebration of **Kaiser High School's 40th Anniversary**, the **Kaiser High School Foundation** will be honoring alumni, educators, and community leaders at a dinner on **November 20, 2011**. For more information, e-mail:

[KHSFoundation@gmail.com](mailto:KHSFoundation@gmail.com)

#### 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

## Happy 100th Birthday Taiwan!



Rep. Ward and members of the Legislature presented a congratulatory certificate to Director General Paul Chang of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Honolulu in celebration of the 100th Anniversary of Taiwan on October 7, 2011.

## Maui Wind Farm Visit



Rep. Ward and members of the House Republican Caucus conducted a "field trip" to Maui Representative George Fontaine's district on September 30, 2011.

Rep. Ward visited the Kaheawa Wind Farm located on the West Maui mountains. The "farm" produces up to 30MW of renewable energy for the island of Maui.



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