



## SENATOR NORMAN SAKAMOTO

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July 2007

# Legislative News

**Monday, June 25** was the deadline for Governor Linda Lingle to inform the Legislature of her intent to veto bills presented to her by the Legislature less than ten days before adjournment. Governor Lingle released a list of 33 bills that she was considering for potential vetoes.

Featured below are two bills that were heard by our Senate Committee on Education.

- **SB 613 Early Childhood Education**

*Focuses resources on developing a comprehensive early education program including junior kindergarten, pre-plus education, class size limits, professional development, facilities, and curriculum standards.*

- **SB 1922 Creative Media (EDT/EDU)**

*Authorizes the Academy for Creative Media to designate the existing public broadcasting system facility and studio located on the University of Hawaii Manoa campus as an interim home and appropriate funds. Establishes and appropriates funds for the Music and Enterprise Learning Experience (MELE) program at the University of Hawaii-Honolulu Community College to develop the technical business skills required by Hawaii's music artists and music industry.*

**Tuesday, July 10** was the 45<sup>th</sup> day after adjournment of the session. This was the last day for Governor Lingle to sign bills, or the bills become law without her signature. The Legislature convened in special session to override the Governor's veto on the following bills:

<b>HB 30</b>	<b><i>International Trade Agreements; State Approval</i></b>
<b>HB 310</b>	<b><i>Hawaii Broadband Task Force</i></b>
<b>HB 718</b>	<b><i>Hawaii Community Development Authority; Kakaako</i></b>
<b>HB 1270</b>	<b><i>State Planning; Hawaii 2050 Task Force</i></b>
<b>HB 1503</b>	<b><i>Employment; Dislocated Workers; Notification; Penalty</i></b>
<b>HB1605</b>	<b><i>Intelligent Transportation System; Maui Traffic Control Center</i></b>
<b>HB 1830</b>	<b><i>Abandoned Children; Safe Haven; Immunity from Prosecution</i></b>
<b>HB 932</b>	<b><i>Corrections; Offender Reentry System</i></b>
<b>SB 1066</b>	<b><i>Pests; Inspection; Quarantine; Eradication</i></b>
<b>SB 1191</b>	<b><i>Pedestrian Safety</i></b>
<b>SB 1922</b>	<b><i>Creative Media</i></b>

To view the text, status and more information on the bills, visit the following website:

[http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/splsession2007/status/acts\\_list.htm](http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/splsession2007/status/acts_list.htm)

**Schedule of  
Community Meetings  
July & August 2007  
Neighborhood Board Meetings**

**Aiea NB No. 20**

Monday, July 9, 7:30 PM  
Monday, August 13, 7:30 PM  
Aiea Library Conference Room

**Aliamanu/ Salt Lake/ Foster Village NB No. 18**

Thursday, July 12, 7:00 PM  
Thursday, August 9, 7:00 PM  
Aliamanu Middle School Cafeteria

**Kalihi-Palama NB No.15**

Wednesday, July 18, 7:00 PM  
Wednesday, August 15, 7:00 PM  
Kapalama Elem. School Cafeteria

**Aiea-Pearl City Town Hall  
Meeting**

**July- RECESS**

**Disaster Preparedness**

Wednesday, August 15  
7:00 PM-8:30 PM  
Waimalu Elementary School  
Cafeteria

**Education**

Wednesday, September 19  
Place and Time: TBD

**Senior Fair & Keiki ID**

Saturday, October 27  
Please stay tuned for more details!

**Community Associations**

**Moanalua Gardens Community Association**

Tuesday, July 3, 7:00 PM  
Tuesday, August 7, 7:00 PM  
Moanalua Middle, Room B1

**Kalihi-Palama Community Council**

**Recess until Monday, September 3, 2007**  
Susannah Wesley Community Center

# STEM Education

The National Governors Association has awarded Hawaii a two-year \$500,000 grant to advance science, technology, engineering and math education (STEM).

Hawaii proposes to develop two STEM centers operated by community colleges that will target students (particularly girls and other disengaged student sub-groups). Hawaii's proposal includes a professional development component and strives to assess outcomes of the state's STEM student initiatives.

The Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT) applied for the grant. DBEDT's partners in the grant application were the Department of Education (DOE), The University of Hawaii and several business leaders.

Senator Sakamoto is pleased to commit participation in these efforts and have consented to serve on the leadership team to oversee the grant as a Legislative Leader.

## Student & School News



Left: **Senator Donna Mercado Kim, Micah Kim Aiu, and Senator Sakamoto.**

The **Moanalua Gardens Community Association** awarded two scholarship recipients at their Installation Banquet on June 24.

- **Catherine Mondoy** a graduate of Sacred Hearts Academy and granddaughter of Terry and Caridad Ragasa. Catherine hopes to study at the University of Notre Dame or University of San Francisco.
- **Micah Kim Aiu**, son of Senator Donna Mercado Kim and graduate of the Kamehameha Schools. Micah will study at the University of Puget Sound. (See photo above.)

Construction on the following projects will be initiated shortly:

- **Pearl Harbor Elementary School**  
*Replace Water Lines, Phase 2*  
Contracted awarded to Harvey Brothers, LLC for \$204,000
- **Nimitz Elementary School**  
*Regrade Playground*  
Contract awarded to Island Landscaping and Maintenance for \$149,445

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