

# 2010 Legislative Session Wrap-Up



## Representative Maile Shimabukuro House of Representatives District 45 Wai'anae/ Mākaha

Mahalo nui loa for the privilege of serving you since 2003. I am excited to report on the highlights of the 2010 session:

### Education

- **HB 2200**, the state budget, has \$3 mil for land, design & construction for LCC/Wai'anae Educ. Ctr.; \$48 mil for UH West O'ahu.
- **HB 2486** sets a minimum number of instructional hours per school year for each grade.
- **SB 2124** appropriates \$67.5m from Hurricane Relief Fund to restore remaining school instructional days for 2009-'10 & 2010-'11 school years.
- **SB 2589** requires DOE to make available vacant school facilities for charter school use, increases the cap on charter schools, and provides for other charter school improvements.
- **SB 2395 (Act 106)** extends VEBA, health plan for public school teacher, to 12/31/10.

### Health



*Desiree Higa earned a well-deserved promotion in 2010 at Wai'anae Coast Comprehensive Health Center (WCCHC). Higa also manages the Wai'anae Farmer's Market to help carry out WCCHC's commitment to economic development and holistic health on the Coast.*

- **HB 2085 (Act 71)** sets limits on requests for proposals from providers for QUEST contracts exceeding \$100 mil & commencing after agency director's terms expires.
- **HB 2200**, State Budget appropriates \$2 million for community health centers statewide.
- **HB 2774** amends certain QUEST benefits and prohibits DHS from spending Medicaid funds on programs not specifically related to Medicaid or not authorized by Legislature.
- **SB 2469** appropriates \$332,000 from Emergency & Budget Reserve Fund for emergency room services at Wai'anae Coast Comprehensive Health Center (WCCHC).
- **SCR178/SR79** urges Hawaii Health Systems Corp hospitals & clinics to accept medical student rotations from programs based at WCCHC and UH.
- **SCR 179** requests development of proposed legislation mandating size & extent of a managed care plan's specialty network.

### Human Services

- **HB 1642 (Act 69)** requires proposals for purchases of health & human services to be submitted by licensed providers and for exact amount to be expended by state.
- **SB 2469**, the "Rainy Day Fund" bill provides funding for many human service projects—including the following which help Wai'anae residents: Kupuna Care, Meals for the Elderly, adult dental, General Assistance disability benefits, Adult Friends for Youth, Legal Aid, child care subsidies, and domestic violence shelters.
- **SB 2650 (Act 67)** convenes task force to determine feasibility of DHS' proposed "EPOD" reorganization involving office closures and personnel layoffs.

### Economic Development



*Derek Pine standing outside his store, Hale Nalu Surf & Bike.*

- **SB2231** exempts electric vehicles & vehicle charging systems from general excise tax.
- **SB 2840 (Act 68)** requires at least 80% of workers on construction procurements to be Hawaii residents and provides sanctions for noncompliance.

### Housing



*Maile and her family enjoyed a delicious and healthy lunch at Kahumana Café. L-R: Dr. Fred Dodge, Karen Young, Father Phil Harmon of Kahumana, Summer Miles (holding Maile's son, Keani), and Maile. The café is part of Ohana Ola O Kahumana, which provides mental health services and transitional housing for the needy.*

- **HB 2318** establishes a \$1 million Housing First Special Fund to implement programs (successful in other states) to provide stable housing for homeless people and help with related issues such as job training, employment and healthcare.
- **SB 2469** appropriates \$23 million for safety net services—including \$200,000 for Shelter Plus Care, which gives rental assistance & support services to disabled persons.
- **Congressional appropriations** for FY'10, as submitted by Rep. Mazie Hirono, include funding for Maili Self-Help Housing.
- **HCR 262 & SCR206** request establishment of Wai'anae Coast Homelessness Task Force to develop a comprehensive plan to address needs of the homeless.

### Agriculture



*Naked Cow Dairy in Lualualei Valley is O'ahu's only dairy. Their gourmet butters & cheeses are available at the Wai'anae Farmer's Market every Saturday from 8-11:30am at Wai'anae High.*

- **HB 2421 (Act 73)** provides initiatives & funds to promote energy and food self-sufficiency.
- **HB 2832** authorizes OHA to seek funds for projects that increase cultivation of taro.

### Energy & Environment

- **HB 2239** ends exemption for dietary supplements in deposit beverage container law.
- **HB 2644** applies solid waste disposal surcharge to waste that is shipped out-of-state.

### Consumer Protection

- **SB 2809** appropriates funds to reorganize Public Utilities Commission & Division of Consumer Advocacy, helping state transition to clean energy economy.
- **SB 2837 (Act 35)** revises requirements for licensing electricians and plumbers.



*Brooks Outland is a staunch advocate for veterans.*

### Hawaiian



*L-R: Lehua, Momi and Richard "Buffalo" Keaulana promote surfing, good will, and cultural pride on the Wai'anae Coast through the annual Buffalo's Big Board Surfing Classic at Mākaha Surfing Beach. Buffalo Keaulana was inducted into the HI Sports Hall of Fame and honored by the Legislature in 2010.*

- **HB 1015** enables DHHL to begin construction on housing and other projects; establishes procedures for disposition of lands and extensions of leases, with 15% of revenue from extensions to be deposited into Native Hawaiian Rehabilitation Fund.
- **HB 1818** requires Dept of Public Safety to establish a reintegration pilot program that combines cognitive behavioral theory with Native Hawaiian holistic interventions.
- **HB 1665** prohibits selling public lands on which Hawaiian fishponds are located.
- **HCR 50** requests study to establish tribal historic preservation office in DLNR and asks for audit of State Historic Preservation Division.

### Public Safety

- **HB 1987** establishes cause of action to abate illegal purchasing, selling, possession & setting off of fireworks; increases penalties for illegal use.
- **HB 2583** establishes civil penalties and administrative fines for shark feeding, including impoundment & forfeiture of commercial marine vessels.
- **HB 2692 (Act 119)** requires civil defense to work with county civil defense agencies to prepare disaster preparedness plan for the Wai'anae Coast's 44<sup>th</sup> & 45<sup>th</sup> House Districts.
- **SB 2045** establishes class A, B & C felony sexual human trafficking and labor trafficking offenses and provides for prosecution of offenses.
- **HCR223** requests a study on feasibility of using Lualualei Naval Rd as evacuation routed in event of emergency or natural disaster on Leeward Coast.

### Transportation

- **HB 2200 (Budget)** includes \$12.5 mil for construction on Farrington Hwy. for congestion relief and safety improvements between Honokai Hale and Hakimo Rd; \$3.5 mil for Farrington Hwy drainage improvements vicinity of Orange St., Mākaha.
- \$3.5 million for replacement of bridges on Farrington Hwy near Mākaha Beach Park.
- **HB 1190 (Act 104)** requires county police departments to identify critical roadways and establish protocols to coordinate major accident investigations.

### Military

- **HB 1900 (Act 88)** recognizes designations of prisoner of war and missing in action as valid descriptions of casualty status and category classification for military personnel.
- **HB 2061** establishes process by which family court can resolve custody and visitation issues for members of armed forces, reserves, and national guard whose duties require temporary absences.
- **HB 2351 (Act 78)** requires applicant for veteran's license plate to include copy of most recent discharge or separation document that indicates honorable or general discharge.
- **SB 2137 (Act 45)** allows military personnel on active duty outside state to cancel or suspend health club contracts.
- **SB 2139 (Act 27)** requires Director of Veterans Services to act on behalf of deceased veterans found to be indigent at time of death and without surviving immediate family members to ensure burial or cremation and inurnment in a state veterans' cemetery.