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## Legislature Ripoffs! Huka wai I ke pili!

### Who was testifying on that proposed law?

Hanabusa's cloak of invisibility in her Ways and Means committee report successfully hides the name of testifiers. It reports "one government official," who turned out to be Mayor Mufi Hannemann, "six private organizations," and "two concerned citizens."

Who read their testimony orally but didn't turn it in?

Wouldn't you want to know who those folks are? Tough. Now they can hide their presence from you.

Older version of Senate Rule 25 (3), Committees: Fact-finding and Content of Reports, 2007-2008

"The report shall also include the identity of persons or groups who submitted testimony on legislation for, against or comments only on the measure."

See: At one glance you can see who the testifiers are, what they say.

Here's the new rule, pushed through by Senate President Colleen Hanabusa against objections

"The report shall also include a reference that testimony on the measure is available electronically on the Legislature's website and a brief summary of the positions taken in the testimonies submitted."

That's all it would take to hide Special Interest's testimony and that of other corporations from public view.

If you want to know who testified now, you need to actually go and read the testimony yourself. How anti-democratic. How favorable to big business and special interests is that.

If there was oral testimony only, Hanabusa's rule allows it to go completely undocumented. Was Special Interest OIBoyz there at the Ways and Means Committee hearing? We could look for the written testimony, but if there is none, we'll never know.

There was no good-government reason to change that rule, and indeed, many Senate committees continue to follow the old rule.

Hanabusa should retract her rule and issue corrected reports. But she won't, of course. The only reason the rule was changed was to hide the identity of testifiers from the public.

Just remember, when she runs for governor, how devoted to public rights to know this information Hanabusa is.

### Anti-consumer bill that has made it almost all the way through the legislative process: HB1212: Hide COMPLAINTS

This bill would hide complaints against professionals and regulated industries. Robbie Dingeman wrote: If the measure becomes law, state complaints and enforcement officer Jo Ann Uchida of the Regulated Industries Complaint Office said the department "could no longer disclose the existence of pending cases or cases closed without legal action to: 1) consumers via its Web site, by telephone, or in writing; 2) investigative and expert witnesses who may possess information or documentary evidence relating to a pending investigation; 3) other divisions within the Department, including the Professional and Vocational Licensing division and the Office of Administrative Hearings; and 4) the licensing boards."

In other words, if you want to see if there are complaints against (say) a dentist before switching, or against a real estate appraiser before hiring her/or him to help buy or sell your house, you will be kept in the dark about any problems unless they were so very serious that legal action was taken against the licensee.

If you want to help stomp out this bill, better take action. Call, email, write, fax or visit your state representative. You can reach all the House member at [reps@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:reps@capitol.hawaii.gov) and all Senate members at [sens@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:sens@capitol.hawaii.gov). It's not going to be easy. So don't expect someone else to do it. Stomp now, it's hard to get rid of a bad law later.

Oh, Speaker Calvin Say was one of the introducers. I just thought I would mention that. The other was Rep. Brian Yamane. We need to give blame where blame is due (and lots of other legislators voted to move this on, too).

STOP HB1212 ! and put in prison the Legislators who have been sponsoring and supporting this corrupt anti consumer legislation!!!

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## Obama wants \$83 Billion for Iraq war!

No surprise that Obama has flipped and now wants to buy more war in Iraq instead of pulling troops out asap. And it appears that our soviet Congress and dictator Obama are putting guns before butter while denying the guns to American Citizens whose Constitution mandates that the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed.

Obama was a harsh critic of the Iraq war as a presidential candidate, which attracted support from the Democratic Party's liberal base and helped him secure the party's nomination. He opposed two infusions of war money in 2007 after Bush used a veto to force Congress to remove a withdrawal time line from the \$99 billion measure. Obama announced plans in February to withdraw U.S. troops from Iraq on a 19-month timetable, with the last service members out of Iraq by the end of 2011.

Now, President Barack Obama is seeking \$83.4 billion for U.S. military and diplomatic operations in Iraq and Afghanistan, pressing for special troop funding that he opposed two years ago when he was a senator and Bush was president.

Obama's request, including money to send thousands more troops into Afghanistan, would push the costs of the two wars to almost \$1 trillion since the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks against the United States, according to the Congressional Research Service. The additional money would cover operations into the latter months of this year. His new request would push the war money approved for 2009 to about \$150 billion. The totals were \$171 billion for 2007 and \$188 billion for 2008, the year Bush increased the tempo of military operations in a generally successful effort to quell the Iraq insurgency.

Budget office spokesman Tom Gavin said the White House would send an official request to Congress Thursday afternoon. Congressional aides who had been briefed on the request revealed its overall cost in advance.

Robert Gibbs, the White House press secretary, acknowledged that Obama had been critical of Bush's use of similar special legislation to pay for the wars. He said it was needed this time because the money will be required by summer, before Congress is likely to complete its normal appropriations process.

He said the measure is required to pay for the new strategy in Afghanistan and the drawdown of combat troops in Iraq. The special measure would include \$3.6 billion for the Afghanistan National Army.

He supported a war funding bill last year that also included about \$25 billion for domestic programs. Obama also voted for war funding in 2006, before he announced his candidacy for president.

The coming request will include \$75.8 billion for the military and more than \$7 billion in foreign aid. Pakistan, a key ally in the fight against al-Qaida, will receive \$400 million in aid to combat insurgents.

The coming debate in Congress is likely to provide an early test of Obama's efforts to remake the Pentagon and its much-criticized weapons procurement system. He is requesting four F-22 fighter jets costing about \$600 million as part of the war funding package but wants to shut the F-22 program down after that.

The White House wants the bill for the president's signature by Memorial Day, May 25, said a Democratic aide in the House of Representatives. STOP IT!

### Lead by Example, Mr. Obama: No gun!

Open Letter to Barack Obama

I admire the President Elect for his "compassion and wisdom". To make us all safer, he supports registering, taxing, restricting, or outright banning all sorts of firearms and ammunition. He even supports prosecuting people who use guns in self-defense. He's been very consistent on this issue, consistently trying to disarm the entire citizenry. He doesn't think the people should be allowed to carry firearms, or even own them. I'm sure this is all because he cares deeply about us, and wants to keep us all safe from harm, and I think that's very noble.

Well, since he is so principled on this issue, I have no doubt in my mind that, as soon as he takes office, he will do the right thing, and lead by example, by disarming the Secret Service. After all, guns CAUSE crime, don't you know? Even using violence is selfdefense is--according to the President Elect--a bad thing. So I'm sure his first act as President will be to completely disarm those whose job it is to protect him. The Secret Service folk can all still carry cell phones, instead of guns, so they can call 911 if someone tries to kill Mr. Obama. But since using force is always evil, even in self-defense--or so Mr. Obama apparently believes--then I'm sure he will be happy and proud to leave himself defenseless, just as he wants to leave the rest of us defenseless.

Come on, Mr. Obama, show what a principled, fine guy you are. Lead by example, and render YOURSELF helpless and vulnerable. That would be the progressive, responsible thing for you to do, and it would show us peasants how well unilateral disarmament works.

Until you do that, Mr. Obama, stay the hell away from MY guns, you hypocritical, elitist fascist bastard.

Larken Rose

<http://www.kickingthedragon.com>

# Los Vegas Class Reunions

Aloha! Please run the following article in the Molokai Advertiser Newspaper (MAN). We appreciate it if you could run it in several issues. Mahalo!

## LAS VEGAS REUNION

MHS Classes 1958, 1960 through 1969

October 2-4, 2009

Calling all alumnus of Molokai High School classes of 1958 and 1960 through 1969.

The 2007 reunion was such a "hit" that another multi-class reunion is planned for the weekend of October 2-4, 2009 in Las Vegas. This year five classes have been invited to participate. The Oahu planning committee is seeking a representative from the 1966, 1967 and 1969 classes. Please contact Roger Batara at <mailto:champ5@hawaii.rr.com>champ5@hawaii.rr.com or Allen Diorec at <mailto:aldiorec@hotmail.com>aldiorec@hotmail.com if your class plans to participate. Some of the activities planned for this year's reunion include golf, bowling, and slot tournaments, and a fabulous banquet at "The Orleans". Come and rekindle friendship!! Come and enjoy the fun!!

# OBAMA MUST STAND UP NOW With Proof of Citizenship, OR STEP DOWN

By Dr. Edwin Vieira, Jr., Ph.D., J.D.



America is facing potentially the gravest constitutional crisis in her history. Barack Obama must either stand up in a public forum and prove, with conclusive documentary evidence, that he is "a natural born Citizen" of the United States who has not renounced his American citizenship. Because, pursuant to the Constitution, only "a natural born Citizen, or a Citizen of the United States at the time of the Adoption of th[e] Constitution, shall be eligible to the Office of President" (Article II, Section 1, Clause 4). And Obama clearly was not "a Citizen of the United States at the time of the Adoption of th[e] Constitution."

Whether the evidence will show that Obama is, or is not, "a natural born Citizen" who has never renounced his American citizenship is an open question. The arguments on both sides are as yet speculative. But Obama's stubborn refusal to provide what he claims is "his own" country with conclusive proof on that score compels the presumption that he knows, or at least strongly suspects, that no sufficient evidence in his favor exists. After all, he is not being pressed to solve a problem in quantum physics that is "above his pay grade," but only asked to provide the public with the original copy of some official record that establishes his citizenship. The vast majority of Americans could easily do so. Why will Obama not dispel the doubts about his eligibility—unless he can not?

Now that Obama's citizenship has been seriously questioned, the burden of proof rests squarely on his shoulders. The "burden of establishing a delegation of power to the United States \* \* \* is upon those making the claim." *Bute v. Illinois*, 333 U.S. 640, 653 (1948). And if each of the General Government's powers must be proven (not simply presumed) to exist, then every requirement that the Constitution sets for any individual's exercise of those powers must also be proven (not simply presumed) to be fully satisfied before that individual may exercise any of those powers. The Constitution's command that "[n]o Person except a natural born Citizen \* \* \* shall be eligible to the Office of President" is an absolute prohibition against the exercise of each and every Presidential power by certain unqualified individuals. Actually (not simply presumptively or speculatively) being "a natural born Citizen" is the condition precedent sine qua non for avoiding this prohibition. Therefore, anyone who claims eligibility for "the Office of President" must, when credibly challenged, establish his qualifications in this regard with sufficient evidence.

In disposing of the lawsuit *Berg v. Obama*, which squarely presents the question of Obama's true citizenship, the presiding judge complained that Berg "would have us derail the democratic process by invalidating a candidate for whom millions of people voted and who underwent excessive vetting during what was one of the most hotly contested presidential primary in living memory." This is exceptionally thin hogwash. A proper judicial inquiry into Obama's eligibility for "the Office of President" will not deny his supporters a "right" to vote for him—rather, it will determine whether they have any such "right" at all. For, just as Obama's "right" to stand for election to "the Office of President" is contingent upon his being "a natural born Citizen," so too are the "rights" of his partisans to vote for him contingent upon whether he is even eligible for that "Office." If Obama is ineligible, then no one can claim any "right" to vote for him. Indeed, in that case every American who does vote has a constitutional duty to vote against him.

The judge in *Berg v. Obama* dismissed the case, not because Obama has actually proven that he is eligible for "the Office of President," but instead because, simply as a voter, Berg supposedly lacks "standing" to challenge Obama's eligibility, a ruling that demonstrates again the stupidity and collusion of attorneys because every American Citizen has the 1st Amendment Right to Petition for Redress of grievances just as Berg and Keys are doing vs Obama.

When diseased treasonous judges offer opinions contrary to the Constitution for the united States of America in support of Obama against the Sovereign People of this Republic, is the issue then forever foreclosed? Not at all. For a extensive class of litigants who absolutely do have 'standing' to challenge Obama's eligibility will come into existence, and demand relief as a matter of undeniable constitutional right and practical necessity, as soon as Obama's Department of Justice attempts to enforce through criminal prosecutions some of the controversial legislation that the new Congress will enact and Obama will sign — such as statutes aimed at stripping common Americans of the firearms to which (in Obama's derivative terminology) they 'cling.'" So as soon as Obama signs a bill into law that has a negative effect on an American, that American, like Keys and Berg, will have standing to sue Obama to find out whether Obama actually has the power to sign the bill or to remain as POTUS, and a blatant usurper of the Office of President.

By the way, Why is John McCain not at all interested in the Obama citizenship issue? Perhaps one reason that John McCain also was not born in the United States. He was born in the country of Panama, therefore he is not qualified to be President of the United States. Even our current State Department policy (7 FAM 1100) reads: "Despite widespread popular belief, U.S. military installations abroad and U.S. diplomatic or consular facilities are not part of the United States within the meaning of the 14th Amendment. A child born on the premises of such a facility is not subject to the jurisdiction of the United States and does not acquire U.S. citizenship by reason of birth."

Democrats and Republicans have been just as culpable in violating constitutional government ! If the Republican and Democrat parties had any allegiance to the U.S. Constitution, neither John McCain nor Barack Obama would have been chosen as their respective Presidential nominees.

And, Hillary Clinton (or any other U.S. Senator or House Member) would obviously be determined as ineligible to be given any appointment in the Obama administration under Article. I. Section. 6. of the U.S. Constitution. Why? Because the Constitution prohibits House or Senate members taking Presidential posts if the salary of the job they would take was raised while they were in Congress.

## Stop War on Drugs 2009

Every day that goes by, 4,000 people are arrested for drug offenses, the vast majority of them minor, and half a million nonviolent drug offenders languish in the staggering number of prisons and jails the fascist Police State American government has very unwisely built. Obama promised to stop it! WELL.....??

It's time to stop this senseless tragedy and shocking injustice.

Stop the drug war -- visit <http://stopthedrugwar.org/donate> to donate to StoptheDrugWar.org today. Thank you!

## What will Barack Hussein Obama do about What Happened on 9-11-01?

On September 11, 2001, we Americans were the victims of TREASON.

By September 12, we Americans all became the suspects watched by FBI.

Not one single U.S. citizen hijacked a plane, yet President Bush and DOJ, through powers seized and codified in the fascist USA PATRIOT Act, labeled 270 million of us for surveillance, for searches, for tracking, for prison without charges. Welcome to the New World Order! Police State USA !

So, what will Obama do to restor freedom if he is President?

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## Molokai's Forum For Freedom



**Bill of Rights 2nd Amendment:**  
**“A well regulated militia being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed.”**

**Wake up militia! Use it , or lose it ! Got your gun, yet?**

"...with a firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our lives, or fortunes and our sacred honor."

(Unanimous Declaration of Independence)

If you will not fight for the right when you can easily win without bloodshed, and, if you will not fight when your victory will be sure and not too costly, you may come to the moment when you will have to fight with all the odds against you and only a precarious chance of survival. There may even be a worse case. You may have to fight when there is no hope of victory, because it is better to perish than live as slaves.

"The people cannot delegate to government the power to do anything which would be unlawful for them to do themselves."- John Locke

"Those who make peaceful change impossible, make violent change inevitable." -- Robert F. Kennedy

**"Rebellion against tyrants is obedience to God." T.J.**

## Enforce the Bill of Rights !

"And how we burned in the camps later, thinking: What would things have been like if every Security operative [insert your favorite alphabet Gang DEA, BATFE, H.S., TSA, FBI, IRS, NSA, CIA, LEOs etc. here], when he went out at night to make an arrest, had been uncertain whether he would return alive and had to say goodbye to his family? Or if, during periods of mass arrests, as for example in Leningrad, when they arrested a quarter of the entire city, people had not simply sat there in their lairs, paling in terror at every bang of the downstairs door and at every step on the staircase, but had understood they had nothing left to lose [neither do you now] and had boldly set up in the downstairs hall an ambush of half a dozen people with axes, hammers, pokers, or whatever else was at hand. The Organs would very quickly have suffered a shortage of officers and transports and, notwithstanding all of Stalin's thirst; the cursed machine would have ground to a halt!" -- The Gulag Archipelago, Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn

## Courage Under Fire

Courage is best described as doing what needs to be done, even when you know your actions place you in danger.

A gunfight is dangerous. You can get killed in the blink of an eye. Take COVER: the best cover in a gunfight is behind a controlled pair of bullets heading for your opponent's thoracic cavity. When the shooting starts, you cannot win if you are not willing to fight. Retreating will not stop the fight. You cannot return accurate fire when you are running away.

Taking the fight to your opponent and finishing him is what stops gunfights.

Focus on your front sight when in a gunfight.

But, how do you control the fear of being killed and remain courageous to do what needs to be done in a gunfight? You don't get second chances, and likely you are too surprised and thus not prepared to deliver a shot to end the lethal encounter, yet your adversary was ready and willing.

This is quite common in well over 95% of law enforcement personnel and the military. Private citizens who own guns but have not had any formal training are even worse. The VAST majority of people who own guns and carry guns for a living are not mentally prepared or trained to win a gunfight.

As a result, SURPRISE gives way to FEAR which gets in the way of demonstrating COURAGE under fire and WINNING the gunfight.

So here is the absolute answer to finding courage under fire :

1. Dry Practice 15 minutes EVERY DAY presenting your unloaded weapon from the holster, focusing on the front sight, and pressing the trigger without disrupting the sight alignment. By doing this every day you will build the neuromuscular pathways from the mind to the muscles (muscle memory) needed to deliver fight-ending hits when the bullets are flying.

2. When you get up in the morning, chamber check your weapon to ensure it is loaded. As you holster your weapon, look in the mirror and say to yourself, (and mean it) "TODAY may be the day I use this weapon to defend myself— and in doing so I may get hit, but I WILL WIN." By saying this to yourself every day and meaning every word of it, you will not be surprised when it is time to present your weapon, nor will you be surprised if your opponent is lucky enough to get a hit on you. Instead, you will know that today is YOUR DAY. You are ready, willing, and able to do what you need to do, even though it is dangerous, and you will take the fight to your opponent and win.

3. MOST IMPORTANTLY, understand that in a gunfight your mind will be limited to focusing on what it perceives is most important. So you can either focus on the fact that you could get hit or killed and allow surprise, fear, and the physiologic effects of fear (adrenaline) to overcome your ability to do what needs to be done OR you can focus on the one thing that will ensure you win the gunfight... YOUR FRONT SIGHT!

In the heat of a gunfight, focus on the front sight and presssss the trigger, there is NO ROOM for fear to creep into your mind and allow the adverse effects of adrenaline to overcome your ability to make a first round hit and follow-up hits on your adversary. THIS is what will give you courage under fire to win a gunfight and when you see the front sight, that is where your bullets are going which guarantees the hits needed to stop a lethal encounter.

4. There is NO TIME to prepare. You will default to your level of training and be about half as good as you were in your last practice session Hopefully that practice session was the PERFECT dry practice you did YESTERDAY!

## Gun Rights Refresher

1. An armed man is a citizen. An unarmed man is a subject.
2. A gun in the hand is better than a cop on the phone.
3. If guns cause crime, then pencils cause misspelled words.
4. "Free" men do not ask permission to bear arms.
5. If you don't know your rights you don't have any.
6. Those who trade liberty for security have neither.
7. What part of "shall not be infringed" do you not understand?
8. The Second Amendment is to enforce the other 9 Amendments.
9. 64,999,987 firearms owners killed no one yesterday.
10. Guns only have two enemies; rust and politicians.
11. Know guns, know peace, know safety.
12. No guns, no peace, no safety.
13. You don't shoot to kill; you shoot to stay alive.
14. 911 - government sponsored Dial-a-Prayer.
15. Assault is a behavior, not a gun device.
16. Criminals love gun control -- it makes their jobs safer.
17. If guns cause crime, then matches cause arson.
18. Only a government that is afraid of citizens prohibits guns.
19. You only have the rights you are willing to fight for.
20. Remove the people's right to bear arms, you create slaves.
21. The American Revolution was about gun control.

## Crimes of Politicians Must Be Stopped by The People (You are The Militia)

The crime on our streets is a tiny fraction of the crime in the offices of our politicians and bureaucrats - the massive majority of crime is committed by the criminal classes in power. Just look at the constant abuse of power in our State government offices and you will realize the extent of crime in Government. Just consider just how many BILLIONS of dollars a day Government extorts from the people and how little WE get in return; and just how comfortable the politicians make themselves at the expense of the peoples they extort!

The goal of the founders of America was to restrict government within severe limits and to protect the rights of sovereign individuals. Government has NO rights!

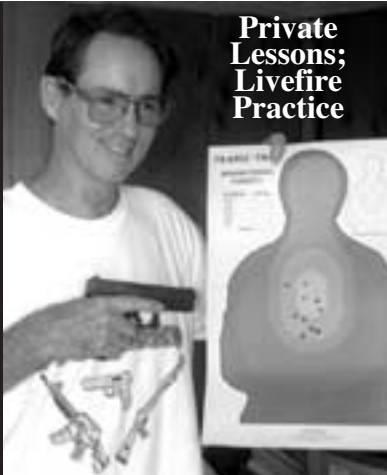
Judges are impeachable. Furthermore, judges may be removed immediately for violating oaths of office, involvement in conspiracies, extortion, and failing to uphold their duty to the common law. Judges can also be arrested, they are not exempt from this nor are any other officials, including the President of the United States.

Do the people have the power to do this? Yes, the people have the power to do everything to defend our country against all enemies foreign or domestic politician, and government has no power to say otherwise. Fascist bureaucrats might send out its armed marauders, but a huge group of The People (Militia) armed with guns as guaranteed their Right to keep and bear arms by the 2nd Amendment is likely to stop them unless the governments decide that it is time to begin mass killings of all people who believe in the rights of Man.

**Wake up ! Enforce the Bill of Rights !**

"A well regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed." Exercise the 2nd Amendment.

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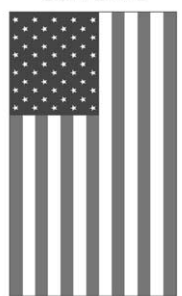


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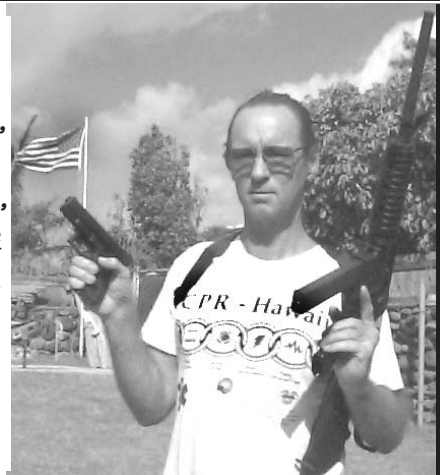
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# Molokai High School NEWS

High School Seniors and Parents

Please remember to return signed permission forms for participation in PROJECT GRADUATION to Mr. Espaniola. Forms were sent home during Spring Break with report cards or see Mr. Espaniola if you need a form.

## TUTORING FOR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

Teacher, Jonathan Smith is offering free tutoring for seniors in any subject. Tutoring sessions will be in the MHS Library every Monday and Tuesday from 2:00pm-3:00pm beginning April 13th. Call 567-6950 for more details.

## DRIVER EDUCATION

The next driver's education class will be held during the 4th quarter. The actual date will be announced after the 4th quarter starts. Classes will be held from 2:10 pm - 3:10 pm Monday thru Thursday in A105. A mandatory parent meeting will be held before class begins and students will need to have a valid permit. Behind-the-wheel will be held during the 8-week summer break. A seat belt observation survey (as part of a DOT statewide "Click It or Ticket" campaign) will need to be done before you application is accepted. Students can see Ms. Lee during High School LUNCH ONLY at 12:30pm for more info and applications.

## HAWAII STATE ASSESSMENT

The Hawaii State Assessment Reading and Math is coming soon for all 10th grade students. Please ensure that your child is in school for testing from April 6th to April 24th. This test is a key indicator in determining if Molokai High School is making annual yearly progress.

## UPCOMING ATHLETICS

4/10	Baseball	Seabury	Duke Maliau	3:30pm
4/11	Baseball	Seabury	Duke Maliau	10:00am
4/17	Boys Volleyball	Seabury	Barn	7:00pm
4/17	Softball	Hana	Reg/Little League	4:00pm
4/18	Boys Volleyball	Maui	Barn	7:00pm
4/18	Softball	Hana	Reg/Little League	10:00am

## SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

The School Community Council will be meeting on Tuesday, April 21, 2009 at 3:15pm at the Molokai High School library. The public is welcome to attend.

## NATURAL RESOURCES ACADEMY OHANA NIGHT

The Natural Resources Academy (NaRA) will be offering an Ohana Night on Thursday, April 30 at 6:00pm. The academy will be presenting their projects they have been working on throughout the school year. Refreshments will be provided. Come join the fun!

## Letter to Legislative Health Committee Regarding Aspartame in Hawaii

An open letter to the chair of Legislative Health Committee, Representative Ryan Yamane Regarding his unwillingness to schedule a hearing for HB669 which would ban the use of Aspartame in Hawaii

Dear Honorable Representative Yamane,

As the spearhead of Hawaii's movement to remove the super toxin aspartame from Hawaii's food and beverages, I am representing many of the state's residents leading with you to please schedule this bill for hearing. This matter deserves to be heard in your Health Committee.

Honorable Representative, I implore that you please do not forsake the lives and health of Hawaii residents because of a failing economy. The economy is going to fail with or without aspartame in our diets. Why be poisoned along with being broke and bankrupt? Actually to think in another mode, existing

Hawaii Status would impose a mandatory \$500 fine each individual offense for this banned substance. Imagine the revenue that would be brought in! Last year, corrupt lobbyists were ready to blame that the removal of aspartame would cause economic failure, sounds preemptive.

Please realize that other states, New York, New Jersey Pennsylvania,

Louisiana, and New Mexico are also developing legislation to ban aspartame. Wal-Mart in the UK has banned aspartame from the products they sell. The Philippines has moved to ban it. Molokai has taken it out of their school soda machines.

This substance is not an ordinary food additive; it kills the brain, and it is the same as "Ice." Both "Ice" and aspartame contain formaldehyde. Aspartame has deadly methanol alcohol and aspartic acid.

Please do not leave this as your legacy. The "Healthy State of Hawaii will have no recourse but to ingest this deadly toxin. Aspartame injury among the population is now at an epidemic stage. Can you not see it? Our doctors and health officials are not trained to recognize it. Anyone with both eyes open can see the danger. I have spoken with several of your fellow legislators who claim injury from aspartame to their families and themselves. Hawaii now has the highest epilepsy rate in the Union and the numbers are growing.

Our USFDA has ignored our pleads and petitions for decades. This corruption must be corrected and the ball is being passed to the state level to be dealt with.

All of Hawaii are your constituents in this matter. Please do not condemn us to the certain mass scale neuro injury, as we are ingesting this substance. It is in almost 9,000 products on grocery shelves and in pharmaceuticals. It comes in natural and artificial flavor and thus not labeled. It can cause massive neuro injury at this 2% volume level.

Passionately I plead with you: PLEASE allow this bill to be heard! Schedule this bill immediately, and you will not be responsible for further evident mass injury to the Hawaiian citizens.

Also last but not least is the wide spread belief and understanding that aspartame has been classified as a bio-chemical war weapon by the Pentagon in a report before Congress by the Senate. This needs to be investigated at the hearing and can easily be corroborated as already having appeared in comments in Congress noted in the Federal Register in 1970.

I have been told by your aid, Danielle, to deal with my own representative on this matter from now on. Please understand that I do deal with Mele's office frequently on this matter. Also, I am very thankful for Mele and her staff. I am proud and grateful to have her as a representative: she has comprehended the seriousness of this situation and has acted on her feet. This is not just a matter of \$\$\$; this is our very lives and health at stake, the genetics of our offspring, and most probably an issue of national security.

Mele Carroll has displayed the noble virtues necessary to properly tend to this issue. She is bucking the "Big Buck" of corporate dominance. Do you, Representative Ryan Yamane, have the heart and courage to help rid the Hawaiian population of this brain killer? What will your constituents think or do when they find out about the dangers of aspartame and that you killed the bill that would ban the substance that is killing and maiming them and their children? Please do hear this bill in committee and pass it into the next committee, and please do respond to me. Mahalo, Jade Bruhjell

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# RUNNING NEWS

## Hawaii Clean Energy Gets Boost

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State Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism Director Ted Liu and energy industry officials, provided an update on the Hawaii Clean Energy Initiative (HCEI) aimed at producing 70 percent of Hawaii's energy from "clean" sources by the year 2030.

Liu made several announcements on how the state's efforts, partnered with federal support, have helped to expedite achieving the goals set forth in the initiative. Most notably was the increase in federal support and significant contributions from the private sector to help develop a statewide electric grid.

Federal funds to support the initiative have already exceeded \$37 million in expenditures and competitive grants. However, the federal government plans to increase its budget contributions and create a National Laboratory presence in Hawaii that facilitates daily interaction on technical issues.

The National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) has committed to assembling a four-to-six member team in Hawaii to work with dozens of Department of Energy programs in developing and implementing the many facets of the Hawaii Clean Energy Initiative.

"It's good to talk about the dollars that they're (the federal government) committing to our state, but the expertise, the knowledge, our ability to reach into the national labs ... that's priceless," Liu said.

Two members of the four to six member team were introduced at the conference. Paul Norton, a 14-year veteran with National Renewable Energy Laboratory, worked with National Renewable Energy Laboratory on technology deployment and industrial partnerships. In his work he focused on the research, design and performance of residential energy efficiency including the analysis of zero-energy homes and communities.

Along with acting as a coordinator between state and federal efforts, his role will include helping the state achieve higher levels of energy efficiency within the infrastructure of residences and commercial buildings.

Debra Lew joined National Renewable Energy Laboratory in 1995 and was a member of the systems integration team. She will help the state integrate high levels of intermittent renewable energy into Hawaii's system. She has experience in working with wind system integration and energy transmission.

Most recently she led the Western Wind and Solar Energy Integration Study, the largest wind and solar integration study to date, which investigates the operating and cost impacts of the ability of wind and solar power on a grid, Liu said.

She also managed National Renewable Energy Laboratory's environmental and international group, which focused on deployment of renewable energy technologies in developing countries.

In the private sector, both the governor and Liu recognized energy companies Castle and Cook and First Wind's agreement to develop two independent "big wind projects" on Lanai and Molokai. Their decision to bypass competition for sole control of the project will expedite the Hawaii Clean Energy Initiative by up to three years, officials said.

If the two energy companies decided to compete for the contract, that process could've taken up to a year. Following that the loser of negotiations could've then litigated the decision, adding up to another two years to the competition process.

"I don't think they (the federal contributors) can help but be impressed by the diversity of this partnership, the strength of it. And I haven't come upon an issue in my, almost 30 years in government, where you've had this kind of willingness and desire to work together to make great progress," Lingle said.

The state's renewable resources are not spread equally across the islands, explained Robbie Alm,

executive vice president of the Hawaii Electric Company. The demand load centers much on Oahu. The best resources are on neighbor islands and the challenge of developing large-scale renewable energy projects on Oahu is essentially impossible because of the substantially developed infrastructure.

The goal of combined public and private sector efforts is to develop wind energy on other islands capable of contributing to one grid and transmitting that energy to neighbor islands with a higher demand load.

The plan involves developing "big wind projects" on Lanai and Molokai that would be connected via and undersea transmission cable.

An inter-island connection of the state's energy grid will create energy security, more efficient energy distribution, an opportunity for diversification of energy sources and conditions for the private sector to come up with their own projects to tap into the infrastructure developments, Liu explained.

"Our basic focus, our goal, our mission of achieving 70 percent clean energy, we cannot waiver from that. Regardless of who's in Washington at any given year, regardless of the price of oil. I think our commitment is there, I think everyone recognizes it this time, there's no going back. We're on the right course and we need to stay the course," Lingle said

## SOLAR POWER for Lanai/Molokai to Oahu?

We'll need a favorable feed-in tariff if we want to be able to buy cheap energy generated by solar, wind, or other sources and break our dependence on expensive oil. I'll translate: the Hawaii Public Utilities Commission will have to make it possible for providers other than Hawaiian Electric Company (HECO) to sell their electricity to us at a profit, yet cheaply enough so that we'll want to buy it. If you put enough solar panels on your rooftops, you might want to be a provider to your neighbors. It all has to work so that they can buy the power generated.

The "feed-in" part refers to others feeding in power to the grid. Not so complicated. Except it really is complicated, and the devil has provided lots of details.

Public utilities commissions in any state oversee a world of regulation that is mysterious and often inaccessible to the average person. We're used to laws, rules and regulations, but they live by "tariffs" and "dockets." Hawaii's PUC is no exception.

The utilities and those who specialize in the energy field do understand these things, though. Tariffs are their lifeblood. Get a good tariff and your business can survive. If it favors the other guy, you could starve.

Hawaii's escape from dependence on fossil fuel generators depends on a decent feed-in tariff.

Next week, April 13-17, Hawaii's PUC will hold hearings at the Honolulu Country Club, of all places. I'm concerned that the location is a bad omen. If you want to buy lunch between sessions, I think you've practically got to own your own oil well. Or be as big as HECO.

Today Zero Emissions, one of the parties to the hearing (another arcane feature is that not everyone can submit testimony...), circulated a statement which succinctly expresses the importance of the hearing to us HECO customers who hope for alternative energy options within our lifetimes. I can't say it better than this:

At issue is whether the PUC is going to create a feed-in tariff that encourages rapid development of large renewable electricity projects, like wind farms and large solar arrays, to mitigate the catastrophic risks to the public of Hawaii's dependence on imported oil for electricity generation. The feed-in tariff proposed by Zero Emissions and other parties is modeled after feed-in tariffs in Europe that are proven successful in encouraging rapid development of large renewable generation at almost no added cost to ratepayers.

The HECO utilities, on the other hand, have put forward a feed-in tariff with wholly unjustifiable speed and size limits that appear designed to discourage such development. In deciding whether and what kind of feed-in tariff to create, the PUC will be deciding whether or not the HECO utilities will continue to be allowed to limit the speed and size of renewable electricity development in Hawaii, and the extent to which the Hawaiian public will continue to be exposed to the catastrophic risks of Hawaii's oil

dependence.

There it is, from a person who knows, Erik Kvam, President of Zero Emissions.

Henry Curtis, ED of Life of the Land, is also a party to the hearing, so perhaps we'll find out more as it progresses. Check out Henry's website for common sense on many energy issues. For example, were you wondering if bringing wind power to Oahu from Lanai via an expensive undersea cable makes sense? Henry's website points out that Oahu can be self-sufficient in alternative energy.

Moloka'i and Lana'i winds could produce excess power for the O'ahu grid. That is, they could each produce 100 MW.

A closed-cycle Ocean Thermal Energy Conversion (OTEC) is similar to Sea Water Air Conditioning in that it uses two ocean pipes. OTEC systems use warm surface water, via a heat exchanger, to boil a liquid fuel, such as ammonia (NH3). The vapor goes through a turbine/generator to produce electricity. Cold deep ocean water is then used to condense the working fluid, and then the cycle is repeated. The fuel stays within the circular piping system which can be located on a barge a few miles off the coast. Economically, the economies of scale favor a 50 - 100 MW system. Since the layers of the ocean always exist (seasonally, daily), the power can be produced continually (24/7). As global temperatures rise, the temperature difference between ocean layers increase, making the OTEC system more efficient. OTEC could provide all of the power needs of Maui, the Big Island, Kauai, half of the needs of O'ahu and maybe none of the needs of Lana'i and Moloka'i unless they were connected by transmission line to the Maui grid.

Batteries provide no power of their own, but can store energy and thus increase the availability of intermittent resources such as solar and wind.

But why are they always saying that it will enable future renewable energy projects to multiply?

The problem: These renewable energy projects have been here for decades, and it is resistance at every level of government and at HECO that have prevented their deployment. Destroying public participation and public input will not lead to their deployment.

The solution: Have the Legislature, the Governor, the PUC and/or HECO to immediately create opportunity for Renewables:

(1) Currently anyone who produces renewable energy can export that energy to the grid (Net Metering) but there is a severe utility-imposed cap limiting its effectiveness. Also, at the end of the year, a ratepayer's balance is netted out and any excess energy transferred to the utility is given for free, while the utility charges the ratepayer a monthly bill (around \$20/month) for the privilege of being connected to the grid.

This should be changed. Any ratepayer should be able to Net Meter up to 25kW system to the grid. Any surplus energy at the end of the year should be converted to an Ratepayer Power Purchase Agreement (RPPA) whereby the utility compensates the ratepayer at one of two levels: at the higher retail rates for ratepayers who transfer energy at peak periods (5-9 pm weekdays) and non-peak periods; and at the lower wholesale rates for ratepayers who only transfer energy at non-peak periods.

(2) Utilities should offer discounted rates to any customer who is willing to forgo utility power during peak hours (5-9 pm weekdays).

(3) The utility should sell off its power plants and operate only as a wires company. Thus they would not have any incentive to pick coal- or oil-based electricity over renewable electricity.

(4) Utilities should stop the practice of "loaning" employees to pose as Legislative aides, and the Legislature should ban the practice. All gifts made by the utility to Legislators should be reported in real-time on-line reports that are easily accessible to the public.

(5) Failing these simple actions, the counties should consider acquiring the utilities and converting them to member-owned cooperatives similar to Kauai Island Utility Co-op.

God Bless America. God Bless Hawaii, the 50th State of USA, and now 50 years wiser. **IMPEACH LINDA LINGLE, et al!**