



Governor's E-Newsletter

Oct 29 - Nov 4, 2005



Aloha and Welcome from the Governor's Office in Hawai`i!

It is with pleasure that we send you this e-newsletter.

Quote of the Week

"You've built an industry that can't be compared to any other in the world."

- Governor Lingle, congratulating 1,000 representatives of the visitor industry as the "best in the business" at the Hawai`i Visitors and Convention Bureau's annual luncheon.

Thought of the Week

"It is encouraging that the group looked beyond the obvious - taxes, business regulation and so forth - to more subtle but equally important quality-of-life issues."

- Honolulu Advertiser editorial, "Economic momentum plan should stir action," praising the commission, convened by Governor Lingle, for its "useful and sometimes provocative ideas on ways to keep our economy growing."

Upcoming Events

November 5, Governor Lingle will honor Hawai`i entertainer Dick Jensen, who will receive a star on the Las Vegas Walk of Stars.

November 9, Governor Lingle

Governor Lingle Releases \$6,775,000 for Renovations at Maui Community College



During her recent trip to Maui, Governor Lingle met with Maui Community College Chancellor Clyde Sakamoto and toured the Student Center Building. The Governor presented

Chancellor Sakamoto with a check for \$6,775,000, which will be used to renovate the aging facility. "As the student enrollment continues to grow at Maui Community College, we are committed to providing adequate facilities intended for a wide spectrum of activities designed to promote extra-curricular student related programs," Governor Lingle said.

Governor Addresses Tourism Industry



Governor Lingle delivered a "state of the tourism industry address" to representatives of the hospitality industry at the Hawai`i Visitors and

will attend the Girl Scout Council of Hawai`i's 2005 Women of Distinction Dinner.

November 10, Governor Lingle will discuss the importance of reading as Waipahu Elementary School takes part in the Read Aloud America's Read Aloud Program.

November 11, HOLIDAY - VETERANS DAY

November 11, Governor Lingle will honor veterans from Hawai`i and the nation during the annual Governor's Veterans Day Ceremony.

November 11, Governor Lingle will attend the Honolulu Council Navy League's Annual American Patriot Award Dinner.

Governor's Weekly Radio Show

The show can be heard live from 7:05-8:00 a.m. Wednesdays on www.hawaii.gov/gov or on the following radio stations:

- O`ahu (KVVH AM 830)
- Maui/Kona (KAOI 1110 AM)
- Hilo (KPUA 670 AM)
- Kaua`i (KONG 570 AM)



Convention Bureau's (HVCB) Annual Luncheon. In her remarks, the

Governor acknowledged the private sector investments being made to improve Hawai`i's resort destinations. She also discussed steps the Administration is taking to improve the state's infrastructure, including upgrading airports, harbors and parks as the industry continues on a pace to set record numbers.

Governor Launches Wireless Enhanced 911



Governor Lingle joined police officers from the Maui Police Department and other counties to demonstrate the new Wireless Enhanced 911 emergency service, which she

signed into law last year. The new lifesaving feature allows 911 operators identify the location and subscriber of a call made from a cellular telephone, making it easier and quicker to dispatch emergency aid.

Governor Dedicates Kaheawa Wind Power Farm



Governor Lingle participated in the groundbreaking ceremony for a new Kaheawa Wind Power Farm on Maui. The wind farm is in line with the Administration's goal of requiring 20 percent of

Hawai`i's energy to come from renewable sources by the year 2020. The project burns no fossil fuel, and will provide Maui residents with 30 megawatts of power without the associated environment pollutants, such as carbon dioxide, sulfur dioxide and nitrogen oxides.

Governor Honors Drug Court Graduates

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Governor Lingle attended the Maui Drug Court's 12th graduation ceremony and congratulated the graduates for their initiative to transform their lives to become productive and

responsible members of the community. Since August 2000, the Maui Drug Court has helped defendants who have been convicted of felony charges and have a history of drug or alcohol abuse gain skills. State director of the Department of Human Services, Lillian Koller, who co-founded the Maui Drug Court, said, "this program truly works to break the cycle of drugs, crime, and prison and it's about saving lives."

Korean Entertainer Supports Lingle-Aiona Administration's Anti-Drug Efforts



Governor Lingle and Lt. Governor Aiona welcomed Korean entertainer Kim Bum-Soo to the State Capitol, where he presented a \$5,000 check to Lt. Governor Aiona and representatives

from the Wai`anae Coast Comprehensive Health Center for its Malama Recovery Services program. Governor

Lingle thanked Kim Bum-Soo for his support, and for serving as an international role model in the fight to end drug abuse. The proceeds were from a concert Kim performed in Honolulu.

"Dedicated to Hawai`i's Troops"



Photo courtesy of SSG Tran

SSG Kevin Tran (right) of the 804th Signal Company from Hawai`i and a fellow soldier relaxed after arriving in Afghanistan.

We invite you to submit digital photos of your loved ones who are serving our country in the defense of freedom and liberty. Please e-mail your photos and a brief caption to governor.lingle@hawaii.gov.

Department of the Week- Accounting and General Services



State Comptroller Russ Saito (4th from left) and fellow members of the Wireless Enhanced 911 Board met with Governor Lingle prior to the launch of the State's first enhanced 911 location system.

State Comptroller Russ Saito, who oversees the Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS), took part in the implementation of the Maui Police Department's enhanced wireless phase II, which provides 911 dispatchers with a cell phone caller's name and geographic location on a map for easy dispatch of first responders. Saito serves on the Wireless Enhanced 911 Board, which is housed under DAGS.



Deputy Comptroller Kathi Thomason joined Ernie Lau, Administrator for the Public Works Division at DAGS, at the opening of Hawai'i's first safe house for at-risk youth. DAGS employee, Glenn Okada, Hawai'i District Engineer Administrator, (not pictured) worked with a team to oversee this successful project.

Deputy Comptroller Kathi Thomason joined the Lt. Governor Aiona at an open house for the new "Ke Kama Pono" (Children of Promise) Safe House in Honoka`a on the Big Island. The safe house is part of the Lingle-Aiona Administration's commitment to provide community-based alternatives for non-violent youth offenders, instead of being sent to the Hawai`i Youth Correctional Facility on O`ahu. DAGS refurbished the building at a cost of \$60,000 and the Department of Human Services and the Office of Youth Services contracted the Salvation Army to run the program. Public Works Administrator Ernest Lau, Planning Branch Chief Ralph Morita, Planning Coordinator Joe Earring, Hawai`i District Engineer Glenn Okada and Cyrus Wilson, all from the Department of



[Panel develops ideas for extending economic boom](#)

Maui News, November 2, 2005

[Governor's Economic Commission Releases Draft Recommendations Report](#)
Hawai`i Reporter, November 2, 2005

[Honolulu hot for job growth](#)
Pacific Business News, November 2, 2005

[Prepare for lean years, industry says](#)

A safe haven

Honokaa home to state's first facility for delinquent girls

By KAREN FROST

Some Big Island girls who are sent to a state group home in Honokaa instead of serving time on Oahu are in for a treat.

The Ke Kame House Youth Home will initially hold only six teenage females 13 and 17 years old, and has a maximum capacity of eight. But because it is the first facility of its kind in the state, officials intend it as a more than merely a small group home.

The Ke Kame House is an important step toward increasing the availability of community-based alternatives to placement at HPI's (Hawaii Prison) Industrial Facility. It is named after the late U.S. Gov. James H. "Duke" Aiona II, who was in Honokaa on Friday.

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YOUTH CORRECTIONAL FACILITY

First 'safe' house opens in Honokaa

GROUP HOME IS FOR NONVIOLENT GIRLS

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Find out more:
HPI's Youth Intervention Program (YIP) is now open. Call 808-933-4411 for more information.

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West Hawaii Today, October 29, 2005

'Organic wind farm' project is under way

As oil prices go up, Kula-based project looks even better

By KERRY O'NEILL

MAUI, HAWAII — Organic wind energy is looking better than ever as oil prices go up, says a Kula-based project leader.

The Kula-based project is the first of its kind in the state. It is a 100-acre wind farm that will generate 100 megawatts of power. The project is owned by Maui Wind Energy, a Kula-based company.

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Students in a library at the University of South Florida, St. Petersburg, Fla., look at books in the background of the University of South Florida library.

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