



Governor's E-Newsletter



November 4-9, 2006

Aloha and Welcome from the Governor's Office in Hawai`i
It is with pleasure we send you this e-newsletter.

Quote of the Week

"You have our commitment that we will continue to wake up everyday and focus our complete attention on how we can make life better for the families all across our state."

- Governor Lingle, commenting on her and Lt. Governor Aiona's continued service to the people of Hawai`i after being re-elected.



"Thank you for being such a productive and positive leader for the people of Hawai`i."

- Terrence M. Slattery, Hawai`i resident and student at UH Manoa.

Upcoming Events

November 10, HOLIDAY - VETERANS DAY (Observed).

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

November 13, The Governor will join U.S. Secretary of the Interior Dirk Kempthorne at the Secretary's 2006

TOP STORIES THIS WEEK

- **Governor Lingle, Lt. Governor Aiona re-elected to continue serving the people of Hawai`i.** Read more [here](#).
- **Veterans Day observed by Governor.** Read [more](#).
- **Governor honors fallen Hawai`i soldiers.** Read more [here](#).
- **Confucius Institute welcomed to University of Hawai`i at Manoa.** Read [more](#).

Governor Lingle, Lt. Governor Aiona Re-elected



Governor Lingle and Lt. Governor Aiona, surrounded by their families, thanked supporters on election night.

Governor Lingle and Lt. Governor Aiona have been re-

Conference on Island Business Opportunities.

November 15, Governor Lingle will deliver remarks on the administration's efforts to address the statewide homeless problem at the Hawai`i Homeless Forum.

November 15, The Governor will address the members of the Waikiki Improvement Association at the organization's annual meeting.

November 15, Governor Lingle will participate in the blessing for the new Culinary Institute of the Pacific at the former Cannon Club.

November 17, The Governor will join the Association of Fundraising Professionals Aloha Chapter in honoring Dr. Lawrence K. W. Tseu as Hawai`i's Outstanding Philanthropist of the Year.

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elected to continue serving the people of Hawai`i. In their second term of office, the Governor and Lt. Governor will make public education, affordable housing, tax relief and land-use issues priorities. Read more [here](#).

Governor Honors Fallen Hawai`i Soldiers



Governor Lingle and State Adjutant General Robert Lee unveiled a memorial plaque in honor of 18 soldiers from the Hawai`i Army National Guard's 29th Infantry Brigade who paid the ultimate price during Operation Iraqi Freedom. "Our troops have been stationed in some of the most dangerous, inhospitable places on Earth, including Iraq. They've been exposed to sectarian violence, roadside bombs, snipers and other deadly threats," Governor Lingle said. "The 18 we remember today paid the ultimate sacrifice for the rest of us." The roll of honor includes soldiers from the mainland, including the California-based 1st Battalion, 184th Infantry, the U.S. Army Reserve's 100th Battalion, 442nd Infantry (O`ahu, American Samoa and Saipan) and one soldier from the brigade's 229th Military Intelligence Co. (Hawai`i). The plaque will be on display outside the battalion headquarters at Kalaeloa.

Confucius Institute Welcomed to University of Hawai`i at Manoa



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Governor Lingle, University of Hawai'i faculty and Beijing Foreign Studies University representatives celebrated the opening of the Confucius Institute at UH. Institutes in the U.S.,

the University of Hawai'i (UH) and the People's Republic of China's Ministry of Education in celebrating UH Manoa's selection as the site of one of 11 Confucius

and one of 100 being established around the world. Through the institute, UH Manoa's Center for Chinese Studies will partner with the Beijing University of Foreign Studies to promote Chinese language and culture. "Hawai'i is an ideal place for the Confucius Institute," Governor Lingle said. "We are excited and optimistic about the role Hawai'i will play as a key bridge between the United States mainland and the People's Republic of China."

Governor Supports March of Dimes at Annual Governor's Ball



Governor Lingle presented David Banmiller, president and CEO, Aloha Airlines, and Patti Smart, Aloha Airlines flight attendant, with the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Award.

Governor Lingle attended the annual March of Dimes Governor's Ball, where she emphasized the importance of prenatal care and shared steps her administration has taken to keep babies healthy - including increased access to medical insurance for needy families, and a

2004 law to close a gap in Medicaid coverage for pregnant legal immigrants. "It is important to support the March of Dimes in its mission to help Hawai'i's youngest, most vulnerable residents - our babies," Governor Lingle said.

Filipino Business Woman of the Year, Scholarship

Recipients Honored by Governor



Governor Lingle and FBWA President Cecilia Mlafaunte honored FBWA scholarship recipients.

Governor Lingle honored Filipino Business Women's Association's "Woman of the Year," Susana de Leon Berardy, for her entrepreneurship and presented scholarships to five deserving students. "Education is the best investment that society can make

in its own future," Governor Lingle said as she thanked FBWA members for "taking the time to raise money to make a difference in the lives of Hawai`i's youth, who will make a difference in the lives of their communities." The Governor also shared experiences from her 2006 Hawai`i-Philippines Centennial Mission, including attending a business symposium with the Mandaluyong Chamber of Commerce and the Filipino Chamber of Commerce of Hawai`i and the signing of agreements to help address Hawai`i's nursing shortage.



Mahalo for your service.



U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Shane A. Cuomo.

Instructor Jack Anderson watches Airmen from the 15th Airlift Wing return fire during convoy training at a three-day Expeditionary Combat Skills training course at Hickam Air Force Base. The Airmen are preparing for the Air Expeditionary Force 5/6 cycle.

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

Department of the Week Commerce and Consumer Affairs



DCCA's professional and licensing division team members review the latest on-line statistics. Seated: David Grupen; standing, from left: Amy Ramiro, Maila De Ramos and Celia Suzuki.

The Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs' (DCCA) Professional and Vocational Licensing (PVL) Division is encouraging about 10,000 Hawai`i professionals to renew their licenses online at www.ehawaii.gov/pvlrenew. Professionals able to renew online include electrologists, mortgage brokers, mortgage broker branch offices, mortgage solicitors, and occupational and physical therapists.

Online renewals for these licensees increased from 30 percent in 2002 to 40 percent in 2004. "When taken with the real estate renewals, which began last week, more than 30,000 licensees were able to renew their professional license online. We hope more licensees decide to take advantage of this faster and more efficient renewal system," said PVL Licensing Administrator Noe Noe Tom.

Development of this online service is part of the state's efforts to improve efficiency by implementing electronic government services. It is one of more than 30 online applications that residents, businesses and visitors

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Self-sufficiency with biodiesel

New study says Big Island could produce enough alternative fuel for Isle, state

By BOB HARRIS
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According to a new Hawaii Department of Agriculture report, the state could make enough biodiesel energy self-sufficiently by planting just 100,000 acres of soybean crops.

The study assumes average yields of 40 bushels per acre. Fifty thousand acres of Hawaii could not only produce

enough biodiesel to replace the 40 million gallons of diesel used on the island each year, but Hawaii could become an exporter to foreign islands. Plus, the Hawaii Department of Agriculture said.

The state could eventually produce more than 100 million gallons a year, which would meet 15 percent of Hawaii's total need, according to the report released Friday by the Hawaii

Department of Agriculture. The study said that the production would be based on soybeans.

It could take 10 years to develop a plan for crop production and the establishment of such a soybean processing plant.

Many questions remained the study.

The amount of acreage in question is large. Subsidies are needed and there is the question of how to make such acreage of such soybeans. There are also issues of land ownership and water.

The Department of Agriculture also mentioned that the study is a 200-acre pilot study showing how biodiesel can be used in the state's alternative energy plan.

"This study research has been done at Hawaii's 'Hawaii' state," the report said.

If Hawaii could produce enough biodiesel to replace the 40 million gallons of diesel used on the island each year, it could reduce the island's dependence on energy imported from other countries, said Steve Lee, deputy director of the Hawaii County Department of Research and Development.

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