



STATE OF HAWAI'I

Governor Linda Lingle

# e-NEWSLETTER

Aloha and Welcome from the Governor's Office in Hawai'i  
**Weekly Wrap-Up: November 17-23, 2007**

## Quote of the Week

*"We must balance improving the quality of life for residents and protecting everything that makes Hawai'i special."*

- Governor Lingle, sharing the importance of education in shaping the future of Hawai'i at the inauguration of University of Hawai'i-Manoa Chancellor Virginia Hinshaw. Read [more](#).

## Thought of the Week

*"They were just a success beyond my wildest dreams."*

- Waiakea High School Robotics Team Advisor Dale Olive, praising his students' performance during the 16th annual Micro Robot Maze Contest in Nagoya, Japan. Read [more](#).



*"Governor Lingle exemplifies the values that the University of Hawai'i holds dear - leadership, excellence and innovation."*

- Dr. David McClain, president, University of Hawai'i.

## Upcoming Events

**November 27**, Governor Lingle and State Health

## *TOP STORIES THIS WEEK*

### EDUCATION IS FOCUS FOR GOVERNOR:

**Importance of University of Hawai'i at Manoa Stressed.**

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**Growth of Private Moloka'i School Supported.** Read [more](#).

**\$3.4 Million for Public Libraries Released.** Read [more](#).

### EDUCATION IS FOCUS FOR GOVERNOR

This week, Governor Lingle continued her Administration's strong focus on using education to improve the quality of life for all Hawai'i residents. By stressing the important role of the University of Hawai'i at Manoa, supporting the growth of a private school on Moloka'i, and releasing \$3.4 million for public libraries, the Governor showed that all levels and types of education are critical to progress by individuals and the state.

**Importance of University of Hawai'i at Manoa Stressed at Chancellor Inauguration**

Director Chiyome Fukino, M. D., will meet with members of the National Council on Aging and the U.S. Administration on Aging.

**November 30**, Governor Lingle will meet with Ms. Rajmah Hussein, Malaysia's Ambassador to the United States.

**November 30**, Governor Lingle will attend a holiday gala for the Friends of the University of Hawai`i School of Nursing.

**December 1**, The Governor will attend the Organ Donor Center of Hawai`i's 20th anniversary gala celebration.

**December 2**, Governor Lingle will join Hawai`i Pacific University President Chatt Wright at a Christmas celebration.

**December 2**, Governor Lingle will be the guest of the NA KOA Football Club at the Annual Alec Waterhouse Memorial Football Awards Banquet honoring the 2007 University of Hawai`i football team.

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Governor Lingle congratulated UH-Manoa Chancellor Virginia Hinshaw following her inauguration.

Governor Lingle celebrated the University of Hawai`i's 100th anniversary during a ceremony that included the inauguration of University of Hawai`i at Manoa Chancellor Virginia Hinshaw.

"Chancellor Hinshaw's inauguration comes at a critical time for the University of Hawai`i at Manoa and our entire state," said Governor Lingle.

"Globalization and technology are reshaping our daily lives and the world, and higher education at UH Manoa is vital to the progress of our state, the Pacific region and our nation," she added.

The Governor also discussed Chancellor Hinshaw's background in science, and shared her appreciation for the Chancellor's support of science and technology, including robotics.

Robotics is a key component of the Lingle-Aiona Administration's Hawai`i Innovation Initiative, which seeks to increase students' science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) skills.

"The Chancellor recognizes the value of subjects such as robotics. She knows that engineering and problem-solving skills will help in whatever fields students may choose to pursue," said Governor Lingle.

Chancellor Hinshaw was formerly the provost and executive vice chancellor of the University of California at Davis. Her expertise in microbiology has aided in the understanding of the influenza virus and new approaches to vaccines.

**Governor Supports Growth  
of Private Moloka`i School**

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Governor Lingle and Aka'ula students.

To show her support for choice in education and innovative approaches to learning, Governor Lingle attended Moloka`i Calls, a fundraising event to support Aka`ula School on Moloka`i.

The Governor praised the private school's mission to create a community of critical thinkers who are able to investigate and take informed actions on social, cultural and environmental issues.

"In today's global society, we need to know more than we used to," Governor Lingle said. "Aka`ula School teaches critical thinking skills that will help students find information and analyze and understand it."

The school was co-founded by teachers Vicki Newberry and Dara Lukonen, and teaches students in grades five to eight. Seventy-two percent of the students are native Hawaiian or part-native Hawaiian, and 17 percent are special needs students.

## **Public Libraries Receive \$3.4 Million for Improvements**



Photo courtesy of Hilo Public Library.

As part of the Lingle-Aiona Administration's ongoing commitment to improving public facilities, Governor Lingle this week released

more than \$4 million for public facilities statewide.

\$3,470,250 released will fund improvements to four public libraries located on the Big Island, Lana`i and O`ahu.

"Public libraries are sanctuaries where people of all ages can broaden their horizons by exploring subjects such as history, science and the arts," said Governor Lingle. "We are responsible for maintaining these facilities so that patrons and staff are kept safe and comfortable, and library collections are protected for future generations."

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Read the [news release](#).

### Red Kettle Donation Drive Kicks Off



The Governor and Lt. Governor thanked Hawai`i residents for their donations in support of the Salvation Army's Red Kettle program.

Governor Lingle and Lt. Governor Aiona kicked off the Salvation Army's Red Kettle Bell Ringing donation drive at a ceremony in downtown Honolulu.

The Governor and Lt. Governor placed the first donations into the Red Kettle and encouraged Hawai`i businessmen and women to give in support of those who are less fortunate.

"The Salvation Army supports important programs that help a wide range of Hawai`i residents, including food and financial assistance for families," said Governor Lingle.

"I hope you will embrace the true spirit of the season by giving back to others in need," she added.

The Salvation Army in Hawai`i operates three community centers

on O`ahu, two on Maui, three on the Big Island, two on Kaua`i and one in Guam. Last year, the Red Kettle donation drive raised \$719,000 and assisted 97,932 people.

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Visit the Salvation Army's [website](#) to learn more about this program and donate to the online Red Kettle.

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## GOVERNOR'S WEEKLY RADIO ADDRESS

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### **Above & Beyond Citizen Honors**

*Every day, ordinary citizens do extraordinary things in our community. It can happen in an instant or a lifetime of placing others before self. It's important to honor the incredible service and heroism of Hawai`i's residents.*

*To recognize those who have made a difference in the lives of others, the Congressional Medal of Honor Society is leading a national initiative called Above & Beyond Citizen Honors.*

*One finalist from each state will be selected and these recipients will be recognized at a prestigious ceremony in Washington, D.C. in March of 2008.*

*Our aloha spirit can be seen in acts of bravery and selfless heroism, which serve as daily inspiration. I encourage you to honor Hawai`i citizens by nominating heroes for this national award.*

*To learn more about the program and how to nominate our local heroes, please visit my website at [www.hawaii.gov/gov](http://www.hawaii.gov/gov).*

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**[Department of the Week](#)**

## Commerce and Consumer Affairs



DCCA employees stand with 54 care packages before sending the gifts to Hawai'i soldiers deployed overseas.

In support of Hawai`i's men and women in uniform deployed overseas, the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (DCCA) hosted an annual bake sale this month.

The bake sale and employee donations raised \$1,326, which funded 54 care packages that included cookies, local snacks and toiletries.

The care packages were sent to Hawai`i troops serving overseas, including members of the 154 Security Forces.



*Mahalo for your service.*



U.S. Navy photo by Chief Mass  
Communication Specialist David Rush.

Sailors aboard the Pearl Harbor-based guided-missile destroyer USS Hopper took in the mooring lines as the ship departed Hawai`i for deployment earlier this month.

Hopper and the guided-missile cruiser USS Port Royal deployed with the Tarawa Expeditionary Strike Group for a six-month deployment to the U.S. 5th and 7th Fleet areas of responsibility, which includes the Western Pacific, Indian Ocean and Arabian Gulf.

**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](mailto:governor.lingle@hawaii.gov).**



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Honolulu Star-Bulletin,  
November 19, 2007

# Senate confirms Leonard as judge

[Senate confirms Leonard as judge](#)

Honolulu Advertiser, November 21, 2007

23-0 vote means she'll serve a 10-year term on state appeals court

BY DERRICK DUFFLORE  
Advertiser Government Writer

Katherine Leonard, a civil attorney and partner at Carlsmith Ball LLP, was unanimously confirmed yesterday by the state Senate as a judge on the state Intermediate Court of Appeals.

The Senate vote was 23-0, with eight senators voting with reservations and two excused.

"I look forward to serving the judiciary and the people of Hawai'i. I'm just very honored," Leonard told reporters afterward.

State Attorney General Mark Bennett said Leonard has experience and integrity and predicted she will make a fine appeals court judge.

"She'll bring a very good intellect to the bench," he said.

Several senators had privately questioned whether Leonard was the best candidate for the appeals court but she received a "qualified" rating from the Hawai'i State Bar Association and unusually positive testimony at her confirmation hearing.

State Sen. Brian Taniguchi, D-Ilihi (Halea, Maui), the chairman of the Senate Judiciary and Labor Committee, described Leonard as bright, competent and hardworking.

But Taniguchi and other senators questioned her lack of judicial experience. None of the other five judges on the appeals court had judicial experience when appointed, but Taniguchi said Gov. Linda Lingle should have taken that into consideration after the Senate last month rejected O'ahu Circuit Court Judge Randall Lee's nomination.

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# Lawyer approved as appellate court judge

By B.J. Reyes

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Corporate lawyer Katherine Leonard, the governor's second nominee for a judicial vacancy on the state Intermediate Court of Appeals, was unanimously approved by the Senate yesterday.

Leonard, a civil lawyer and partner in the firm Carlsmith Ball LLP, was approved for a 10-year term by a vote of 23-0, with two members absent.

"The senators were very fair with me throughout the process," Leonard said after the vote. "I feel they considered all the issues and I'm very appreciative of the outcome."

Eight senators voted "with reservations," including Judiciary Chairman Brian Taniguchi, who said he still had some concern over Leonard's lack of judicial experience.

Including Leonard, none of the six sitting judges on the appellate court worked as a judge prior to being appointed.

"My concern centers on what I perceive as a need for diversity among the judges of our Judiciary — a need to have a balance of backgrounds when we fill positions," said Taniguchi (D, Moiliili-Manoa).

Judicial experience also was an issue last month when the Senate rejected Gov. Linda Lingle's nomination of Oahu Circuit Judge

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