



# Mililani Neighborhood Board Legislative Report – September 2014



## Representative Lauren Cheape Matsumoto

District 45 • Mililani, Kunia, Schofield, Wheeler, Mokulē'ia, Waialua •

Aloha Neighbors and Friends,

Happy Autumn! It's been a very busy time between Legislative Sessions this year with many informational briefings being held at the Capitol. Thank you to those who have made the trip to town to see and hear first-hand the information presented on a wide variety of topics and the issues we face in our community and State. Check out [Capitol.Hawaii.gov](http://Capitol.Hawaii.gov) for a list of current briefings.

As you may know, the Hawaiian Electric Company's (HECO) latest proposals to the Hawaii Public Utilities Commission (PUC) are topics of significant interest for our community. You may have heard that these proposals include new fees on HECO customers (including a \$55 monthly charge for all customers and a separate \$16 monthly interconnection fee for PV customers), as well as discontinuing the current Net Energy Metering (NEM) program, with a significant decrease in the amount paid to PV customers who provide power for the grid.

The Hawaii PUC is soliciting comments from the public on these plans through October 6, 2014. Your comments will help the Hawaii PUC in its initial review and assessment of the plans. Please take a few minutes to let the Hawaii PUC know your thoughts on these proposals before the upcoming October 6, 2014 deadline.

Links to the HECO proposals, and instructions on how to submit your comments electronically, by postal mail, or in person, are in the official Hawaii PUC news release, available at

[http://PUC.Hawaii.gov/wp-content/](http://PUC.Hawaii.gov/wp-content/uploads/2014/09/2014.09.15_HAWAII_PUC_INVITES_PUBLIC_COMMENT_ON_HECO_ACTION_PLANS.pdf)

[uploads/2014/09/2014.09.15\\_HAWAII\\_PUC\\_INVITES\\_PUBLIC\\_COMMENT\\_ON\\_HECO\\_ACTION\\_PLANS.pdf](http://PUC.Hawaii.gov/wp-content/uploads/2014/09/2014.09.15_HAWAII_PUC_INVITES_PUBLIC_COMMENT_ON_HECO_ACTION_PLANS.pdf). When submitting your comments, include the docket number of the HECO proposal you are commenting on. Comments are being received on two different dockets: Docket No. 2014-0183 relates to Power Systems Improvement Plans, while Docket No. 2014-0192 addresses the Distributed Generation Interconnection Plan.

If you have questions about anything that happens either in our community or at the Capitol, you can contact me by email at [RepMatsumoto@Capitol.Hawaii.gov](mailto:RepMatsumoto@Capitol.Hawaii.gov), or by telephone at (808) 586-9490, or by visiting the Capitol in Room 303. I always look forward to seeing you and hearing from you. Until next time, take good care!

Mahalo,

*Lauren Cheape Matsumoto*



Mililani HS Valedictorian & University of Hawaii freshman Isis Usborne with Rep. Matsumoto before receiving a scholarship check from the National Hispanic Caucus of State Legislators. Isis was 1 of just 11 recipients nationwide.

# COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS



Unveiling of the Hawaii Air National Guard's C-17 Globemaster aircraft named for the late US Senator Daniel Inouye at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.



Preparing for a long warm day of painting at the Mililani Public Library.



The Back To School Bash attracted many friends and all enjoyed the variety of activities.