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Increasing public access to government and the legislative process has long been a priority of mine. If government is to truly serve people, then people must participate, stay informed, and have their voices heard. To me, technology--and specifically the Internet--has rapidly become the most efficient and effective way to achieve those goals.

The Legislature's website at www.capitol.hawaii.gov provides the public with access to bills, their status, official actions, and legislative activities. But it's also important to understand the forces, opinions, and perspectives that surround legislation and the decisions made by legislators.

That's the reason for my website, www.DavidIge.org. My objective is to add perspective, to help people understand the big picture, and to communicate and keep in touch with you.

Communication, though, is a two-way street. So your input and thoughts are valuable to me. If you have questions

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Making the Connection

There's a quiet revolution occurring in government, and you're participating in it, right now. Technology means information can be accessed instantaneously. Even if you're reading these words on paper, they've gotten to you much more quickly and easily than ever before. And as government increasingly turns to the Internet, as services are increasingly available online, costs go down and efficiency goes up. Everyone benefits, but the biggest benefits go to those who take full advantage of the full range of what's available.

That's the reason we've developed www.DavidIge.org, and we hope you'll take full advantage of the site to stay informed and to participate in government. In case you haven't visited lately, here's a look at what you can find there and how you can use it.

HOME PAGE

www.DavidIge.org/main.html

Catch a quick summary of what's new and updated, plus review the site's contents at a glance.

KEIKI CONNECTION

www.DavidIge.org/Keiki_Connection/Keiki_Connection.htm

Find information on government and the Legislature tailored for youth--but even adults can probably learn something here, too. From a showcase of talented Capitol Artists to brain-twisters and puzzles, there's a variety of material to engage people of all ages.

COMMUNITY CONNECTION

www.DavidIge.org/Community_Connection/community_connection.html

Read issues of particular interest to Senate District 16, including community news and events, people from the District in the news, issues in the Legislature with a specific impact on the District, and our Community Connection newsletter in electronic format.



CAPITOL CONNECTION

www.DavidIge.org/Capitol_Connection/Capitol_Connection.htm

Browse Senator Ige's electronic newsletter highlighting issues and developments in the Legislature; back issues are also available here.

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or concerns, if you know of an individual who deserves recognition for his or her achievements, if there's a community issue you want to bring to the attention of government--- don't hesitate to send me an email.

Technology and the Internet offers great potential for citizens to be involved in their government. I urge you to take full advantage of the opportunity...and to stay in touch as our horizons expand in the future. I'll be expanding and continually updating www.DavidIge.org, as well as adding new features, so I hope you'll use the site as a resource to keep informed and to participate in the workings of your government and the Legislature.

Sincerely,

David Ige

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SCIENCE, ARTS, AND TECHNOLOGY (SAT)

www.DavidIge.org/SAT/SAT.htm

Find out all about the activities of the SAT Committee chaired by Senator Ige. You can find details of key legislation before the Committee, as well as testimony on selected bills to get a greater perspective on the issues involved. Material presented to the Committee in informational briefings is also here, including PowerPoint presentations used to brief Committee members. And get the big picture on priorities, technology in Hawaii, and the "New Economy" in the background papers and actions briefs in this section of the site.

POSITIONS

www.DavidIge.org/Positions/Positions.htm

Read detailed papers and articles on the three areas Senator Ige has focused upon in the Senate: education, technology, and legislative reform. They explain what he stands for and why. There's also information on many of the key issues the Senate has considered in recent years that help to clarify the actions and decisions that have been made and that affect your lives.

MY BACKGROUND

www.DavidIge.org/My_Background/My_Background.htm

Learn about Senator Ige's roots, his education, his experience, and his record, all in an up-close and personal style.

OUR FUTURE

http://www.DavidIge.org/Our_Future/Our_Future.htm

Catch a glimpse of Senator Ige's vision for an information- and technology-driven economy offering new opportunities that enhance our diversity and natural environment. Education becomes a lifelong experience, anchored in part by a world-class institution of higher learning. And that's just the beginning...see more of what Senator Ige envisions for Hawaii in this section of our site.



The Hawaii Legislature Youth Guide

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www.DavidIge.org/Keiki_Connection/Youth_Guide/Youth_Guide.htm is hot off the press! Have fun learning all about Senator David Ige, our Hawaii State Capitol, and the legislative process.

Find out if Hawaii really has a state fish. Learn all about how a bill becomes law. Enjoy word searches and scrambles and take our legislative quiz. And just in case you don't have photos of our State Capitol, the Youth Guide is filled with photos and captions explaining the symbolism of this beautiful building.

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