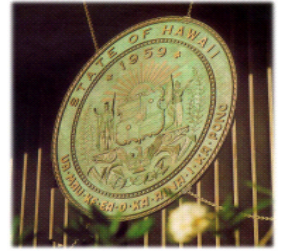


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Aloha! The legislature has just passed the **second lateral** deadline, at which point all crossover bills must have been passed into the final committee of their referral to receive further consideration for the session.

The next major legislative deadline is the **second decking** deadline on **April 8th**. At this point, all final committee reports and amendments to crossover bills must be filed at the Clerk's office. If this is not done, bills will not receive further consideration for the session.

I hope you had a good Kuhio Day! Please don't hesitate to contact me if I can be of any assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Y. Ige".

David Y. Ige
State Senator
16th District

The *youth Xchange* Screening

This past week not only had the second lateral deadline for bills, but it was also Education Week, a time when Hawaii's outstanding schools and educators are honored by the Legislature. Among the honorees for Blue Ribbon Schools, Teachers of the Year, and Milken Award winners, the Legislature celebrated our Milken Award recipient and District Teacher of the Year, Dewey Gottlieb of Pearl City High School, and our Hawaii Blue Ribbon School, Momilani Elementary School.

The Senate also recognized the winners of the inaugural *OLELO youth Xchange* Video Awards. This competition gave K-12 students the chance to gain experience with film production and allowed them to spotlight the issues they felt were important for further discussion. Students took time off from spring break to visit the Capitol and attend the Senate's floor session in which they and their colleagues were honored. After the floor session, students, legislators, and the public attended a screening in the Capitol Auditorium that showed several of their award-winning videos.

The screening at the Capitol also featured Nathan Kurosawa, a Hawaii filmmaker best known for writing and directing "The Ride." This film tells the history of surfing in Hawaii using an all-local cast and crew. Nathan gave the students some insight into the film industry and answered questions about filmmaking from the audience.

A series of videoconference sessions on filmmaking will provide more interaction between Hawaii's students and professionals in the film and media industries. Nathan Kurosawa will be featured on an upcoming Q&A session that is tentatively scheduled for early April to discuss effective filmmaking. Designated sites in each school district will be linked into this videoconference. Please call my office at **586-6230** for more information if you are interested in participating!



Honorees being recognized on the floor of the Senate prior to the *youth Xchange* screening.

SAT Committee Crossover Bills

The SAT Committee has heard the House bills that have been referred to us after crossover. Key crossover bills passed out of the SAT Committee include:

HB 2396 HD2 SD1: Relating to Capital Investments, Passed with Amendments

The House companion to the Senate's SPIF bill (SB 3024), this bill establishes a State Private Investment Fund and makes amendments to Act 221 in an effort to close discovered loopholes. The next committee in its referral is Ways and Means, WAM.

HB 2611 HD2 SD1: Relating to the Entertainment Industry, Passed with Amendments

The House companion to the Senate's film bill (SB2558), this bill provides incentives to attract film, video, and sound recording production companies to Hawaii. The next committee in its referral is WAM.

HB 2137 HD1 SD1: Relating to a One Call Center, Passed with Amendments

This bill establishes a one call center to coordinate the location of subsurface installations and excavations and creates a one call center board. The next committee in its referral is WAM.

HB 1796 HD1: Relating to Privacy, Passed As Is

The House companion to SB2377, this bill aims to protect individual privacy by changing the definition of "record" to include digital recordings, such as by camera phones and other devices, for purposes of privacy violations. The next committee in its referral is Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs, JHW.

The Senate versions of the SPIF and film bills, SB 3024 and SB 2558, passed out of their first house committee in amended form. The next committee in their referral is the House Finance committee.

Community Corner

Congratulations to Marissa Kobayashi of Pearl City High School for being nominated by Senator Akaka and Senator Inouye to the U.S. Military Academy!

The next town meeting is on Monday, April 26th at 7:00 PM at Pearl Ridge Elementary School. The topic of the meeting is education.

I would like to thank the talented students of Ms. Noe Bunnell's "Best Art Club" at Pearl Ridge Elementary School for participating in my Capitol Artists program. Students in the "Best Art Club" meet once a week after school to make and study artwork. Their vibrantly detailed watercolor paintings of fish are on display at the chamber level of the Capitol.

Once again, congratulations to all the students and schools that participated in the `OLELO *youth Xchange* program! You have made the inaugural *youth Xchange* Video Awards a huge success.

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