### LEGISLATIVE UPDATE FOR COUNCIL DISTRICT ONE

\* DENOTES MEASURE WAS INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMAN TOM BERG ( \* )

#### Aloha,

Mahalo for the opportunity to represent our district. I have participated and testified rigorously at the recent hearings concerning the landfill, Makaha Bridge Replacement Project, the Ewa Development Plan, and the Hoopili development scheme. In the next five-months left in this council term, I may be voting on key issues whereby your input will be needed. Please

do not hesitate to contact me. Mahalo.



### RAIL

Resolution 11-328 \* BERG INTRODUCED Repeal rail; let voters decide. Vote: 7-2; did not pass.

Resolution 12-059 \* BERG INTRODUCED Repeal HART; let voters decide. Vote: 5-4; did not pass (needed 6 votes).

Bills 31 & 32 Funding for HART's public relations. Vote: 8-1; passed (Berg only NO VOTE).

Bill 37 Line of credit for rail at \$450 million. Vote: 7-2; passed (Berg voting NO).



### PARKS

Resolution 11-337 \* BERG INTRODUCED Oneula Beach Park; re-open park master plan to adopt community input. Vote: 9-0; passed. All Leeward Coast comfort stations in disrepair to be fixed by end of this year. Oneula will get new comfort station in 2013.

### LANDFILL / SAFETY / HEALTH / TRAFFIC

**Resolution 12-015** \* BERG INTRODUCED Tsunami (Japan) debris disposal. Vote: 7-0; passed.

**Resolution 12-094** \* BERG INTRODUCED Drunk driving penalty. Vote: 9-0; passed.

**Resolution 12-073** \* BERG INTRODUCED Removing uninsured motorists. Vote: 9-0; passed.

**Resolution 12-057** \* Labeling Genetically Modified Food; Berg amendment. Vote: 6-3; passed.

**Resolution 12-014** \* Taxpayer protection loan to keep leeward hospital open. Adopted by State.

Bill 13 Road repairs; largest amount in city history- \$100 million. Vote: 9-0; passed.

NOTE: Flood mitigation for Leeward Coast\* - largest expenditure in city history, over \$10 million.

**BILL 14** Landfill recycling liaison\* to make landfills obsolete; Berg initiative passed & funded. NOTE: Cuts to bus service; Berg was the only vote to keep bus service intact. Berg voted against cutting funds for bus operations. Vote: 8-1 with Berg the Ione NO VOTE.

### IN PLAY RIGHT NOW "SMART METERS"

**BERG INTRODUCED RESO 12-170** TO STOP GOVERNMENT FROM MONITORING YOUR **ELECTRICITY USE** 

### KEY CONSUMER MEASURES

**HISTORIC HOMES PROPERTY TAX CREDIT- Berg** was the only NO VOTE for subsidizing multi million dollar homes. CAMPING FEES- Berg was the only NO VOTE for the new fee. PARK USAGE FEE - Berg was the only NO VOTE for charging park patrons to use parks/gun range. SUMMER FUN **PROGRAM** - Berg and Chair Martin were the only ones to vote against the fee increase for youth park programs.

## CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT ONE

### With your help, our City Council Office championed the following:

- 1. We stopped the excess waste being conducted by HART for rail propaganda.
- 2. We initiated new rules for displaying roadside memorials on city thoroughfares.
- 3. We ensured all park comfort stations get repaired this year and provided the funding.
- 4. We saved the monies from lapsing to get Renton & Pohakupuna roads paved this year.
- 5. We created a new landfill/solid waste recycling liaison position to make landfills obsolete.
- 6. We masterminded the passage of a reso to get Genetically Modified Organisms labeled in food.
- 7. We spearheaded a Leeward Coast landfill compensation package of \$3 million to our communities.
- 8. We tackled head-on drunken driving and uninsured motorists with resolutions to the legislature.

Hearings are taking place right now on more measures our office has introduced to improve our quality of life and restore fiscal responsibility to City Hall such as:

- 1. Job creation in Kalaeloa with historic trails
- 2. Housing for homeless less than a car payment
- 3. Stop using farmlands for GMO experimentation
- 4. Reversing cuts to city bus routes/restore service
- 5. Ending the monopoly on electricity rates

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# BERG IS FIGHTING TO KEEP BIO-HAZARD LAB OUT OF WEST OAHU



Keep Infectious Diseases **OUT** of West Oahu and Kalaeloa