

KKAI ISSUES REPORT

4th QUARTER 2008

Program: Kailua Town

Subject: Gov.Lingle New Hampshire Trip

Aired: 10/3, 10/5, 10/7/2008

Time: 8:00 a.m.

Governor Lingle will talk about her trip to New Hampshire to meet with the inventor of the Segway scooter to talk with him about ideas to promote innovation and science in Hawaii. During her inauguration speech , Lingle said she wants to shift the states economy from land development to innovation.

Program: Mayors Report

Subject: Tax Relief

Aired: 10/14, 10/16, 10/18/2008

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Governor Lingle will talk about her plan to use the state's budget surplus that exceeds \$700 million. Lingle has promised Hawaii tax payers meaningful tax relief this year. Lingle will give some possible plans for getting money back to the tax payers but we may have to wait for the State of the State Address January 22nd for details.

Program: City News

Subject: Wage Increase

Aired: 11/10, 11/12, 11/14/2008

Time: 2:00 p.m.

We will take a close up look at the minimum wage increase that went into effect for the state of Hawaii on the first of the year. We will examine what this means for the state and is the increase enough for a family to live in Hawaii.

Program: News Break

Subject: Big Island Farmers

Aired: 11/21/2008

Time: 6:00 p.m.

We will take a look at the plans to help Big Island farmers and businesses in North Kohala who have been struggling to find ways to get much needed water in the area after the earthquake last October. The U.S. Department of Agriculture has approved nearly \$200,000 to assist with the flow of water to parts of the Kohala Ditch irrigation system. The ditch was damaged so badly by the earthquake that the flow of water to the area had stopped.

Program: Kailua Town

Subject: Ko Olina Aquarium

Aired: 11/17, 11/19, 11/21/2008

Time: 8:00 a.m.

Developer Jeff Stone is cancelling his plan to build a huge aquarium at Ko Olina and will give back the \$75 million tax credit he received for the project but never used. Stone explained that he no longer needs the tax credit because his projects at Ko Olina are all booming and he would rather see the money spent for more pressing needs. Is this good for the Islands or just a safety net for developers?

Program: News Break
Subject: Doctor Shortage
Aired: 2/1/2008
Time: 6:00 p.m.

2/1, 6pm, 1:25: Residents on Kauai complain there are not enough doctors. Hawaii Pacific Health took over Wilcox Hospital and the Kauai Medical Clinic in 2002. Since then 35 physicians, mostly specialists, have left. A number of doctors blame the corporation. Doctors who quit Kauai Medical Clinic say they weren't paid enough. An example: one physician generated over \$300,000, but his salary was just \$41,000.

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Subject: Learning Center
Aired: 12/10, 12/12, 12/14/2008
Time: 8:00 a.m.

We take a look at the new learning center at the Institute for Human Services. Those without a home now have better educational opportunities, thanks to the new center at the state's largest shelter. The center has computers and desks where the homeless can compose resumes, work on their GED and homework. Lloyd Char and his wife donated money for the project in the memory of their daughter who died of breast cancer. Girl Scouts from Sacred Hearts Academy also helped fix up the place and collected more than \$2,000 worth of donated furniture and computers.

Program: Kailua Town
Subject: Firefighter Pay Raise
Aired: 2/15/2008
Time: 6:00 p.m.

2/15, 6pm, 1:47: The arbitration award covers 1,800 firefighters statewide. It gives them 5% raises each year for four years, starting in July. Firefighters' union president Bobby Lee says the union originally asked for 14% raises each year because their pay is so much lower than that of firefighters on the west coast. The firefighter salary hikes will cost Honolulu about \$49 million for the next four years, but they have a larger importance because they could set the standard for other public union raises. The state still needs to begin formal negotiations with SHOPO, the union representing 2,700 police officers across the state. And mediation is underway with HSTA which covers nearly 13,000 public school teachers in Hawaii. The state's chief negotiator says the firefighters' raises will not necessarily mean other unions will get the same.

Program: Kailua Town
Subject: Property Tax Increase
Aired: 2/23/2008
Time: 5:00 p.m.

2/23, 5pm, 1:05: Honolulu Council Budget Chairman Todd Apo says he is hoping the council can offer a one time cash credit for property owners as well as a tax break for low income residents facing this year's huge property tax increases. Property owners have seen double digit increases in their property valuations over the last four years, meaning higher taxes. Today, after a special meeting to consider 11 proposals for tax relief, Apo said he favors allowing more people to qualify for the city's current low income property tax break...the so called "circuit breaker."

Program: Kailua Town
Subject: Housing Prices
Aired: 3/6/2008
Time: 5:00 p.m.

3/6, 5pm, 1:22: Are speculators who buy real estate in Hawaii getting rich while others pay the price? Some lawmakers think so. House Bill 1002, they say, addresses the problem. The median sales price for condominiums on Oahu is \$320,000. But new condos in Kakaako cost much more and speculators who time the market just right make a lot of money. At the luxury condo Hokua, some investors made a million dollars or more just flipping it at closing time. House Bill 1002 is asking the legislature to approve new capital gains taxes that would prevent investors from making a quick killing, which drives up the cost of property taxes.