



Governor's E-Newsletter

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Aloha and Welcome from the Governor's Office in Hawai`i!

It is with pleasure that we send you this e-newsletter.

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Governor Lingle presided over a panel discussion during an executive summit on the Endangered Species Act. Participants at the Western Governors' Association event explored ways to recover species at the state level, and how the act could enhance species recovery. Governor Kenny Quinn of Nevada looks on. Photo courtesy of the Western Governors' Association.



State leaders participating in the Western Governors' Association Endangered Species Act executive summit included (from left) Governor Kenny Quinn, Nevada; Governor Bill Richardson, New Mexico; Governor Judy Martz, Montana; Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, California; Governor Bill Owens, Colorado; Governor Mike Rounds, South Dakota; and Governor Lingle. Photo courtesy of the Western Governors' Association.

Governor Presents Case Study on Endangered Species

During an executive summit held by the Western Governors' Association in San Diego, Governor Lingle and her counterparts in other states heard numerous recommendations on how to protect and recover threatened and endangered species. Participants in the summit discussed the Endangered Species Act with representatives of agriculture, conservation groups, government and industry. Governor Lingle led the summit's panel on recovery issues, describing Hawai`i's efforts to save the endangered red ilima plant. She also presented a case study on the endangered palila, a species of Hawaiian honeycreeper. "This conference has importantly emphasized the need to focus on the recovery of endangered species and the pivotal role states and private landowners play in recovery efforts," Governor Lingle said. "In Hawai`i, we will continue to focus on preserving habitats and moving species toward recovery. We enjoy a unique ecosystem in the United States and recognize what an irreplaceable asset it represents." Click here to read the State of Hawai`i case studies on the [red ilima](#) and [palila](#).

Governor Lingle Congratulates Hawaiian Grammy Nominees

The National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences this week announced the five nominees in the new Grammy category for Best Hawaiian Music Album. Creation of this awards category was the culmination of 15 years of lobbying by the Hawaiian music community. "These five historic Grammy nominations for Hawaiian music bring much deserved attention to our multi-talented performers and help expand our local music industry," said Governor Lingle. The nominees for Best Hawaiian Music Album are: "Some Call It Aloha ... Don't Tell" by The Brothers Cazimero; "Amy & Willie Live" by Amy Hanaiali`i Gilliom and Willie K.; "Cool Elevation" by Ho'okena; "Ke`alaokamaile" by Keali`i Reichel; and "Slack Key Guitar, Volume 2," a multiartist compilation; Charles Michael Brotman, producer. The 47th annual Grammy Awards ceremony will be broadcast live on CBS on February 13, 2005, from the Staples Center in Los Angeles. Read more in the [Honolulu Star-Bulletin](#).



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State Adjutant General Robert Lee (center) joined troops from the 29th Brigade Combat Team at a Thanksgiving meal in Texas. Photo courtesy of the Hawai'i National Guard.



Brigadier General Joseph Chaves (left), commander of the 29th Brigade Combat Team, briefed Major General Robert Lee (center) and Brigadier General Vern Miyagi (right) on the training status of the troops in preparation for deployment to Iraq. Photo courtesy of Hawai'i National Guard.

State Adjutant General Visits 29th Brigade Combat Team in Texas

In appreciation of Hawai'i's National Guard and Reserve troops training at Fort Bliss, State Adjutant General Robert Lee traveled to Texas to share a Thanksgiving meal with these citizen soldiers. Brigade General Joseph Chaves, commander of the 29th Brigade Combat Team, briefed General Lee on the brigade's upcoming mission to Iraq.



Second Lt. Wayne Anno, assigned to Bravo "Primo" Battery, 1-487th FA, sent this photo of his squad doing live fire clearing of a building. Anno and his platoon, part of the 29th Brigade Combat Team, are currently training in the Fort Bliss area.



The 2nd Platoon, Bravo Battery paused for a group photo during training at Fort Bliss. Photo courtesy of Second Lt. Wayne Anno.

More Photos of Troops Sought for Governor's Web Site

Hawai`i is forever grateful for the dedication and sacrifice of its men and women serving in the U.S. Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines and Coast Guard, as well as our citizen soldiers in the Reserve and National Guard. Please visit the photo album, "[Dedicated to Our Hawai`i Troops](#)." To submit digital photos of your loved ones who are serving our country overseas, please e-mail governor.lingle@hawaii.gov.

Governor Receives Visit from Kainalu Elementary Students



Fifth-grade students from Kainalu Elementary School met with Governor Lingle at the State Capitol's Executive Chambers. The students also visited Representative Cynthia Thielen and Senator Fred Hemmings in the House and Senate chambers.

Departments of the Week - Health and the Attorney General's Office



Dr. Chiyome Fukino, director of the state Department of Health.



Mark Bennett, state attorney general.

State Hospital Improvements "Astonishing"

Dr. Chiyome Fukino, director, state Department of Health, accompanied U.S. District Judge David Ezra during a tour of the Hawai`i State Hospital this week. After taking the tour, the federal judge accepted a recommendation by state Attorney General Mark Bennett to dismiss a 1991 civil lawsuit against the hospital. "Hallways were spotless compared to a

decade ago and patients were adequately supervised," Ezra said, "It looks like a well-kept college campus." The lawsuit cited the hospital's then overcrowded, unsafe and unsanitary conditions, but the state has since made "astonishing" improvements to the hospital's level of patient care. [Read more in the New York Newsday.](#)

In the News



Hawai`i Hospital's Federal Oversight Ends...A federal judge on Friday ended years of court oversight of the Hawai`i State Hospital, saying changes made at the state's mental health facility are "astonishing." [Read more in the New York Newsday.](#)

Hawai`i part of 'strategic triangle'

Read more in the [Honolulu Advertiser.](#)

Plan seeks to protect all species

Read more in the [Honolulu Advertiser.](#)

'Ohana Day thanks the troops

Read more in the [Honolulu Advertiser.](#)

Cheney visits Hawai`i troops in Afghanistan

Read more in the [Honolulu Star-Bulletin.](#)

SBA leader lauds local office

Read more in the [Honolulu Star-Bulletin.](#)

Quote of the Week

You can't spend everything you have because times won't always be as good. You need to save for when times aren't as good."

-Governor Lingle speaking about her Administration's policy for fiscal restraint, saying it helped improve the state's credit rating and thus enabled Hawai`i to obtain a lower interest rate when it sells bonds for capital improvement projects.

Thought of the Week

"This strengthens our resolve to support the development of new opportunities for our local artists and their music."

-Governor Lingle congratulating the first nominees for the new Hawaiian music Grammy Award, which will be presented February 13, 2005, in Los Angeles.

Key Upcoming Events

December 11 Governor Lingle and Lt. Governor Aiona will join the state Department of Defense in hosting the second "Operation `Ohana" picnic to show appreciation and support for the families of Hawai`i-based troops serving in Iraq and Afghanistan, Wheeler Army Airfield, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

December 11 Governor Lingle will deliver remarks and help swear-in officers and advisors at the Hawai`i United Okinawa Association's 55th installation banquet, Hawai`i Okinawa Center, 7:00-7:45 p.m.

December 12 Washington Place Christmas Open House - This is an opportunity for the public to view rooms on the second floor of this historic home of Hawai`i's past governors and last reigning monarch, Queen Lili`uokalani, 1:00-5:00 p.m.

December 12 Governor Lingle will participate in a menorah candle-lighting ceremony in celebration of Chanukah, Waikiki Gateway Park, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

December 13 Governor Lingle and Lt. Governor Aiona will welcome Gaddi H. Vasquez, director of the U.S. Peace Corps, to the State Capitol, Executive Chambers, 1:30-1:50 p.m.

Listen to the Governor's Weekly Radio Show Live on www.hawaii.gov/gov at 7:05 a.m. (HST) each Wednesday and call in at (808) 521-8383 from O`ahu or (888) 565-8383 from the Neighbor Islands with questions and comments.

The weekly radio show can be heard live from 7:05-8:00 a.m. Wednesdays on the following radio stations:

O`ahu (KHHV AM 830)

Maui (KAOI 1110 AM)

Hilo (KPUA 670 AM)

Kaua`i (KONG 570 AM)

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