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HOUSE DISTRICT 63

DEAN SANPEI SWORN INTO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

✧ Why am I Involved? ✧

By Dean Sanpei

The single most frequent question I am asked is, "why are you in this?" For those who have heard the explanation multiple times - skip to page 2. But for those who have not - keep reading.

THE HOPE OF AMERICA

About a year or so ago the outlook for our future seemed bleaker than in any other time in my life. The economy was struggling, the banking system had suffered tremendous losses, and I don't think anyone felt secure in their job. It was at that time that I attended an event put on by 5th graders across the county. My son joined others in singing a song that had the line, "...we are the hope of America..."



It was at that moment that I realized – there is hope, for us, for our future and for our children. Those kids are our future and they are filled with optimism. I felt it incumbent on myself to do all that I could to assure that they would have all the opportunities that I have been given in their futures as well – we owe that to them. I know that being in the legislature there are issues that arise that will affect their futures and I want to be a part of the process to assure we do the right things for them.

Newest Legislator

On June 23, 2010 Dean Sanpei was sworn in the Legislature as the Representative for Legislative District #63. Dean was appointed by Governor Herbert to fill the vacancy after Representative Steve Clark resigned June 1st to fulfill a mission assignment in St. Louis.

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Dean's Current Legislative Activity

The interim period between legislative sessions is not downtime for anyone wanting to get actively engaged into the legislative process. One can spend an endless amount of time on legislative activity if so inclined because the needs are limitless. It is a time to get educated on the details of issues, meet with constituents, meet with experts in the community on various topics, and prepare legislation for the next session. To that end, Dean has been a part of a formal task force looking at cost containment initiatives, and informally researching medicaid spending, public safety issues, and the arguments related to "equalization of taxes."



Health and Human Services

This is a formal committee assignment for Dean. The interim committee meeting on June 23rd discussed 1) possible legislation that would help school athletes get proper medical evaluation after a concussion; 2) ways to help reduce prescription medication abuse; and 3) significant budget cuts and how they might best be implemented. Dean is also working on some ways to change how medicaid reimbursements are paid to providers - bundles and accountable care models. Our long term financial viability depends on it.

Revenue and Taxation

A review of projected state revenues is a little sobering. Dean says things are getting "less worse," but revenue will be short of current budgets again in 2011. Another significant discussion during the interim is around equalization of education funding. The notion is that the same property tax rate applied to different communities yields vastly different revenue amounts for those communities due to differing property values. If you would like to talk with Dean about these issues (or any others) he'd welcome the dialog. You can email him at: dean@deansanpei.com or call his cell at: (801)372-1242.

