



CAPITOL UPDATE

Representative Scott K. Saiki



Dear Neighbor,

The Legislature adjourned on May 5. Thanks to unanticipated revenue, the Legislature was able to prioritize long-standing needs: housing, homelessness, preschool, tax relief, child welfare, mental health, and the environment.

It was also great to work with residents and our neighborhood schools on their priorities including a pedestrian crosswalk, dog park, neighborhood security watch, the McKinley High athletic field, the Lunalilo Elementary School band room, and the Central Middle security fence.

I want to thank all of the residents who contacted me during the past few months. Your input made a difference and improved our legislation.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact my office.

Sincerely,

Representative Scott K. Saiki

Legislative Results

The 2022 Legislative Session was one of the most productive in recent history. The Legislature approved 343 bills. The deadline for the Governor to approve them is July 12.

The bills covered an array of unmet needs: tax relief, minimum wage, affordable housing, child welfare services, mental health services, homeless, ethics, non-profit subsidies, and Native Hawaiian rights. Working families will see direct benefits from these bills. For bill status information, please call Rep. Saiki at (808) 586-6100 or visit www.capitol.hawaii.gov.



\$300 million for affordable housing development (SB 3048)

\$18 minimum wage & expansion of the Earned Income Tax Credit (HB 2510)

\$200 million to expand preschool facilities (HB 2000)

Closure of Red Hill (HCR 7)

\$15 million for Ohana Zones homeless program (HB 2512)

Mutual Stewardship of Mauna Kea (HB 2024)

\$300 per person tax refund (SB 514)

Investing in Our Neighborhood Schools

Rep. Saiki secured funds for these school improvements:

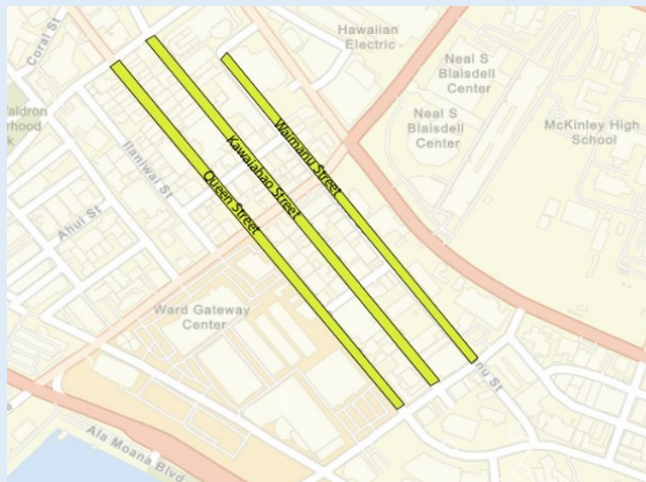


School	Project Description	Amount
Keelikolani Middle School	Plan, design, and construction for new bathrooms in Building D.	\$ 0.1 million
Lunalilo Elementary School	Covered Multipurpose Space & Security Improvements.	\$ 3.5 million
Lunalilo Elementary School	Design & construction of covered walkways and heat abatement.	\$ 1.1 million
McKinley High School	Plan, design and construction for Athletic Complex improvements: bleachers, locker rooms, stadium and field lighting, and other PE/athletic facilities.	\$ 22.7 million
McKinley High School	Construction for exterior painting of buildings A through F, & H.	\$ 1.4 million
Washington Middle School	Design & construction of a new band room and renovation of current band room for other curriculums.	\$ 10 million

Improving Kakaako Roads

Rep. Saiki secured \$3 million to begin improvements to Queen, Kawaiahao, and Waimanu Streets. Improvements include patching, drainage, and electricity and telecom upgrades. The work will also improve safety and security for pedestrians and vehicles.

If you have suggestions for road improvements, please contact Rep. Saiki at (808) 586-6100 or repsaiki@capitol.hawaii.gov.



Impacted streets highlighted in green above.

Join the Kakaako - Ala Moana Neighborhood Watch



Thank you to the many residents who have joined the Kakaako-Ala Moana Neighborhood Security Watch. All residents are welcome to join us:

When: 2nd & 4th Thursdays at 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Where: Meet at Blaisdell Concert Hall
(Ward/Kapiolani)

Register: forms.gle/QMmmFDXTN5Pc78P7

Protecting Our Student Journalists

On May 23, 2022, House Bill 1848 was signed into law by the Governor. This legislation will protect high school and university student journalists from unwarranted censorship.

Thank you to Ms. Cynthia Reves, McKinley High School's journalism teacher, for spearheading this effort with Rep. Saiki. Her commitment has demonstrated how important this bill will be for student journalists at McKinley and across the state.

Congratulating the Class of 2022

Congratulations to the McKinley High School Graduating Class of 2022. You have earned this achievement through your hard work, dedication, and perseverance.



Best wishes as you pursue your future goals.

Cleaning Up Our Neighborhood



In April, Rep. Saiki joined Our Kakaako and the Surfrider Foundation - Oahu Chapter for a community clean-up at Mother Waldron Park in Kakaako.

To stay up to date with future community service events as we near the summer, visit gohawaii.com/voluntourism.

Please subscribe to Rep Saiki's District 26 digital newsletter to stay informed.

Visit eepurl.com/g-gpGj or scan the QR code:





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Thank you and congratulations to the McKinley student journalists on the passage of the new student journalism law.

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HOMELESS HELP HOTLINES



Many residents are concerned about the homeless population in our neighborhood. Rep. Saiki is working with area legislators, government agencies and nonprofits to manage this situation. Here are ways to report homeless incidents and request assistance.

1 STATEWIDE HOMELESS HELP HOTLINE

Phone: (808) 586-0193
Email: gov.homelessness@hawaii.gov

2 CITY & COUNTY OF HONOLULU'S CRISIS OUTREACH RESPONSE AND ENGAGEMENT (CORE)

Phone: (808) 768-2673
(workers will respond within 48 hours)

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