

# SENATOR DONNA MERCADO KIM

PROUDLY SERVING  
DISTRICT 14

## MOANALUA GARDENS COMMUNITY REPORT



### Aloha Neighbors & Friends!



Wishing you and your loved ones a joyful and peaceful Christmas. May this season bring warmth, happiness, and hope for the coming year. Thank you for being a cherished part of our community. Mele Kalikimaka and Hau'oli Makahiki Hou!

Mahalo,



Moanalua Middle School

Happy to report that on November 27, 2024, a total of \$500,000 was officially released to fund a much-needed upgrade to the existing fire system at Moanalua Middle School.

The upgrade will enhance the school's fire safety infrastructure, making sure that we are prepared for any emergency situations that may arise.

As always, ensuring the safety of our children and the community remains one of my top priorities. I will continue to advocate for resources that support the safety and success of our schools.

### Senator Kim is honored with National Foundation of Women Legislators (NFWL) Dean McManus Spirit of NFWL Award



"Being awarded the Spirit of NFWL Award is a great honor and I am humbled by this recognition."



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**December 3, 2024**

## Community Updates

### **Moanalua High School Winter Concert at Moanalua High School Performing Arts Center**



Night 1: Friday, December 6, 2024 at 6:00 PM  
Featuring: Concert Strings, Concert Orchestra,  
Symphony Orchestra

Night 2: Saturday, December 7, 2024 at 6:00 PM  
Featuring: Chorus Ensemble, Concert Band,  
Symphonic Band, Symphonic Wind Ensemble



### **Avian Flu on Oahu**

Avian influenza (H5N1) was confirmed in backyard birds on O'ahu on November 15, 2024, and in a wild duck on the North Shore. Wild birds like ducks and geese can carry the virus without showing symptoms, but it can be deadly to poultry such as chickens.

#### **Safety Precautions:**

- Do not touch dead birds without gloves.
- Wash hands thoroughly afterward.
- Report multiple dead or sick birds to the Hawai'i Department of Agriculture:
  - Business hours: 808-483-7100
  - After hours: 808-837-8092



### **Avoid Holiday Scams**



Holiday scams can be costly to victims and result in identity theft or financial losses. Be vigilant about any unsolicited emails, text messages, or phone calls you receive.

Consumers who believe they have been a victim of a holiday shopping scam can file a complaint with the Office of Consumer Protection at (808) 587-4272 or <https://cca.hawaii.gov/ocp/consumer-complaint/>.

You can help protect yourself from becoming a victim by reporting holiday scams.

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## Upcoming Events at Salt Lake–Moanalua Public Library



### Preschool Storytime

When: **December 5 at 9:30 am - 10:30 am**

**December 19 at 9:30 am - 10:30 am**

Contact: 808 831-6831

Please join every Thursday morning for stories, songs and crafts!

Best suited for 2-5 year olds. All children must be accompanied by a parent or adult caregiver.



### Read to a dog

When: **December 4 at 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm**

**December 12 at 10:00 am - 11:30 am**

Contact: 808 831-6831

Therapy dogs visit Salt Lake the first Wednesday of every month.

Sign up in advance for 10 minute slots. Due to demand, only 1 session per patron, please.  
Call 831-6831, or stop by the Info Desk to sign up.



### Festive Storytime

When: **December 21 at 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm**

Be our Guest for a Festive Storytime and Snacks.

Wandering Reader, Sandra Taga brings books to life with her character voices. Fun for the whole family!

Sponsored by Friends of Salt Lake-Moanalua Library

### Support your local library



Over the past year, I've used my community report to highlight and promote local library events. As a legislator with a strong focus on education, I recognize that libraries provide essential resources for both students and the broader community.

Libraries are much more than just a place for books; they are vibrant hubs for community engagement. From hosting bonsai shows to offering space for meetup groups, libraries foster connections and bring people together in meaningful ways.

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