



# Senator Kurt Fevella

September 2022

NEWSLETTER



Aloha Friends and 'Ohana,

Keeping our Hawai'i prosperous and safe will always be a goal to achieve daily. I have had the pleasure of participating in many of our community events, cleanups and engaging with our residents- from talking story with our neighboring communities to working side by side with our state and city counterparts and local companies. As John C. Maxwell best puts it, "Teamwork makes the dream work." Let's continue to steadily work together in moving our community in the right direction and to a brighter future.

Mahalo and God bless,

*Kurt Fevella*

## Community Traffic Sign Waving at Maili Beach Park



On August 12th, HPD, District 8 Community Policing, many of our residents from the West side & myself, sign waved to raise awareness to safe driving and promoting public safety.

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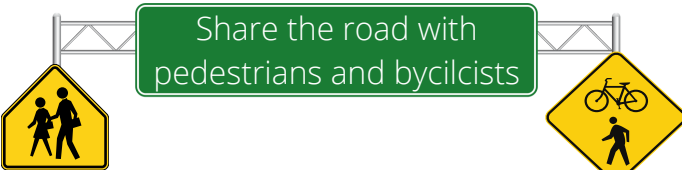
Got a question?

Please feel free to contact me!

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Joined alongside myself were HPD officers, Corporal Roland Pagan and other elected officials (R to L) Senator Maile Shimabukuro, Rep. Cedric Gates and Rep. Stace Eli, and my good friend, Darius Kila.



Thanks to all who came out and helped raise awareness the importance of driving responsibly- for the safety of all.



# Community Events

"A Day in Portugal Festa" was held at the Hawai'i Plantation Village in Waipahu. The sharing of ono food, stories and laughter, accompanied by great music was all wonderful but the greatest take away message from this festival is the preservation of one's culture and the celebration of one's heritage are key to keeping it alive through the gathering of our people through language, music, and food.



I had the honor and privilege to attend the Polynesian Cultural Center's event, "A Tribute to Queen Lili'uokalani." Commemorating one of Hawai'i's strongest leaders and sharing the love of my heritage and culture with residents and visitors was truly phenomenal! Humility and gratitude continues to resonate within me.

*"Throw the opala from the garden of your heart and let only the golden blossoms of aloha flow there. Live aloha."*  
-Queen Lili'uokalani



Community Cleanup on Fort Weaver and Kimopelekane Roads with volunteers from our community.



# Kalaeloa Cleanup

**MAHALO NUI** to Corporal Pagan, Sergeant Fumi and the Honolulu Police Department, Pinky's Towing, Cesar and Miles from City Park and Recreation, the Department of Hawaiian Homelands, Hunt Properties, Honolulu Fire Department, U.S. Navy, and Achieve Zero for all their services, time, and hard work in this massive and collaborative cleanup effort.



On August 23rd and 24th, we collected hundreds of vehicles, motorcycles, mopeds, generators, animals, and miscellaneous items.



On August 25th, we did a final walk-through in the area that was cleared out. Again, a **BIG MAHALO** to the departments, agencies, and private companies for their hands-on work.



# The State of Hawaii

## 31st Legislature's Update

### Site Visit to Women's Health Center




My staff and I visited the Women's Health Center of the Queen's Medical Center on Punchbowl. The importance of preventative services and measures needed for our women and children to upkeep and maintain a healthy quality of life is why I participate and advocate for better medical coverage by our insurance companies. The purpose of my visit was to understand the services rendered, to better address the much needed coverage for 3D mammography and other pertinent services for our community.

(L to R) Summer Valenciano, (Manager of Diagnostic Imaging Services), Lyne Elsmann (Patient Navigator, Tanya Issacs, (Manager of Clinical Operations-Imaging Mammography), and Joyce Oliveira (Director of Senate Minority Research Office)

**BIG MAHALO to the staff of the Women's Health Center and Queen's Medical Center for their services, not just for the people of Hawai'i but also serving the Pacific.**

WE HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH OUR STATE AND CITY DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES IN ADDRESSING YOUR CONCERNS AND COMMENTS ABOUT OUR COMMUNITY AND STATE. THANK YOU FOR CONTINUING TO REACH OUT TO ME AND MY OFFICE AND FOR VOICING YOUR SUPPORT TO ADVANCE HAWAII TOGETHER!

  
The Senate  
STATE CAPITOL  
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813  
August 22, 2022

Suzanne Case, Chairperson  
Department of Land and Natural Resources


Aloha Chair Case:

I am writing to request your assistance with a concern brought to my attention by members of the Wa'anae Moku Kupuna Council. Our kupuna are frustrated that the State has not been able to repair the offshore sea wall at Poka'i Bay. The falling rocks and its condition of disrepair have been a subject of concern over the years and has been brought to the attention of the State Historic Preservation Division of the Department of Land and Natural Resources and the Army Corps of Engineers but our kupuna believes little has been done to take responsibility for the needed repairs.

Your written response to the following questions would be appreciated:

- Who has primary jurisdiction and responsibility for the repair and maintenance of the sea wall at Poka'i Bay?
- What, if any, specific efforts have previously taken place to repair this sea wall?
- Are there State programmed funds available and/or Federal grant opportunities being pursued to address this repair?
- What can be done to prevent boats from entering Poka'i Bay until the seawall can be repaired?

I do recognize there are many other locations throughout the islands that are subject to king tides and will worsen as sea level rises. However, DNR's response to this concern and more specifically to these questions will facilitate a long-awaited discussion and be instructive to the members of the Kupuna Council who are active in advocating change for the Wa'anae Moku community. We all must work together to put in place a system where government agencies educate and work together with members of the community who are equally concerned about protecting our shoreline.

  
The Senate  
STATE CAPITOL  
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813  
August 10, 2022

The Honorable Rick Bangiardi  
Mayor, City and County of Honolulu

Dawn Szcwyc, Director and Chief Engineer  
Department of Facility Maintenance

Michael Formby, Managing Director  
City and County of Honolulu


Arthur "Joe" Logan, Chief of Police  
Honolulu Police Department

Aloha Mayor Bangiardi, Managing Director Formby, Director Szcwyc and Chief Logan:

I am writing to request each of your respective City departments, with the concurrence from the Mayor and the Managing Director's Offices, to direct the appropriate city staff and resources to investigate and enforce the City park rules. Laws in Honolulu prohibit any person within the limits of any public park to sell or offer for sale any services, merchandise, article or thing, whatsoever (Revised Ordinances of Honolulu Section 10-1.2(b)(2) Park Rules and Regulations).

My office has received complaints about individuals approaching beach goes at City parks and beaches, and in the case of the attached photo at Kalua Beach Park, selling drink and other items to primarily visitors and to some locals. While in the past I have supported small businesses and their entrepreneurial spirit, I also believe in fairness and leveling the playing field for all individuals who work to provide for their families. Your city departments must enforce the park rules and regulations that prohibit such activity in our parks because like other legally established and regulated business they must pay their fair share of taxes.

I ask that this matter be investigated and this activity cease and desist. I look forward to receiving an update on your enforcement efforts. In the meantime, I am also reaching out to State officials to do the same.

  
The Senate  
STATE CAPITOL  
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813  
August 12, 2022

Scott Seu, President and CEO  
Hawaiian Electric Industries, Inc.

Shake Kimura, President and CEO  
Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc.

Aloha President Seu and President Kimura:

The Hawai'i State government, like many others across the nation, have adopted renewable energy goals that mandate percentages of electricity that must come from a renewable resource. While renewable energy goals should be encouraged, I continue to question at what cost to the electric ratepayers.

In March of 2020, Hawaiian Electric Company (HECO) announced electricity bills would increase for Oahu customers an estimated 10% and an increase for Hawai'i Island and Maui County customers by approximately 20%. This past Sunday, on August 7, 2022, HECO announced a second increase of 7% on Oahu. The explanation for these recent increases was based on oil costs rising to approximately 30 cents per kilowatt hour compared to 6 cents for coal.

Just last month, Governor Ige vetoed SB2510 (2022) Relating to Renewable Energy. He explained that the Legislature's attempt to define what resources are considered firm renewables would limit the forms of energy that counted toward our renewable goals. And while I understand the Governor's rationale for disagreeing with the capping of any one particular renewable energy, I believe more needs to be done to minimize shifting the costs for renewable energy to ratepayers.

Just as Jay Griffin, while serving as the prior chair of the state Public Utilities Commission, has questioned HECO as to why the public has to bear the costs for delays in transitioning to renewable, I also question and therefore request an explanation as to the specific efforts HECO has taken to absorb some of the delay costs associated with its efforts to make sure a renewable project works properly. HECO's representative was quoted to say HECO has just "one shot" to get it right.



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# What's Happening?

- **Sept. 15th: Town Hall Meeting**
  - Asing Community Park from 7:30 to 9:00 pm
- **Sept. 17th: Message of Peace Outreach Ministry Foodbank Distribution**
  - Asing Community Park from 6 to 11 am
- **Oct. 1: Ewa Beach Lions Club Food Drive**
  - 'Ewa Beach Shopping Center's Longs Drugs from 8 to 10 am
- Daily - Spreading ALOHA to all



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## Connecting our Community

### Public Safety

Police, Fire, Ambulance 911

State Emergency Management Division 808-733-4300

State Highway Safety Hotline 808-831-6714

### Utilities

Hawaiian Electric Co. (trouble only) 808- 548-7311

Hawaiian Telcom (customer care) 611

Board of Water Supply (report leaks) 808-748-5000 Ext.1

The Gas Company (trouble only) 808-526-0066

### Community Concerns

City Refuse & Bulky Item Collection 808-768-3200  
(missed-pickup in Ewa Beach) 808-768-9732

Graffiti Hotline (HPD) 808-723-3475

Report Damaged Sidewalks 808-768-8159

Complaints About Public Trees 808-971-7151

Clean Stream Hotline 808-768-7890

Medicare Call Center 800-633-4227

Social Security 800-772-1213

Report Pot Holes (City) 808-768-7777

Report Pot Holes (State) 808-536-7852

## City & State Departments

Education ('Ewa)  
808-692-8000

Handi-Van Operations  
808-456-5555

Health  
808-586-4400

Mental Health Hotline  
DOH Hawaii CARES 808-832-3100 or 1-800-753-6879

Labor & Industrial Relations  
808-586-8844

Land and Natural Resources  
808-587-0401

Neighborhood Board  
Commission  
808-768-3710

Parks & Recreation  
808-768-3003

Public Safety  
808-587-1288

Transportation Services  
808-768-3053