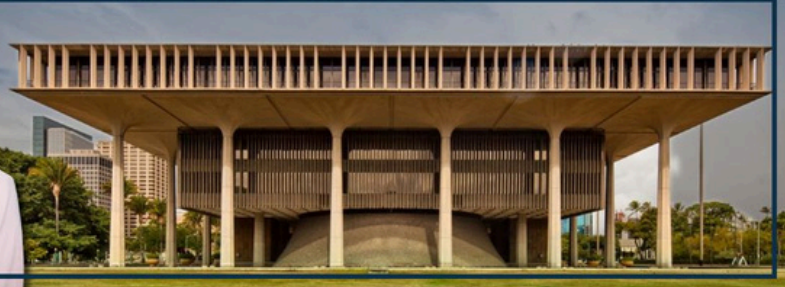


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KALIHI-PALAMA COMMUNITY REPORT

Aloha Neighbors & Friends!

The past month of the legislative session has been filled with bill hearings and informational briefings. Beyond legislative commitments, addressing community concerns remains a top priority. The legislative crossover has occurred on March 8th and 372 bills from the Senate crossed over to the House of Representatives. Additionally, 374 bills from the House have come to the Senate for further discussion. This gives the public another opportunity to testify on bills before final decision making. You can track bills and submit testimony at www.capitol.hawaii.gov. The Legislative session is progressing, and bills are advancing!

Mahalo,

Women's History Month



10 Red-Light Cameras Across Urban Honolulu will start issuing fines for speeding

In addition to issuing fines to drivers that run the red-light at these 10 high traffic intersections, fines for speeding will start April 29th. The red-light system will capture a 12 second video of the traffic violation, send the video to HPD for further review, and approved violation will be mailed within 10 days.

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| 1. Vineyard Boulevard and Pālama Street | 6. Ward Avenue and South King Street |
| 2. Vineyard Boulevard and Liliha Street | 7. Kapi'olani Boulevard and Kamake'e Street |
| 3. Vineyard Boulevard and Nu'uaniu Street | 8. Likelike Highway and North School Street |
| 4. Pali Highway and North School Street | 9. South Beretania Street and Pi'ikoi Street |
| 5. Pali Highway and Vineyard Boulevard | 10. McCully Street and Algaroba Street |

Bill Crossover

This legislative session, 372 out of the 1,437 Senate bills introduced have crossed over to be considered by the House.

Here are a few that might be of interest:

SB 438

Bans the construction of hazardous waste facilities near or above significant aquifers and on high-quality farmland.

SB 1324

Repeals all allowable uses of consumer fireworks by minors and increases penalties for their illegal use and sale.

SB 1216

Aims to reduce noise pollution from vehicles by strengthening regulations against noisy mufflers and exhaust systems.



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Community Events and Updates

Telehealth @ Your Library

When: March 22 from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Where: Kalihi-Palama Public Library

Contact: 808 832-3466

Learn about Telehealth and how to connect with a Telehealth doctor. Visit the library to meet with a Telehealth Navigator who will help patrons answer any questions and more. The Navigator will also be available to provide one-on-one help in connecting patrons to telehealth appointments and doctor's telehealth portal. This pilot project is a partnership between the Hawaii State Public Library System, the Hawaii State Department of Health and the Pacific Basin Telehealth Resource Center.



Teen Table

When: March 28 from 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm

Where: Kalihi-Palama Public Library

Contact: 808 832-3466

Join your local public library in the Teen Loft. Each Teen Table event will do a craft or other mellow activity. All materials will be provided. Program is suitable for those in Grade 5 - 12. Limit is 10 people and is on a first-come, first-served basis. This upcoming event will feature a color-by-sticker activity.



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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