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## LILIHA-PUUNUI-'ĀLEWA COMMUNITY REPORT

### Aloha Neighbors & Friends!

I look forward to continue representing our community in the new year! Happy new year and, as the legislature begins to start up for this session, I encourage you to get involved in your government. My staff this session includes Patricia "Kalo" Cornett, Kathy Nii, Savannah Coules, and Crystal Castille. Each of these individuals are committed to serving you. Thank you for being a cherished part of our community. Hau'oli Makahiki Hou!

**Mahalo,**



### Addressing Concerns Regarding Illegal Fireworks

I appreciate those who have reached out and shared their concerns about the growing danger of illegal fireworks, particularly during the holiday season. I understand the frustration many residents feel regarding this issue, as illegal fireworks not only pose safety hazards but also disrupts our communities. There will be several bills introduced this session aimed at addressing this issue. I encourage you to participate and send in testimony when the proposed firework bills are scheduled for hearings.

You can track bills at each point of the legislative process. You can register for an account on the Hawaii State Legislature website (<https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/account/register.aspx>). From your account you will be able to create personalized measure tracking lists, submit testimony online, and receiving hearing notice notifications by email.



### Opening of the 33rd Legislature

Guest seating will be available in the gallery on a first-come, first-served basis.

Upon the close of the Opening Ceremonies, you are welcome to visit Senator Kim's Office, room 218, for a light snack.

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10:00 a.m.  
Senate Chamber



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# Community Events and Updates

## How to Do a Bill Update

Being active in the legislative process is integral to participating in your local government.

To track the progress to proposed bills this session, you can do so at [capitol.hawaii.gov](http://capitol.hawaii.gov). Here you will click on the “Reports and Links” tab at the top of the web page. Then, click on the “Subject Search” bar. In the search box that appears, enter the exact word or phrase you want to find.

The “Measure Tracking” feature offered on the Legislature’s website allows you to create lists of measures you’re interested in and easily view the status of numerous measures at one time.



## 2025 Lunar New Year Festival and Parade



**When:** January 25, 2025 at 9:00 am – 10:00 pm  
**Where:** Chinatown Cultural Plaza  
**Contact:** 808 533-3181

This day long event is the perfect way to celebrate Lunar New Year and welcome the Year of the Snake. Festivities include food and craft vendors, free keiki bouncy houses, rest tent, three entertainment stages, bicycle valet, and a parade. The parade will start at 4:30 pm but make sure you come early to enjoy all the festivities and find your seat!

## Children’s Storytime

**When:** January 15, 22, 29 at 10:00 am – 11:00 am  
**Where:** Liliha Public Library  
**Contact:** 808 587-7577

Every Wednesday, families can enjoy stories, rhymes, songs, and crafts. Materials will be provided. Program is best suited for children ages 3 – 5 years old, but families are always welcome. Children must be accompanied by a parent or adult caregiver.



## 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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