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MARCH 2022 COMMUNITY REPORT

Aloha neighbors,

As government regulations loosen, I hope life will return to more normalcy. The State Capitol officially reopened to the public on March 7. Those who wish to enter the building must show proof of vaccination or a negative COVID-19 test within the last 72 hours.

Therefore, the Legislature will be accepting in-person testimony in addition to written and videoconference testimony.

To recap, the past month of the legislative session has been busy with bill hearings and info briefings. Thursday, March 10, marks bill crossover from the Senate to the House and vice versa. When this occurs, we will begin the committee process once again. Besides being physically in my office every day, attending hearings, and working on legislation, I have also been addressing constituent concerns pushing to shut down the Red Hill Fuel Facility, making site visits to UH campuses and DOE schools, attending virtual neighborhood board meetings, and replying to all of your responses to my community bulletin survey.

Sincerely,

Bills of Interest

SB 2600 RELATING TO UNDER-
GROUND STORAGE TANKS.

Prohibits issuance of future underground storage tanks mauka of the underground injection control line as defined by the Department of Health beginning July 1, 2022. Prohibits operation of and renewal of underground storage tank permits located mauka of the underground injection control line as defined by the Department of Health beginning January 1, 2023. (SD1)

SB 2195 RELATING TO FOWL.

Establishes a five-year pilot program within the Department of Health to eradicate feral chickens in the State. Makes an appropriation. Repeals 6/30/2027. (SD1)



Hawaii State Capitol Reopening

Monday, March 7

Guidelines:

- Photo ID and proof of 1) full vaccination (original, hard copy, or photo/digital copy of state-approved vaccination card) or 2) negative COVID-19 test taken within 72 hours are required for entry into the building.
 - Masks are required
- Building hours: 7am-5pm Monday-Friday

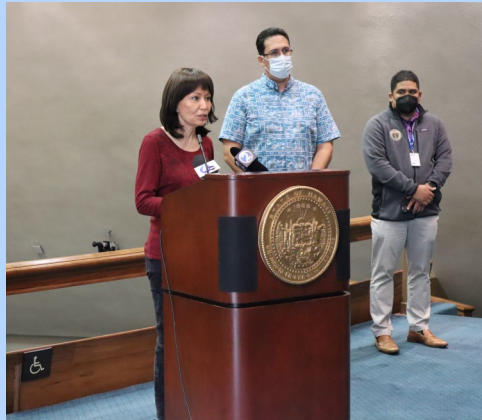
The Legislature will now be accepting written, videoconference, and in-person testimony at public hearings.

Visit capitol.hawaii.gov for more information

*Policy subject to change and may be adjusted based on evolving COVID-19 guidelines.

Red Hill Press Conference

After months of the people of Hawaii demanding the facility be shut down, the Department of Defense announced on March 7 that they will be permanently closing the Red Hill Fuel Facility. The process of completely defueling the tanks could take up to a year. Closing the facility is in the best interest of our community and in the coming months we must ensure the Department of Defense keeps to its word.



District CIPs Released

Kokua Kalihi Valley Comprehensive Family Services, Oahu

- Description: For design and construction for a land-based cultural arts and educational center, Hale Lauele, at the Kalihi Valley Nature Preserve.
- Amount Released: \$350,000.00

Moanalua Gardens Foundation, Inc.

- Description: This grant will provide funds for design for the restoration and realignment of Kamanui Valley Road in Moanalua Valley on Oahu.
- Amount Released: \$300,000.00

2022 JOINT LEGISLATIVE FILIPINO CAUCUS

This session's House and Senate Filipino-American legislators



Top Row L-R: Rep. Woodson, Rep. , Sen. Keith-Agaran, Rep. Ilagan, Sen. Dela Cruz, Rep. Ganaden, Rep. Brando
Bottom Row L-R: Sen. Misalucha, Rep. Okimoto, Sen. Kim, Sen. Inouye, Rep. Belatti, Sen. San Buenaventura



Women's History Month

On March 1, I visited Aunty Brenda at the Kalihi Palama Library to see her displays for Women's History Month. There were a couple of picture books I had donated to the Kid's section. This month I would like to commend all women leaders who serve as role models to young women and girls in our community.



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