

# SENATOR DONNA MERCADO KIM



PROUDLY SERVING  
DISTRICT 14

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PORTIONS OF HALAWA & 'AIEA

As of October 1, 2022, Hawaii's minimum wage is increased to \$12.00 per hour. HB2510 passed this pass session incremental increases the minimum wage from the existing \$10.10/hour to \$12/hour; \$14/hour beginning Jan. 1, 2024; \$16/hour beginning Jan. 1, 2026; and \$18/hour beginning Jan. 1, 2028.

This was the first increase in the minimum wage since 2018 when the minimum wage rate was set at \$10.10 per hour.



For more information on wage and hour laws, visit <http://labor.hawaii.gov/wsd/minimum-wage/> or call (808) 586-8777.

## Regulated Industries Complaints Office



### SOURCE

Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs  
[cca.hawaii.gov/rico](http://cca.hawaii.gov/rico)

### What is the Regulated Industries Complaints Office (RICO)?

Most people are not aware that a professional or vocational license is required before you can work in certain industries. There are currently over 50 different industries in which a professional or vocational license is required. These industries are the kind that affect the health, safety, and welfare of Hawaii's citizens.

RICO is a statewide agency of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs. It is the enforcement arm for the various professions and vocations that are licensed in the State. RICO investigates allegations of professional misconduct by licensees and investigates possible unlicensed activity that may be occurring in the State.

RICO offers tools, tips, and services you can use to check out an individual or business. You can also file a complaint or report unlicensed activity.

Information is available by calling (808) 587-4272 or visit at [cca.hawaii.gov/rico](http://cca.hawaii.gov/rico)

## 5 THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW About Your Tax Refund

1. Direct deposit checks will continue into October
2. Paper checks will start in October
3. Last day to file your tax return is 12/31/22
4. If you haven't received your direct deposit, expect a paper check in the mail
5. If you moved or changed the information on your account, please contact DOTAX immediately at 808-587-4242

Questions? Contact the State DoTax by email at [tax.refunds@hawaii.gov](mailto:tax.refunds@hawaii.gov).



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# Beware of Fraud and Scams

After a disaster, scam artists often attempt to take advantage of disaster survivors. We encourage survivors to watch for and report any suspicious activity.

## Ways to Report Fraud

Email: [StopFEMAFraud@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:StopFEMAFraud@fema.dhs.gov)

Call: 1-866-223-0814

Fax: 202-212-4926

For more information visit [fema.gov/disaster-fraud](https://www.fema.gov/disaster-fraud)



## GRANDPARENTS DAY

This is the first time since the COVID-19 pandemic that Senator Kim met with our kupuna in the community to celebrate Grandparents Day. Here she is with the Aiea Lani Seniors and Hui Aikane Seniors.

### Aiea Lani Seniors

Joining up with a senior group in your community is a fun and easy way to make new friends, meet and interact with others who may have similar interests and socialize.

If you are interested in doing this and live in the Aiea community, join the Aiea Lani Seniors. They meet on Mondays at 9:00 AM at Aiea Recreation Center. For more information, call (808) 768-6736.

More information about the City's programs and clubs for Kupuna can be found at [www.honolulu.gov/parks/program/senior-citizen-program](http://www.honolulu.gov/parks/program/senior-citizen-program).



Aiea Lani Seniors



Hui Aikane

# Feral Chickens, Roosters and Poultry

## FACT SHEET



- The Department of Customer Services is addressing nuisance issues created by feral chickens in our community by helping to bring new attention, needed resources and a strong policy voice to the persistent concern.
- Feral chickens create nuisances by foraging in residential areas, crowing at inconvenient hours, posing health concerns with their waste and agitating household pets. More roaming chickens mean more nuisances. O'ahu residents can help manage the nuisance by not feeding feral chickens and reducing the feral chicken population in their community.

### Who do I contact for feral chicken and poultry issues?

- The responsibility for responding to feral chickens problems varies with the location of the animals and the property ownership. Options for dealing with feral chicken and poultry nuisances are listed below by property ownership.

#### CITY & COUNTY OF HONOLULU

Contact Department of Customer Services to report issues on city property such as parks, building areas and other local government property:

- Email: [complaints@honolulu.gov](mailto:complaints@honolulu.gov) or call **(808) 768-4381**
- Go to the Honolulu 311 webpage or app at <https://honoluluhi.citysourced.com> or download the app to file a report.

#### STATE OF HAWAII'

Each state department is responsible for the cleanliness of its own properties and to abate any nuisances

Contact the state agency responsible for the property, such as the Department of Education for public schools and Department of Land and Natural Resources for state parks. For a list of departments and agencies, go to <https://portal.ehawaii.gov/government/departments-and-agencies/>

Go to the Department of Planning and Permitting GIS webpage to locate the property and determine ownership.

#### Don't Feed Feral Chickens



Public feeding increases Oahu's feral chicken population

**MORE ROAMING CHICKENS =  
MORE NUISANCE & NOISE**

#### PRIVATE PROPERTY

Private property owners are responsible for nuisances or violations created by keeping feral chickens or poultry on their properties.

If a neighbor keeps poultry as pets, and there is a noise or health nuisance, call HPD.

Contact a wildlife removal service, which has the equipment and expertise to address this issue.

Call HPD (911 Non-Emergency Call) for any of the following violations:

- Noise nuisance
- Excessive number of poultry (maximum allowed by ROH is 2 per household)

Call the state Department of Health Vector Control at (808) 586-4708 to report health nuisances caused by feral chickens, roosters or birds. For more information, visit: <https://health.hawaii.gov/vcb/>

#### Health Nuisances created by feral poultry

As a general rule, for any nuisance based health violations (filth caused by feeding feral birds, foul or noxious odors...sources of filth that are dangerous or may cause sickness or disease) that are prohibited under HRS Section 322-1, 322-2 and 322-3, please contact the state Department of Health at 808-586-4708. DOH will conduct an inspection to determine feasible options and will recommend solutions. They will facilitate enforcement by HPD if needed.



**DEPARTMENT OF CUSTOMER SERVICES**

City and County of Honolulu

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with  
Aloha