

# NEIGHBORHOOD COMMUNITY REPORT

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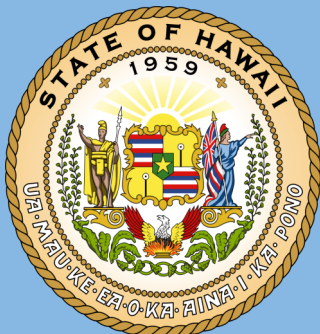
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Aloha Neighbors,

In the aftermath of the Lāhainā wildfires, the Hawai'i House of Representatives has formed six interim working groups to identify and evaluate the necessary solutions to help Maui recover as well as mitigate the risks of something like this from happening again. Each working group will have the responsibility of evaluating specific topics and providing recommendations for appropriate legislative action in the 2024 legislative session.

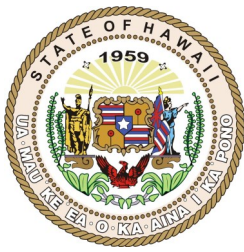
The topics that these groups will be focused on are (1) **Environmental Remediation**, to evaluate the cleanup of ground and ocean contamination, including the timeframe and techniques utilized. (2) **Food, Water and Other Supplies**, to evaluate the availability and distribution of food and other necessary supplies for displaced individuals and families. (3) **Jobs and Business**, to evaluate the strategies utilized to accommodate displaced students and staff to return to school. (4) **Schools**, to evaluate the strategies utilized to accommodate displaced students and staff to return to school. (5) **Shelter**, to evaluate the availability and creation of temporary and transitional shelters for displaced individuals and families. And (6) **Wildfire Prevention**, to identify the causes of wildfires and preventative action that may be taken to reduce the risk of wildfires throughout the state.

After some initial planning and collaboration with federal, state, and county agencies, the House will hold public hearings on the substantive recommendations of each working group. Be on the look out for hearing notices which will be announced in advance because you will have an opportunity to participate and provide testimony in person or virtually. To sign up for hearing notices, please visit [www.capitol.hawaii.gov](http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov).

The entire House has been assigned for bipartisan input and I was appointed to both the Shelter and Wildfire Prevention working groups.

Please feel free to call my office, (808) 586-6170, or send an email to [repchun@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:repchun@capitol.hawaii.gov) if you have any questions or concerns.

Mahalo,



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## **JOIN US FOR A DISASTER PREPAREDNESS COMMUNITY TOWN HALL**

**Get ready and keep your 'ohana safe! Join us for a town hall regarding emergency preparedness, disaster plans, and supply kits, as we highlight steps to take to ensure your household is prepared in case of a natural disaster.**



Featuring Guest Speaker:  
Hawai'i Emergency Management Agency



**Tuesday, October 17, 2023**  
**6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**

*Waipahu Intermediate School Cafeteria*  
*94-455 Farrington Hwy, Waipahu, H*



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