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DISTRICT 30

Kailihi Kai, Sand Island, Hickam, Pearl Harbor, Ford Island, Halawa Valley Estate

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Aloha, Mabuhay, & Hau'oli Makahiki Hou,

We start the new year and legislative session still burdened by the pandemic. Our community has also been affected with the Red Hill water crisis. Throughout the Fall, we have worked hard to keep the US Navy accountable in this ongoing crisis, and in drafting bills to better our community. This legislative session our work has been dedicated to supporting our constituent's physical health, students' education, and planning for a future past the pandemic. HOPEFULLY, we'll be done with this soon!

WE WORK FOR YOU.

Please be safe, and may we all be kind to each other during these trying times.

Best Wishes,

## COVID 19 UPDATE

The City and County of Honolulu's

### COVID-19

Vaccine Information

In order to prevent the spread of Covid 19, we must continue to follow safe practices for the safety of our selves, our family, and neighbors.

#### WHO IS ELIGIBLE

- Everyone age 5+ can receive a vaccine
- Ages 18+ can receive a booster after 5 months of being fully vaccinated with Moderna or Pfizer. If you received a J&J vaccine, must wait 2+ months after second dose.
- Ages 12-17 should receive a booster after 5+ months of Pfizer

#### For those who require assistance:

- Age 65+ can call 2-1-1 for scheduling and transportation assistance
- The vaccine may be brought to you, call 808-586-8332.
- Translators can be available to assist on the phone.

FOR ADDITIONAL RESOURCES  
VISIT [ONEOAHU.ORG/RESOURCES](https://www.oneoahu.org/resources)

## OMICRON VARIANT INFORMATION

The Omicron variant is more than **2-4x** as contagious as previous strains, and can be spread by people who have been vaccinated.

Omicron variant in Hawaii:

- As of January 14, the Hawaii Department of Health reports that the Omicron variant now accounts for nearly all cases of COVID-19 in the state and continue to spread throughout the islands.

How to protect yourself and others:

- GET VACCINATED
- GET BOOSTED
- Wear a mask
- Practice social distancing
- Practice good hygiene

Order 4 free at home  
Covid test kits  
[www.covidtests.gov/](https://www.covidtests.gov/)

## COVID-19 TESTING & FREE TEST KITS

If you have COVID-19 symptoms or have been in close contact with a person with COVID-19, get tested 5-7 days after exposure.

All Oahu resident including all city and county of Honolulu Employees and

First Responders qualify for free Covid-19 testing

- Located at the City's Mobile Lab at the Daniel K. Inouye International Airport. At the Diamond Head Tour Group Area near Bag Claim 31 No appointment needed. Must re-register at <https://oahuchitypass.lumisight.com/>.

For a list of pop-up locations near you:  
<https://www.oneoahu.org/covid19-testing/#map>

## Red Hill Water Updates

Following the November leak, the State of Hawaii issued orders to the Navy to drain the tanks. The Navy initially agreed to comply. At the legislature, we are passing bills to ensure that compliance. As the US Navy entered into an agreement in 2015, the state has the ability to regulate the facility.

#### KEY THINGS TO KNOW:

The Department of Health has ruled that the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility is a threat to human health and the environment. We must take immediate action in order to protect our drinking water resources and economy.

- The DDH continues to recommend all those who are on the Navy's water system to avoid the usage of water for consumption, hygiene, and cooking
  - Individual homes that are on the water line have been flushed
  - The State created the House Interim Committee on Red Hill Committee, which I am a member
    - The purpose is to recommend legislative proposals for the 2022 Regular Session that focus on the containment, treatment, and prevention of water quality matters related to Red Hill.
  - Red Hill Resolution, HCR6, Demanding the Decommissioning of Red Hill, New Water Treatment Center, Environmental Remediation
- I had the honor of writing on behalf of the majority of the House of Representatives.
- The resolution requests that the US Navy prepare a plan to decommission the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility, store its fuel in a manner compliant with State law, establish a new water treatment facility, and comply with all future remediation efforts.

## 2022 Legislative Session

As we go into the 2022 Legislative session my office is focusing on major issues that have impacted our community.

- HB2014
  - SAFE WALKS TO SCHOOL
- HB2315
  - YOUTH SERVICES
- HB2316
  - DEFUELING COMMISSION
- HB2318/SB2482
  - PAID SICK LEAVE
- HB2311
  - REHABILITATION PROGRAMS
- HB2485
  - STATE LOTTERY
- HB2401
  - RELATING TO QUALITY SCHOOLS
- HB2233
  - RELATING TO TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES
- HB2510
  - RELATING TO INCOME

## MINIMUM WAGE INCREASE

- The Legislature has proposed a bill to increase the minimum wage from \$10.10 to \$18 by January 1, 2026.
- SB2018 would increase Hawaii's minimum wage to \$12 in October 2022, \$15 at the start of 2024 and \$18 by 2026.



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**Vote!** for your support of the Kaula Kai - Sand Island - Hickam - Pearl Harbor - Ford Island - Hahaione Valley Estates!

## How to Find a Bill

**STEP 1:** Go to the Legislature's website ([capitol.hawaii.gov](http://capitol.hawaii.gov))

**STEP 2:** click on the "Reports and Lists" icon in the center of the page.

**STEP 3:** Click on the "Subject Search" bar in the blue column on the left. Enter the word or phrase you'd like to find.  
(EX HB2014 OR SIDEWALKS)

## How to Track a Bill

You can track any bill throughout the session with using the actual bill number or with keywords. Create lists of measures, enter customized notes on measures, and generate a detailed measure report.

**STEP 1:** REGISTER FOR AN ACCOUNT AT [WWW.CAPITOL.HAWAII.GOV](http://WWW.CAPITOL.HAWAII.GOV)

**STEP 2:** CLICK MEASURE TRACKING

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