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Aloha District 44!

February is recognized as Mahina 'Ōlelo Hawai'i Month, and it's been amazing seeing our Native Hawaiian Language take center stage for the state to recognize. February has been a busy month, and this past week, we just crossed our first lateral deadline, which means all bills need to be referred to their final committees. I am happy to share that out of the 21 bills I introduced, 10 bills passed the deadline and are heading to their final committees. I am fortunate as a freshman representative to have garnered support from my colleagues and committee chairs because they are hearing and learning firsthand about the many issues we are facing in our community. I also delivered our House Invocation, this month, and I talked about Hawai'i being our mainland and drawing inspiration from Kumu Hina and our kūpuna. I continue to stay rooted in my commitment to serving our community and I am blessed to work for you folks. As always, my office and I remain ready to assist you folks.

Mahalo nui loa,
Representative Darius K. Kila,
District 44



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News Highlight



Representative Darius K. Kila was recently interviewed by Hawai'i News Now "Getting to know new Hawai'i State lawmakers." Please click to watch the full interview. Click [here](#).

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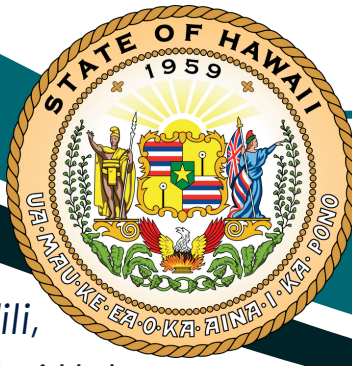
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'ŌLELO NOEAU He 'ike 'ana ia i ka pono.

It is a recognizing of the right thing.

[One has seen the right thing to do and has done it.]





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In The Community



Representative Kila delivered the House Invocation on February 16th, you can watch the invocation at 1:30 minute mark. Watch this speech by clicking [here](#) or scanning the QR code.



Rep. Kila with Rep. Kahaloa, Rep. Takenouchi, Governor Josh Green, M.D., First Lady Jaime Kanani Green, Rep. Garrett, Rep. Lamosao and Rep. Chun at the State of the State Address.



Representative Kila while visiting the Hawai'i State Archives. Pictured, Prince Kūhiō. Visit, <https://ags.hawaii.gov/archives/> to schedule a tour.



Members of the House Committee on Transportation.



Representative Kila speaking at the Homelessness Town Hall on January 25th



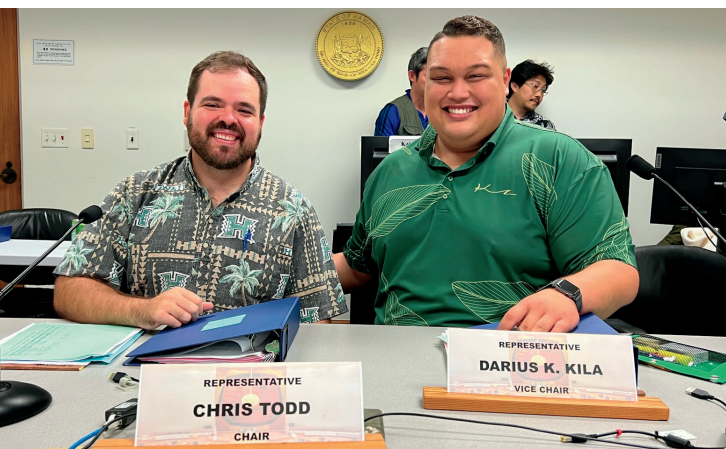
Representative Kila and Nānākuli ōlelo media students on opening day.



Representative Kila with Mr. Madela, the Student Activities Coordinator at Kapolei High School; going on 35 years of service to the DOE



Representative Kila with HSTA Leeward Chapter Teachers working on best practices to support our keiki and our Kumu throughout our district.



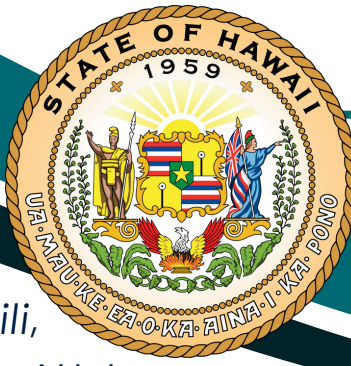
Representative Kila is the Vice Chair on the House Committee on Transportation, alongside Representative Todd (HD-3), who is the Chair of the House Committee on Transportation.



Representative Kila with Students from the Kapolei High School Student Government.



Representative Kila engaging with University of Hawai'i Departments at their STEM advocacy day at the Capitol.



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Legislative Updates

Bills introduced that are heading to Committees.

HB275, RELATING TO TARO.

This measure appropriates funds to the Department of Agriculture to provide grants to Hawaii farming groups to be disbursed to local dry and wet taro farmers. Taro is an important staple starch, and provides an important source of starch for people who are unable to digest other starches such as wheat, rice, etc. In Hawaii, there are many small scale taro farmers, both wet and dry, who make less than \$40,000 per year from their taro production, but have at least \$10,000 per year in expenses. This measure is designed to assist taro farmers with their expenses and hopefully increase production.

HB277, RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE.

This measure increases the fines for violating motor vehicle insurance requirements. Although having No Fault Insurance has been a requirement for motor vehicle owners, there are many motor vehicle owners who do not have the mandatory minimum No Fault Requirements and are involved in motor vehicle accidents. Increase the fines for violating the motor vehicle insurance requirements is designed to encourage motor vehicle owners to obtain mandatory minimum No Fault Insurance requirements outlined by statute.

HB278, RELATING TO HEALTH.

This measure appropriates funds for the Executive Office on Aging to create an Alzheimer's disease public campaign. Alzheimer's is a large and growing epidemic which has a huge impact in Hawaii, and it is anticipated that this epidemic will continue to grow. Appropriations to the Executive Office on Aging will allow it to create a public health campaign to educate the public on the early signs of cognitive impairment and the value of early detection and diagnosis.

HB279, RELATING TO THE COUNTIES.

This measure is designed to allocate a portion of the County surcharge on the GET and the fuel tax to certain counties for repair and maintenance of certain private roads which are open to and heavily traversed by the public.

HB285, RELATING TO FIRE PREVENTION.

This measure appropriates funds to the Department of Land and Natural Resources for the Community Fuels Reduction Project and establishes this program as a separate line item in the Department's budget. This program supports wildfire prevention and hazardous fuel reduction measures.

HB825, RELATING TO TAXATION.

This measure seeks to address the inequity in the taxation of retirement income and the fact that many seniors are struggling to make ends meet. This measure addresses this issue by excluding income received from deferred compensation retirement plans from the state income tax for taxpayers who meet certain income requirements.