

DISTRICT 44

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ALOHA, HOUSE DISTRICT 44!

I trust this message finds you thriving. Welcoming the dawn of 2024, let's look back at the vibrant months of November and December 2023. In November, I concluded our monthly series of dynamic interim town halls, delving into legislative priorities. Engaging with many of you, we explored the preliminary results of our community survey, discussed district priorities, and outlined my plans for the upcoming legislative session. The joy of connecting extended to the Wai'anae Christmas Parade and Nānākuli Christmas on the Avenue, where I cherished the beauty of our community's diverse faces in a single day! The unity we share is awe-inspiring, and I look forward to fostering more aloha in 2024. Remember, my team and I are here for you—keep the engagement alive! Let's do this! Happy New Year!



CONGRATULATIONS NHIS HĀNAI KAIĀULU!

Congratulations to the NHIS students of Hānai Kaiāulu for securing second place in the American Savings Bank, Keiki Co. competition—from shredding to success! Special recognition goes to Kumu Pieper for her outstanding leadership; she was rightfully awarded Advisor of the Year. Ho'omaika'i to all!



MAHALO NĀNĀKULI 'ŌLELO COMMUNITY MEDIA TEAM!

Thanks to the dedication of the Nānākuli 'Ōlelo Community Media team, our town halls were not only recorded but also rebroadcasted on the 'Ōlelo Community Media channels. Witnessing the skills and commitment of these young individuals leaves me truly impressed—they are undoubtedly the future leaders we can be proud of!

IN THE COMMUNITY WHAT'S UP DISTRICT 44!



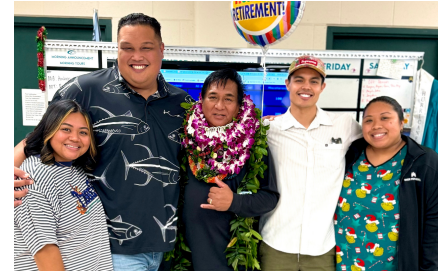
CHRISTMAS ON THE AVE 2023!

The brilliance of Nānākuli Christmas on the Avenue was remarkable! The countless volunteers and dedicated man-hours invested in making this event a success are immeasurable and truly praiseworthy. Gratitude extends to Nānāikapono Protestant Church, Ahupua'a O Nānākuli, Wai'anae Economic Development Council, Honolulu Police Department, Pastor Allen Cardines, Auntie Charlita Mahoe, and countless others. Nānākuli sparked that evening, and it's all thanks to each and every one of you!



THE HOLIDAY SPIRIT!

A big thank you to Councilmember Tupola for orchestrating another year of angel trees for our Westside Community. In December, my family and I had the privilege of adopting several individuals, and the joy of giving is unparalleled. I am dedicated to upholding this tradition every Christmas, ensuring the spirit of generosity endures year after year!



HAPPY RETIREMENT!

After three decades of dedicated service to the Department of Education, Mr. Daryl Madela, a former teacher at Wai'anae High School and currently Kapolei High School, has officially retired. I consider it a privilege to have been taught by Mr. Madela, and I take pride in knowing he imparted knowledge to thousands of Westside parents when they were younger. A heartfelt mahalo for your years of service, Mr. Madela, and congratulations on a well-deserved retirement! Mahalo Mr. Madela!



MAHALO FOR KEEPING OUR ROADS SAFE!

Take it slow! Throughout the holiday season, community members, MADD, and the State DOT collaborated on a weeks-long series of activities to encourage safe driving in our community corridor. As we move beyond the holidays, let's persist in driving safely—for our well-being and for everyone sharing the road with us.



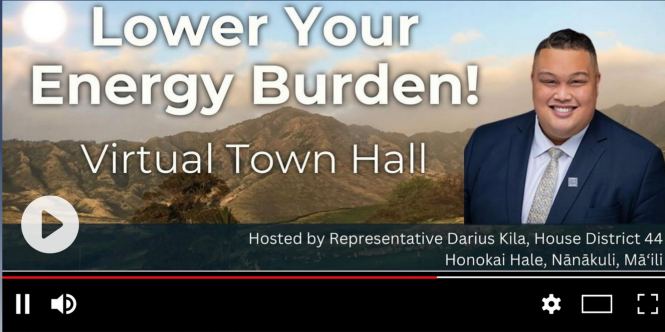
CONGRATULATIONS REP. MIYAKE!

Congratulations to Representative Tyson Miyake, Maui's newest representative! Filling the vacancy left by Senator Hashimoto, Representative Miyake joins the house legislature as the 19th freshman. Well done!



LEADERS IN THE MAKING!

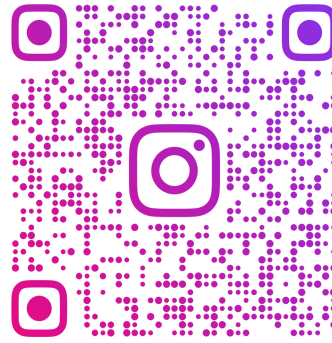
Empowering the next generation of community members and leaders through training! Mrs. Julie Reyes-Oda of Nānākuli High and Intermediate School organized a mock legislative committee hearing, guiding her students to role-play positions either in opposition or support of proposed legislation. This experience holds particular significance for graduating seniors, emphasizing their pivotal role in shaping our future through active engagement in the legislative process. I've invited them to join me in a real committee hearing this session—an opportunity to witness the legislative process firsthand!



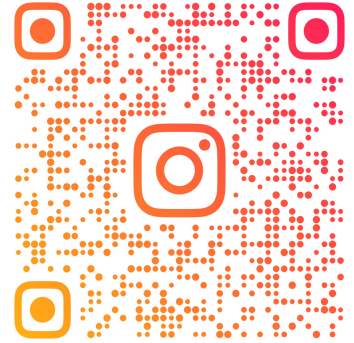
MISSED REP. KILA'S VIRTUAL TOWN HALL MEETING?

Scan the QR code to watch the recording on Youtube.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XxfKV6PsUt0>



Check out the most recent update regarding security measures at Nānāikapono Elementary School.



Remaining a vocal advocate for our community, please see my testimony presented to the Board of Water Supply, opposing any and all rate increases for our community members.

MERRY CHRISTMAS



with love, DARIUS KILA

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