

### 'Apelila (April) 2025 HOUSE DISTRICT 44 NEWSLETTER



# State Representative Darius K. Kila

### House District 44

Mā'ili, Nānākuli, Ko'Olina, and Honokai Hale

### House Committees

Transportation (Chair)

Housing (Member) Higher Education (Member) Education (Member)

ACT279 Working Group (Member)

Oʻahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (Chair)

Hawaiʻi Interagency Council on Homelessness (Member)



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#### Greetings and Aloha, District 44!

As we enter the final weeks of the legislative session, the pace is fast, the stakes are high, and the responsibility to deliver for our community has never been greater. I'm proud to share that 11 of my House bills are now advancing to conference committee—where House and Senate leaders come together to negotiate the final versions before they can head to the Governor's desk.

Each bill represents a conversation we've had, a challenge we've faced together, or a solution we've worked hard to shape—covering issues from public safety and consumer protection to infrastructure and government accountability.

This month, I'm also celebrating the recent homestead awards by the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL)—a reminder of what's possible when we invest in our people and honor the promises made to our beneficiaries. I remain committed to fighting for continued and consistent funding for DHHL so that more families can experience the security, dignity, and future that homesteads represent.

I'll keep pushing forward in every room, in every negotiation, and through every amendment—grounded in the needs of our community and the values we share. Mahalo for your continued support—it's a privilege to serve you.

Mahalo nui loa,

Representative Darius K. Kila, House District 44, Mā'ili, Nānākuli, Ko'Olina, and Honokai Hale

# COMMUNITY



DHHL awarded 700 new leases to Native Hawaiians who were on the waitlist as far back as the 1950s. All awards are for projects in the Kapolei development projects.



Ho'omaika'i to Mrs. Tenelle Clark! She has been awarded the Leeward District Nānākuli-Wai'anae Complex 2025 Teacher of the Year!



NHIS Wins in Skills USA CTSO Mobile Robotics category! Congratulations to the following NHIS students who participated in the Skills USA CTSO Mobile Robotics category: 2024 Erixon Fulgencio and Daven Melchor took First place. Erica Fulgencio and Havenrae Laggui took Second place. Photo: Ka Leo 'O Nānākuli

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### COMMUNITY UPDATES



Spring Tutoring Program

at the Nānākuli Public Library

This program is designed to provide individualized support for students in Grades 3-8 who need extra help in Math or Reading. Additionally, while the tutoring sessions are underway, we also have an Enrichment Hour for Keiki, featuring storytime, LEGOs, crafts, and more to keep younger siblings engaged.



Adult Abuse:	Abandoned Vehicles:
808-832-5115	808-768-2530
Child Abuse:	Sidewalk Concerns:
808-832-5300	808-768-8118
Dead Animals:	Park Maintenance:
808-768-9766	808-768-3003
Potholes:	Public Assistance Line
808-768-7777	808-643-1643
	Landlord-Tenant Hotline 808-564-2634

### SAFETY REMINDERS

Emergency Contact Information: Hawaiian Electric O'ahu: 1-855-304-1212

Non-Emergency Contact Information:

- Hawaiian Electric
  - For vegetation concerns or questions regarding tree trimming and inspection, please contact:
    - Oʻahu: 808-543-7836
    - Or visit: <u>Hawaiian Electric Tree Trimming Safety</u>

## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

The following Resolutions were adopted in the House:

HR29: REQUESTING EACH COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT TO INCREASE ENFORCEMENT AGAINST OUT-OF-STATE VEHICLES OPERATING ON PUBLIC ROADWAYS THAT HAVE NOT BEEN PROPERLY REGISTERED IN THE APPROPRIATE COUNTY.

HR38: URGING THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION TO SUPPORT THE COMPLETE TRANSFER OF ITS REGULATORY AUTHORITY OVER MOTOR CARRIERS AND OTHER MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION, INCLUDING WATER CARRIERS, TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.

HR61: REQUESTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU, HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL, AND DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO CREATE A DEDICATED ANIMAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING COMPLEX WITHIN KALAELOA PARKLANDS.

HR62: REQUESTING THE OFFICE OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL TO CONVENE A VEGETATION MANAGEMENT WORKING GROUP TO STUDY, EVALUATE, AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR REGULATIONS THAT DEFINE PROPERTY OWNER OBLIGATIONS FOR VEGETATION MANAGEMENT ON PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PROPERTY TO MITIGATE WILDFIRE RISK, AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS THAT DEFINE A LINE CLEARANCE TREE TRIMMER AND ESTABLISH MINIMUM SAFETY STANDARDS, TRAINING, AND QUALIFICATIONS FOR INDIVIDUALS PERFORMING LINE CLEARANCE TREE TRIMMING AT OR NEAR ELECTRIC UTILITY FACILITIES.

HR64: REQUESTING THE KO OLINA GOLF CLUB OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT, IN COORDINATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, TO IMPLEMENT MEASURES TO PREVENT GOLF BALLS FROM REACHING FARRINGTON HIGHWAY.

HR65: URGING THE ETHICS COMMISSION OF EACH COUNTY TO ADOPT STANDARDS SIMILAR TO THAT APPLICABLE TO STATE ELECTED OFFICIALS AND OFFICERS AS ADOPTED AND ENFORCED BY THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION.

HR117: REQUESTING THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE UNITED STATES ARMY, UNITED STATES NAVY, AND STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK WITH APPROPRIATE STATE AND COUNTY DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES TO EXPAND, PLAN, AND COORDINATE WORK RELATED TO USING KOLEKOLE PASS AS AN EXPANDED EMERGENCY EXIT ROUTE.

HR118: REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO ESTABLISH A COLLABORATIVE WORKING GROUP TO SURVEY, IDENTIFY, AND MONITOR CULTURALLY SENSITIVE SHORELINES IMPACTED BY EROSION.

HR119: REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SERVICES OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO IMPLEMENT A RESTRICTED PARKING ZONE PILOT PROGRAM IN THE KO OLINA, HONOKAI HALE, NANÁKULI, AND MAILI NEIGHBORHOODS.

The following Resolutions crossed over to the Senate and are awaiting adoption by the Senate.

HCR68: REQUESTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU, HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL, AND DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO CREATE A DEDICATED ANIMAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING COMPLEX WITHIN KALAELOA PARKLANDS.

HCR71: REQUESTING THE KO OLINA GOLF CLUB OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT, IN COORDINATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, TO IMPLEMENT MEASURES TO PREVENT GOLF BALLS FROM REACHING FARRINGTON HIGHWAY.

HCR121: REQUESTING THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, UNITED STATES ARMY, UNITED STATES NAVY, AND STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK WITH APPROPRIATE STATE AND COUNTY DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES TO EXPAND, PLAN, AND COORDINATE WORK RELATED TO USING KOLEKOLE PASS AS AN EXPANDED EMERGENCY EXIT ROUTE.

HCR122: REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO ESTABLISH A COLLABORATIVE WORKING GROUP TO SURVEY, IDENTIFY, AND MONITOR CULTURALLY SENSITIVE SHORELINES IMPACTED BY EROSION.

HCR123: REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SERVICES OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO IMPLEMENT A RESTRICTED PARKING ZONE PILOT PROGRAM IN THE KO 'OLINA, HONOKAI HALE, NANAKULI, AND MAILI NEIGHBORHOODS.