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Rep. Eli delivering the house invocation

HAPPY PEPELUALI (FEBRUARY)!

Hawai'i State House District 43

Happy Lunar New Year House District 43! With only 28 days in February, it is a short month, but I encourage you all to follow our legislative calendar to see what is happening everyday here in the Capitol at <https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/>. February is designated as "Mahina 'Ōlelo Hawai'i", or Hawaiian Language Month! See the resources below to practice 'Ōlelo Hawai'i today, tomorrow and forever. As this legislative session continues we'd be more than glad to help and assist you in any questions you may have about any bills. Please reach out, continue to submit testimony and provide verbal testimony for the bills you are passionate about.

- Stacelynn Eli





I joined my colleagues from the Hawai'i Woman's Legislative Caucus for a virtual breakfast hosted by YWCA O'ahu. The Caucus, consisting of members from both the State Senate and House, presented our package of priorities for the 2022 Legislative Session. My bill (HB1777) was included in this package. The measure would require the Department of the Attorney General to provide annual reports to the Legislature on specified data pertaining to the commercial sexual exploitation of children. We must do what we can to protect our keiki from sex trafficking and commercial exploitation. Learn more about my bill here: https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/measure_indiv.aspx?billtype=HB&billnumber=1777&year=2022

TARO TAX EXEMPTION BILL

- \$100,000 EXEMPTION
- TARO/TARO PRODUCTS
- 30,000 ACRE LAND USE LIMIT STATEWIDE



Credit: KHON2 NEWS

HB 2466, as it relates to Taro, exempts the gross proceeds or income received from the sale of any product resulting from the cultivation and production of unprocessed taro in the State from the general excise tax. Evan Lam, a farmer from Hawai'i island said, "Relieving kalo farmers from taxes for the first \$100,000 of income is an excellent way to support the strength of our local, decarbonized agriculture system" HB 2466 is scheduled for its second hearing before the Committee on Economic Development this Wednesday, February 16th at 10:30AM.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

January was full of many events and happenings. My staff and I were invited by Senator Fevella to help beautify the One'ula Beach Park, while also learning about the many limu that live and exist in this precious ecosystem. We are working to bring the limu hui to our community for a future event soon! Wai'anae Coast Comprehensive Health Center also hosted an event to distribute 50,000 at home COVID-19 test for our 96792 community!



Limu Hui showing Chair Luke and I the different limu at One'ula



Mahalo Senator Fevella and Chair Luke for a great day of service



The WCCHC check in staff that made sure all volunteers were hydrated and taken cared of!



WCCHC Board Director Kimo Alama Keaulana assisted the thousands of households to receive their test

***'Ōlelo Hawai'i in Every Home
Celebrating Hawaiian language month
Providing resources to normalize & revitalize our
language for all!***

"Mahina 'Ōlelo Hawai'i" Hawaiian Language Month

In 2012, an amendment of the Hawai'i Revised Statutes provided that the month of February be designated as "Mahina 'Ōlelo Hawai'i", or Hawaiian Language Month.

Hawaiian Language Resources Online:

Did you know that the Hawaiian Dictionary is online? Look up words or place names!

- ➔ Wehewehe.org
- ➔ Manomano.io (Hawaiian to English)

Hawaiian Newspapers & Other Hawaiian
Language Related Databases:

- ➔ Papakilodatabase.com
- ➔ Ulukau.org
- ➔ <https://oiwi.tv/category/language/>

Application for Your Cellphone or Smart Devices:

- ➔ [Duolingo](https://www.duolingo.com/) (Manuahi-Free)

E OLA MAU KA 'ŌLELO HAWAI'I!