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District 23: Kapahulu, Mō'īlīlī, McCully,
Ala Moana & Pawa'a
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Aloha Friends and Neighbors,

As we enter the final month of the 2025 legislative session, we find ourselves at a pivotal juncture. Of the more than 3,000 bills introduced in January, only a select few continue to progress through the legislature. As a freshman legislator, I am deeply honored and excited to witness some of my proposed bills nearing completion—bills designed to address our community's homelessness challenges and enhance the safety of our neighborhoods. There remains much work to be done to ensure we conclude this session on a high note, and I am committed to seeing it through with dedication and aloha spirit. Mahalo nui loa for your continued support.

Mahalo,



Recognizing Adult Friends for Youth during the Legislative floor session

Legislative Updates

Bills, Resolutions, and Committees

- HB943, which appropriates funds to expand crisis intervention by establishing a homeless triage and treatment center, passed through all committees and will be heard on the Senate floor for third reading.
- We held an HSH resolutions hearing where I was able to lead the hearing alongside Chair Marten. Resolutions are recommendations/suggestions for committee members and the general legislative body to take a look at specific topics or interest areas that constituents, organizations, and legislators think need more attention and time. Resolutions can be conversation starters for bills that come down the pipeline in the future.
- Currently, a concurrent resolution I submitted, HCR180, which is “requesting the statewide office on homelessness and housing solutions, department of law enforcement, county homeless coordinators, county law enforcement, and social services providers to work collaboratively and effectively to address homelessness in Hawai‘i” was adopted in the House and will cross over to the Senate.



Top left: Health (HLT) and Human Services & Homelessness (HSH) joint committee hearing on March 19th, Top right: Higher Ed (HED)/Education (EDN) joint committee hearing, Bottom left: HSH resolution's hearing; Bottom right: HLT Information briefing hearing on the status of the Hawaii State Hospital with a special guest, the chair of the Consumer Protection and Commerce (CPC) committee

Legislative Updates

Meetings at the Capitol

During session, various groups and organizations visit the Capitol to discuss bills, concerns, and areas of interest. It's always a pleasure to connect with those working in the communities we aim to support at the legislature.



Students visit the office and share the importance of ending the youth vaping epidemic on Take Down Tobacco National Day of Action 2025

Education Week at the Capitol



During the week of March 17-21, the Capitol held their annual Education Week. We had the privilege of recognizing outstanding educators, students, and leaders who serve our youngest community members.

Legislative Updates



Top L-R: Collaborating with District 23's very own 'Aloha Cut and Cloth' during Manufacturing and Innovation Day at the Capitol, Middle L: Ocean Day at the Capitol, Middle R: Honoring the US Air Force reserve command, 624th aeromedical staging squadron, medical operations flight for their humanitarian service offering mental health support during Maui wildfire response during floor session, Bottom: Honoring U.S. Coast Guard Station Maui for their courageous response to the Lāhainā Wildfire. They rescued 17 individuals, assisted 40 Lāhainā citizens in peril, extracted more than 90 vessels obstructing Lāhainā Harbor, and removed over 10,000 gallons of petroleum products from the sensitive marine environment.

Community Updates



Rep. Olds teamed up with City Councilmember Scott Nishimoto and members of the McCully/Mo'ili'ili Neighborhood Board for a community walk to gain insight into the improvements needed in the district.

State Agency Updates

City and County of Honolulu

Office of the Mayor | Mayor Blangiardi outlines bold vision for second term in 2025

State of the City address

- Mayor Rick Blangiardi laid out his priorities for the next four years in the annual State of the City address, focusing on public safety, housing and homelessness as key issues and announcing a number of major initiatives that will improve the core City and County of Honolulu services that residents across the island of O'ahu rely on.

Honolulu Fire Department | HONOLULU FIRE DEPARTMENT 117th FIRE FIGHTER RECRUIT CLASS GRADUATION

- Fire Chief Sheldon K. Hao congratulated the Honolulu Fire Department's (HFD) 117th Fire Fighter Recruit (FFR) Class that graduated on March 14th in the Hawai'i Okinawa Center's Legacy Ballroom. The 117th FFR Class is comprised of 37 members, including 2 who will be joining the State of Hawaii's Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting (ARFF) unit.

Department of Environmental Services | Effluent at Kailua Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant in compliance

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Department of Transportation Services | City announces the temporary relocation of bus stops along Kalia Road during renovations

- The City and County of Honolulu's Department of Transportation Services (DTS) announces the temporary relocation of bus stops along Kālia Road, due to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Kālia Road Repair Project.
- Construction for the Kālia Road Repair Project will begin on Tuesday, March 18th and will last until November 7th.

Office of the Mayor | City extends submission deadline for Affordable Housing Grant Program

- The City and County of Honolulu's Department of Land Management (DLM) has extended the submission deadline for \$5 million in funding under the City's Affordable Housing Fund Grant Program (RGP2). The original submission deadline of March 18, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. HST has been extended to March 25, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. HST.

Department of Customer Services | Taking learner's permit test online trending up on O'ahu

- O'ahu residents are showing signs of embracing the new online written test for a permit to get a Hawai'i driver's license. The number of monthly users has been steadily rising since the rollout of the digital service on Dec. 9, 2024 by the Division of Motor Vehicles in the City and County of Honolulu.

State Agency Updates

Office of the Governor

Governor Josh Green, M.D. | Office of the Governor — News Release — Gov. Green Secures Federal Support for University and Restoration of 442nd Regimental Combat Team Webpage

- Governor Green has successfully secured key federal actions through direct engagement with the White House, advocating for Hawai'i on critical issues affecting our communities. In two significant resolutions, Governor Green ensured continued federal funding for the University of Hawai'i amid a Title VI investigation and championed the restoration of the U.S. Army's webpage honoring the legendary 442nd Regimental Combat Team.

Governor Josh Green, M.D. | Office of the Governor — News Release — Gov. Green Considers Judicial Nominations

- Governor Green is reviewing applications for Chief Judge, Intermediate Court of Appeals (ICA) and for the Circuit Court of the First Circuit, for the island of O'ahu. Public comment on the nominations is welcomed.

Governor Josh Green, M.D. | Office of the Governor — News Release — Gov. Green Announces First One 'Ohana Fund Disbursement

- Governor Green announced the initial disbursements from the \$175 million One 'Ohana Fund, a key initiative of the Maui Wildfires Compensation Program (MWCP). This fund was created to provide direct financial relief to the families of those who lost loved ones and to individuals who suffered serious physical injuries in the August 8, 2023, Maui wildfires.

Governor Josh Green, M.D. | Office of the Governor — News Release — Gov. Green, State Department of Taxation Unveil Website For Individuals and Families to Chart Savings

- Governor Green and the state Department of Taxation introduced TaxCutHawaii.org, a new online resource designed to help working individuals and families learn about the state's income tax cut and calculate their estimated tax savings through 2031.

Office of the Lieutenant Governor

Lieutenant Governor Sylvia Luke | State and City Launch 2025 Food Drives to Support Hawai'i Foodbank

- The State of Hawai'i and the City and County of Honolulu, in partnership with Hawai'i Foodbank, have officially launched their 2025 employee food drives to help fight food insecurity across the islands. Together, the state and city have set a goal of providing 515,000 meals to Hawai'i residents in need.

State Agency Updates

Department of Education

Kaimukī High, Maui Waena Intermediate principals named Hawai'i's 2025 Principals of the Year – Hawai'i State Department of Education

- Kaimukī High School Principal Lorelei Aiwohi and Maui Waena Intermediate School Principal Jacquelyn McCandless have been named the state's 2025 Principals of the Year by the Hawai'i Association of Secondary School Administrators (HASSA). McCandless is the middle school honoree and Aiwohi is the high school honoree. Both school leaders were recently recognized at events coordinated by their respective schools and HASSA.

HIDOE recognizes 2024 Employee, Manager and Team of the Year – Hawai'i State Department of Education

- The Hawai'i State Department of Education (HIDOE) named its 2024 Employee, Manager and Team of the Year award winners, recognizing their outstanding contributions to public education in Hawai'i.

Department of Health

News Releases from Department of Health | DOH URGES HAWAII RESIDENTS TO STAY VIGILANT AS CASES OF MEASLES CONTINUE TO RISE

- The health and safety of Hawai'i residents are a top priority as measles cases continue to rise in the United States and internationally. Despite the success of vaccines in preventing diseases, the highly contagious viral illness is returning after being declared eliminated in the United States in 2000.

News Releases from Department of Health | DOH ALERTS PUBLIC ABOUT MYY TRADE CO. ENOKI MUSHROOMS DUE TO POTENTIAL LISTERIA MONOCYTOGENES CONTAMINATION

- DOH Food and Drug Branch (FDB) is alerting residents about MYY Trade Co. brand enoki mushrooms due to potential contamination of listeria monocytogenes.

News Releases from Department of Health | DOH ISSUES ENFORCEMENT ACTION TO ABC TOWING & PARTS, LLC AND JH HAWAII PROPERTY, LLC ON O'AHU

- DOH has issued a Notice of Violation and Order (NOVO) to both ABC Towing & Parts, LLC and JH Hawaii Property, LLC for polluted discharge to Waiawa Stream, and for operating without a required National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit at the ABC Towing & Parts facility located in Pearl City, O'ahu.

News Releases from Department of Health | DOH REPORTS TRAVEL-RELATED DENGUE VIRUS CASE ON MAUI

- DOH has confirmed a new travel-related case of dengue virus on Maui, bringing the total number of dengue cases to four in the state in 2025 (one on Maui, three on O'ahu). The affected individual in this current case was exposed to the virus while traveling in a region where dengue is common.

State Agency Updates

Department of Human Services

Department of Human Services | DHS Preschool Open Doors Priority Application Period Opens on February 18 for the 2025-2026 School Year

- The Preschool Open Doors Priority Application Period for the upcoming 2025-2026 school year, is open through April 30, 2025. Preschool Open Doors is assisting families to pay for preschool for the July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 school year for eligible 3- and 4-year-old children.

Contact

I've met with some of you since the session started. I am glad to discuss concerns and help where I can. Call our office or email to schedule a meet up -- I can even come visit you!

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