Representative Scott K. Saiki • Speaker of the House Neighborhood Board Report -

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Ala Moana-Kakaako Neighborhood Watch

2nd & 4th Thursdays 5:00 - 6:00 PM

Please join us for our next walk on **Thursday**, **December 14, at 5:00 p.m.**, where HPD's Community Policing Team will be giving a special presentation on crime prevention and situational awareness. Meet us in front of Blaisdell Center (corner of Kapiolani & Ward).



Sign up here!

Visit <u>https://saiki.house/NSW</u> or use your phone to scan the QR code.

Joint Task Force-Red Hill (JTF-RH) App

Now that Red Hill defueling has begun, check out the new app that provides real-time defueling updates. You can also stay informed on the latest developments, milestones, and safety measures implemented by Joint Task Force-Red Hill (JTF-RH).

You can find it by searching for "JTF Red Hill" on the app store, visiting **<u>https://saiki.house/JTFRedHill</u>**, or by scanning the QR code with your phone.



WAI: Red Hill Water Alliance Initiative Report

Today, November 28, 2023, the final report from the Red Hill Water Initiative (WAI) group was issued, advocating for aquifer remediation and an integrated approach to resolving the water crises. The formation of Red Hill WAI followed a joint declaration by State and City leaders on May 8, 2023, demonstrating a collective dedication to ensuring clean, safe water. This level of cooperation is unprecedented and signifies a united effort spanning all governmental levels and agencies.

Contributors to the final report include Rep. Saiki, Governor Josh Green, M.D., Mayor Rick Blangiardi, Senate President Ronald D. Kouchi, Honolulu City Council Chair Tommy Waters, Honolulu Board of Water Supply Chief Engineer Ernie Lau, Board of Land and Natural Resources Chair Dawn N.S. Chang, and University of Hawai'i President David Lassner.

Over the past six months, the group convened monthly to devise a plan that aligns with the shared objective of ensuring a clean water supply now and in the future for Hawaii's residents.

To view the report, visit the House Special Committee on Red Hill page at <u>http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov</u>



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Throughout the past six months, we have been working on two fronts. First, a unified call for remediation of the aquifer, and second, creating an integrated approach to resolving the water crisis, while unifying State, City, and regulatory agencies. The Red Hill WAI group recognizes that immediate action needs to happen to ensure clean water now and in the future for Hawaii's residents.

Raised Crosswalks on Pensacola Street

This week, the Hawaii State Department of Transportation (DoT) will be installing four raised crosswalks along Pensacola Street between King Street and Kapiolani Boulevard. The raised crosswalks will be located at the intersections of Elm, Rycroft, Hoolai, and Kamaile Streets.

These raised crosswalks are being implemented to enhance the safety in our community. The existing uncontrolled, multi-lane crosswalks are heavily utilized but do not meet current safety standards. We are grateful for the State's support in implementing these measures to improve safety until the Complete Streets plan for this area can be incorporated into a future roadway rehabilitation and repaving project.

The new raised crosswalks will serve as effective traffic calming devices, contributing to a reduction in vehicle speed and improving driver stop compliance. Additionally, they will improve pedestrian visibility, which is crucial in the vicinity of McKinley High School. The tragic incident involving Sara Yara earlier this year serves as a reminder of the importance of proactive measures to ensure safe driving around our schools and other vulnerable community institutions.

We appreciate your understanding and patience during this brief construction period as we work towards creating a safer environment for our community.