

Representative Scott K. Saiki

Rep. Saiki at the Honolulu Pride Festival with Sen. Sharon Y. Moriawaki and Rep. Adrian Tam.



Rep. Saiki announcing the final report of the Red Hill 'Water Alliance Initiative' (WAI).



Rep. Saiki with the Citizens Patrol group at Ward Village.



Dear Neighbor,

Happy New Year! I trust that you and your loved ones had a joyous holiday season, and here's to a fantastic start to 2024—the year of the dragon. Commencing on January 17 and adjourning on May 3, this session is dedicated to addressing crucial issues affecting our community. We will focus on topics such as wildfire and disaster prevention, Red Hill, law enforcement, mental health, and homeless services.

Your input is invaluable, and I encourage you to reach out with any questions, concerns, or ideas you may have. Take the District 25 legislative survey by scanning the QR code below with your phone or visiting <http://saiki.house/HD25>.

Please feel free to contact me at (808) 586-6100 or repsaiki@capitol.hawaii.gov to share your thoughts on these matters. Together, we can make a positive impact on the well-being of our state and community.

Mahalo,

Rep. Scott K. Saiki
Speaker of the House



Red Hill Water Alliance Initiative (WAI) Report

On 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.

Over the past six months, the group convened monthly to draft 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:

<https://saiki.house/RedHill>



Lahaina Relief Interim House Working Groups

Rep. Scott Saiki along with Majority Leader Nadine Nakamura and Minority Leader Lauren Matsumoto established six interim House working groups to evaluate specific topics related to the Lahaina wildfire and make recommendations for legislative action in the 2024 Legislative Session. A final report was published on December 15, 2023.

The working groups include:

Environmental Remediation

Food, Water, and Other Supplies

Jobs & Business

Schools

Wildfire Prevention

Shelter

For more information visit:

<https://saiki.house/WorkingGroups>





Rep. Saiki, Senator Sharon Y. Moriwaki, and City Councilmember Tyler Dos Santos-Tam held a meeting with residents at Honuakaha Senior Housing.

District 25 Updates

Queen Street Crosswalk and Kolowalu Dog Park

Our community has been anxiously awaiting the completion of two projects to enhance our neighborhood: the Queen Street crosswalk and the Kolowalu off-leash dog park.

A permanent crosswalk, pedestrian refuge island, and rapid flashing beacons will replace the temporary crosswalk, signage, and pedestrian island located on Queen Street at Kolowalu Park. An off-leash dog park consisting of two separate sections for "large" and "small" dogs will be built at Kolowalu Park Mauka to include lighting, water, benches, and fences.

The Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA) is working on both projects and recently selected contractors for these projects. According to HCDA, construction began in 2023 and should be completed in early 2024. HCDA is working diligently to expedite these projects to completion. Mahalo for your patience throughout this process.



Rep. Saiki with McKinley High School Principal, Ron Okamura.

Raised Crosswalks on Pensacola Street

In December 2023, the Hawaii State Department of Transportation (DoT) installed four raised crosswalks along Pensacola Street between King Street and Kapiolani Boulevard. The raised crosswalks are located at the intersections of Elm, Rycroft, Hoolai, and Kamaile Streets.

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



Homelessness Update: Sheridan Park

Thank you to the many Sheridan-Ala Moana residents who contacted our office regarding the homeless encampments at Sheridan Park. Your efforts were successful in referring people to shelters and other outreach services. Mahalo for your patience during this process. Call the Honolulu C.O.R.E hotline at (808) 768-2673 to learn more about homeless outreach services and if you need guidance regarding homeless-related incidents in our community.

Dave & Buster's Noise Complaints

For years, residents raised concerns regarding noise disturbances and safety stemming from Wednesday night events at Dave & Buster's. I am happy to share that we came to an agreement and Dave & Buster's agreed to cancel its Wednesday "Bud Light Nights" starting October 19, 2023. This action would not have been made possible without your kokua and we appreciate your patience over the past months while we worked to resolve this issue between the business and our community. Mahalo to the many residents who contacted our office and provided photos and video of the Wednesday night disturbances.

Neighborhood Security Watch Town Hall

Rep. Saiki along with City Councilmember Tyler Dos Santos-Tam and Senator Karl Rhoads hosted a community meeting in November to form new Neighborhood Security Watches in the Downtown Honolulu area. The initiative would harness community involvement to assist the Honolulu Police Department in reducing crime.

Law Enforcement Virtual Town Hall

Rep. Saiki was joined by the top federal, state, and city law enforcement officers in Hawaii for a Law Enforcement Virtual Town Hall. The recording of the virtual town hall that took place on October 19, 2023, is now available for viewing. The town hall addressed the critical topic of crime and law enforcement in our community. Access the recording by visiting:

<https://saiki.house/LawEnforcementTownHall>

HCDA Kakaako Makai Rule

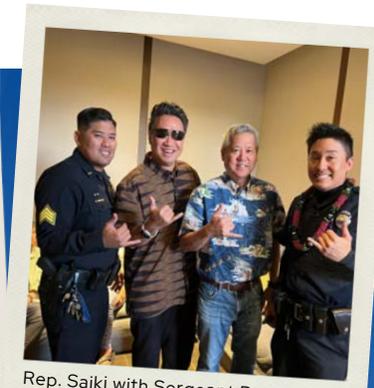
The long-awaited decision has arrived: the Governor has signed the rules approved by the Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA) to prohibit the residential development makai of Ala Moana Blvd. - which many of you have fought hard for in efforts to preserve the Kakaako Makai Coastline and maintain open beach access for the public. Additionally, all project developments must now take into account the potential impacts of sea level rise. Mahalo to everyone who submitted input regarding the future of Kakaako Makai.

Citizens Patrol: HPD's Special Presentation

On December 14th, 2023, the Honolulu Police Department's Community Policing Team delivered a presentation about Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design. The approach utilizes architectural design and the management of built and natural environments to reduce or deter crime from taking place in our community. Mahalo to everyone who joined!



<https://saiki.house/CitizensPatrol>



Rep. Saiki with Sergeant Brandon Shiraishi, Brandon Mitsuda, and Officer Terrance Katakura.



Sign up for Citizens Patrol updates!

We meet every 2nd and 4th Thursdays in front of Blaisdell Center.



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SENATOR
SHARON Y. MORIWAKI

Town

Hall

Wednesday, February 21, 2024 at 5:30 PM

McKinley High School Cafeteria



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Sign up here: <https://saiki.house/022124>
Walk-ins also welcomed!

Join us on Wednesday, February 21, 2024, for a town
hall to discuss updates in our community, the
upcoming 2024 legislative session, and a Q&A session.
Hope to see you there!



Rep. Saiki with the 2023 Pacific Century Fellows cohort, Hawaii's
emerging leaders from diverse professions and backgrounds.



Rep. Saiki sharing a shaka with Anaha's General Manager,
Davie Felipe.