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## LILIHA-PUUNUI-'ĀLEWA COMMUNITY REPORT

### Aloha Neighbors & Friends!

On January 15th, the thirty-third legislature convened. I am proud to serve District 14 and will continue to be a proponent of our many needs. I express my gratitude for your continued civic engagement and positive impact of individual and community initiatives on our state and government. My committee assignments will remain the same.

- Chair of Higher Education Committee
- Vice Chair of Education Committee
- Member of Ways and Means Committee
- Member of Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism Committee

**Mahalo,**



### Senator Kim's Bill Introduction

#### **SB 1203** - Relating to Cognitive Assessments

Requires all health care providers who accept Medicare to provide a cognitive assessment as part of the Medicare Part B annual wellness visit for Medicare beneficiaries sixty-five years of age or older, with certain exceptions.

#### **SB 1255** - Relating to Government Records

Clarifies that government records are subject to disclosure requirements under the Uniform Information Practices Act include information that is created, received, maintained, or used by private contractors in performance of a government function outsourcing contract.

#### **SB 1542** - Relating to Age Verification App Developers and App Stores

Requires app store providers to determine the age category for each of their users in the State and verify their age, provide a mechanism for parents to block minors from downloading unsuitable apps; and obtain parental consent before allowing a minor to use their app store to download and purchase apps.

#### **SB 1544** - Relating to Wireless Communication Devices in Schools

Requires each public school to implement a policy to prohibit students from using cellular phones and other wireless communication devices during school hours, subject to exceptions for education, health, and emergencies.

#### **SB 1545** - Relating to Nepotism

Repeals language in the State's Code of Ethics that exempts the Legislative Branch from prohibitions against nepotism in public employment.



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# Community Events and Updates

## Winter 2025 Community Bulletin Survey

Scan the QR code to submit your survey online!

Thank you to those who have filled out my community bulletin survey! Your feedback on the critical issues facing our community is invaluable as I prepare for the legislative session. I review each response carefully to ensure that your perspectives help shape the approach I take in addressing the needs of our community. If you have not filled out the survey yet, you can do so by scanning the QR code.

The survey results will be reported in my Spring/Summer edition of the community bulletin. This will provide insight into how others in the community feel about certain issues. Should you have any additional feedback, feel free to contact my staff or me at our office at (808) 587-7200.



## Valentine's Puzzle Card

**When:** February 14 at 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

**Where:** Liliha Public Library

**Contact:** 808 587-7577

Come create and decorate a puzzle purse card. Puzzle purses have their origins in Japanese tate – folded paper boxes used for carrying small items. The technique spread and decorated versions became popular as Valentine gifts in 18th and 19th century Europe. All supplies will be provided.

## Children's Storytime

**When:** February 5, 12, 19, and 26 at 10:00 am – 11:00 am

**Where:** Liliha Public Library

**Contact:** 808 587-7577

Every Wednesday, families can enjoy stories, rhymes, songs, and crafts. Materials will be provided. Program is best suited for children ages 3 – 5 years old, but families are always welcome. Children must be accompanied by a parent or adult caregiver.



## Support your local library



Over the past year, I've used my community report to highlight and promote local library events. As a legislator with a strong focus on education, I recognize that libraries provide essential resources for both students and the broader community.

Libraries are much more than just a place for books; they are vibrant hubs for community engagement. From hosting bonsai shows to offering space for meetup groups, libraries foster connections and bring people together in meaningful ways.

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