

# MALAKI 2023

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## NEWSLETTER

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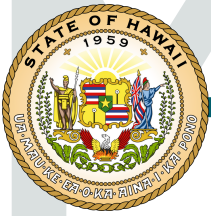
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## State Representative Darius K. Kila

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Transportation (Vice Chair)  
Finance  
Housing



March 2023

## Aloha District 44!

I received notice of a situation at Kalanianaʻole Beach Park from Mr. Donald Kapaku, where the lights were not working properly, or the lighting was insufficient which created a dangerous condition for park users, especially the keiki. As you know, the park is heavily used by the community for sports, fitness, and leisure activities. I reached out to members of the City and County of Honolulu's Department of Parks and Recreation, and the Mayor's office, to see if this could be corrected as soon as possible. Deputy Director Pu'u drove by and acknowledged that there was a lighting problem, and worked with members of her department to locate needed parts and bulbs to remedy the situation. Through a joint effort between the State and City departments, the situation was corrected within a day or two of being notified of this condition. I am appreciative of the efforts by Deputy Director Pu'u and Managing Director Michael Formby, and other members from the City and County, to move as quickly as possible to ensure that the lighting situation at Kalanianaʻole Beach Park was promptly corrected.

Mahalo nui loa,  
Representative Darius K. Kila,  
District 44



Scan to visit  
us online!

## Community Highlight



Representative Kila and the West Oahu Delegation honored the Waianae Kupuna Council at the State Capitol.

**SEE ATTACHED CIP ANNOUNCEMENT  
AT THE END OF THIS MONTH'S  
NEWSLETTER!**

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## 'ŌLELO NOEAU

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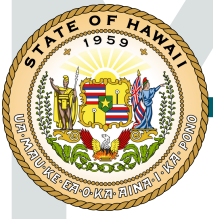
Strive to reach the highest.

[Motto of Queen Kapi'olani.]



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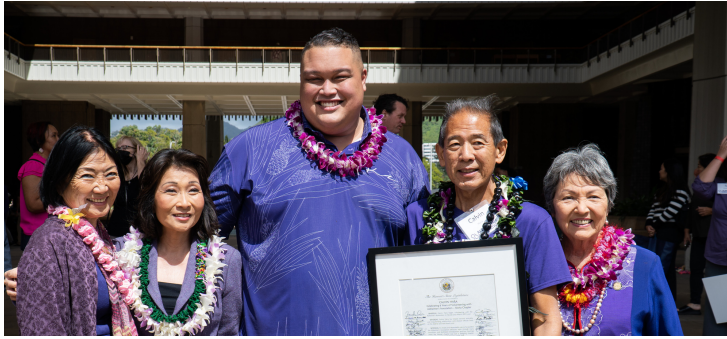
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# IN THE COMMUNITY



Representative Kila was the Legislative Sponsor for Alzheimer's Day at the Capitol. He is honoring Calvin Hara for his years of volunteering with the Alzheimer's Association – Aloha Chapter.



Celebrating Girls' Day with the Representative Lamosao, Representative Aiu, Representative Kahaloa, Representative Poepoe, and Representative Takenouchi.



Ms. Nuikala Koerte is the 2022 Nanakuli-Waianae Complex Teacher of the Year and she was honored at the House of Representatives. For over 20 years, Ms. Koerte has been a dedicated early childhood educator at Waianae Elementary School. As a proud Native Hawaiian educator, Ms. Koerte looks to indigenous knowledge to guide her teachings and educates with a child-first focus. Congratulations to an amazing teacher.



Representative Kila spoke at the Gathering for Safe Streets. There were 117 deaths and almost 600 serious injuries on Hawaii streets last year. Hawaii is a place for all road users and we must do all that we can to make our roadways safe for our keiki, kupuna, motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrians.



Representative Kila met with students from the district to support their efforts to "Take Down Tobacco."



Representative Kila visited Bishop Museum's Ola Ka No 'Eau, Excellence in Hawaiian Artistry, which is taking place between March 11, 2023 and October 29, 2023. Please support the Museum and learn more about beautiful Hawaiian Artistry.



Celebrating and Supporting Local Agriculture with Agriculture Day at the State Capitol.

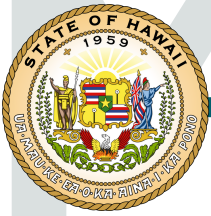


Representative Kila met with members from American Cancer Society's Cancer Action Network at the State Capitol.



Representative Kila celebrated Tourism Day at the State Capitol with Mufi Hannemann and other members of the Hawaii Lodging and Tourism Association; and Representative Aiu, Representative Woodson and Representative Chun.





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# LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

## 2023 MID-SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

### HB275 HD1, RELATING TO TARO

This measure appropriates funds to the Department of Agriculture to provide grants to Hawaii farming groups to be disbursed to local dry and wet taro farmers. Taro is an important staple starch, and provides an important source of starch for people who are unable to digest other starches such as wheat, rice, etc. In Hawaii, there are many small scale taro farmers, both wet and dry, who make less than \$40,000 per year from their taro production, but have at least \$10,000 per year in expenses. This measure is designed to assist taro farmers with their expenses and hopefully increase production.

### HB277, RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE.

This measure increases the fines for violating motor vehicle insurance requirements. Although having No Fault Insurance has been a requirement for motor vehicle owners, there are many motor vehicle owners who do not have the mandatory minimum No Fault Requirements and are involved in motor vehicle accidents. Increase the fines for violating the motor vehicle insurance requirements is designed to encourage motor vehicle owners to obtain mandatory minimum No Fault Insurance requirements outlined by statute.

### HB278, RELATING TO HEALTH.

This measure appropriates funds for the Executive Office on Aging to create an Alzheimer's Awareness campaign. Alzheimer's is a large and growing epidemic which has a huge impact in Hawaii, and it is anticipated that this epidemic will continue to grow. Appropriations to the Executive Office on Aging will allow it to create a public health campaign to education the public on the early signs of cognitive impairment and the value of early detection and diagnosis.

### HB1294 HD1, RELATING TO ELECTIONS

Requires candidates for public office in the State of Hawai'i to use their legal name for election purposes.

### HB1296 HD1, RELATING TO EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES

Establishes and appropriates funds for an early intervention services working group within DOH to study and recommend ways to assist and support deaf and hard of hearing children, including implementation strategies. Requires reporting to the legislature.

#### REPRESENTATIVE DARIUS K. KILA'S 2023 MID-SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

##### HB275 HD1 - RELATING TO TARO

Appropriates funds to the Dept. of Agriculture to provide grants to assist taro farmers in meeting the costs of cultivating taro for consumption.

##### HB277 HD1 - RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE

Increases the fines for violating motor vehicle insurance requirements.

##### HB278 HD1 - RELATING TO HEALTH

Establishes and appropriates funds for a working group to plan and implement a public health campaign for Alzheimer's Awareness. Appropriates funds for the Executive Office on Aging to create an Alzheimer's disease and related dementias public health campaign.

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EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS  
KE KE'ENA O KE KIA'ĀINA

JOSH GREEN, M.D.  
GOVERNOR  
KE KIA'ĀINA

MAR 17 2023

The Honorable Darius K. Kila  
House of Representatives  
Thirty-Second State Legislature  
State Capitol  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Aloha Representative Kila:

I am pleased to let you know that my administration has released funding for the following Capital Improvement Project (CIP):

Name: Nānākuli High and Intermediate School, Performing Arts Center Auditorium, O'ahu

Description: To finance design for a new performing arts center auditorium at Nānākuli High and Intermediate School.

Amount Released: \$2,000,000.00

Mahalo for your work on behalf of the residents of your district to secure these funds. Projects such as these are critical components of the public infrastructure and contribute to building a better home for our kūpuna, keiki, and all the residents of Hawai'i.

A list of released CIP will be emailed once a month.

By working together, we can solve the great challenges of our time, create a more sustainable Hawai'i, and establish the Hawaiian Islands as a place that future generations will choose to call home.

Mahalo,

Josh Green, M.D.  
Governor, State of Hawai'i