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OPENING DAY OF THE 31ST LEGISLATURE!

We will get through this together!

Aloha Kākou!

January 20th, 2021 was the long-awaited 2021 opening day of the 31st legislature! This was an opening day unlike any in the past, but as always conducted with aloha. I will be serving as Vice Chair for the Pandemic & Disaster Preparedness Committee, member of both the Finance and Government Reform Committees. This legislative session hearings will be done virtually; I will have more information about how you can participate further down in our newsletter. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact our office. Please be safe & take care!

With aloha,

Stacelynn Eli



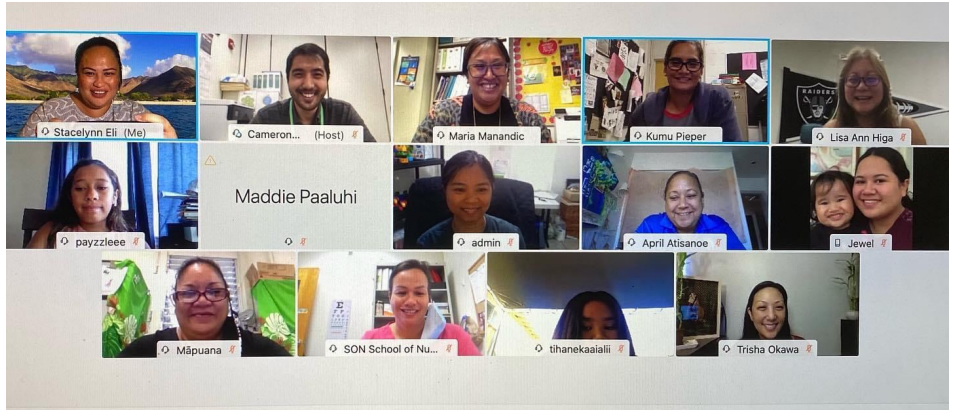
Chair Linda Ichiyama & Vice Chair Eli for the Pandemic & Disaster Preparedness Committee

VIRTUAL MEETINGS!

2021 THE NEW NORMAL

NĀNĀKULI ELEMENTARY CUP OF J.O.E (JOIN OUR EDUCATORS)

Representative Eli was invited to participate in a cup of J.O.E. with student, parents, staff and Principal Higa of Nānākuli Elementary. It was great to hear from everyone and have them share their experience with virtual learning. We also talked about self-care and wellness!



HSTA TALKSTORY

Representative Eli met with educators from our local public schools to talk about how COVID has affected their classroom and also their families. It was a great opportunity to talkstory!



Meet our staff!

Meet our legislative staff, committee clerk Peter Moala who is working in his 3rd session at the Legislature and Office manager, Soana Tupua-Fanoga who has worked with the legislature for several years.

Raised Crosswalks



REPRESENTATIVE ELI SUPPORTS PEDESTRIAN SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS TO SAVE LIVES, REDUCE TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

HDOT installed raised crosswalks on Farrington Highway 1/11 thru 1/15

Following extensive discussions between the Hawai'i Department of Transportation (HDOT) staff, police officers, community members and elected officials, two raised pedestrian crossings were installed on Farrington Highway in Nānākuli to reduce accidents and save lives. Representative Stacelynn K.M. Eli said with recent fatalities and several major traffic accidents in the area just in the past three months, these "speed tables" are desperately needed to save lives. "We need to do something immediately to ensure that we can minimize the deaths related to speeding along the route. We have seen too many lives lost," said Eli (D-43, 'Ewa Villages, Kalaeloa, Honokai Hale, Nanakai Gardens, Ko 'Olina, Kahe Point, Nānākuli, Lualualei, Mā'ili). "The DOT has found through installation of these crosswalks in areas like Wai'anae, 'Ewa, Nu'uuanu, Haleiwa, Kalihi, and Hana that the improvement consistently and significantly reduces excessive speeding." According to HDOT, the raised crosswalks promote pedestrian safety by improving the visibility of pedestrians and providing drivers a physical reminder to reduce their speeds as they enter a residential area. The speed limit on Farrington Highway between Tracks Beach Park (after the Kahe Power Station) and Haleakala Avenue is reduced from 35 mph to 30 mph, and advisory speeds over the raised crosswalks is 25 mph. Raised crosswalks were previously installed on Farrington Highway at Ala Walua Street, the Waianae High School exit, Alawa Place, and Maiuu Road. HDOT will collect speed data at the installation sites to determine how effective the speed tables are at slowing drivers. "After all our discussions, this is what we decided would be best to help keep our keiki and kupuna safe," said Eli. For more information about raised crosswalks, visit the Federal Highway Administration's video at <https://youtu.be/jSVMJ7HALOI>

Helpful Resources

- Aloha United Way (Vaccine Information) 211
- Disease Outbreak Control Division 586-8332
- Dept. of Health 586-4400
- Dept. of Labor & Industrial Relations 586-8844
- Unemployment Insurance (O'ahu) 586-8970
- HPD COVID-19 Hotline 723-3900

STAY CONNECTED:

- WCCHC COVID-19 Hotline
(808) 697-3170



- Aloha United Way's Info Hotline



STARTS 1/11/21

WAIANAE COAST COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH CENTER HEALTH PROMOTION DEPARTMENT

KEIKI & KUPUNA FOOD DISTRIBUTIONS

KEIKI & KUPUNA PANTRIES

MON	• 10AM- COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTER AT MAIL
TUE	• 9AM- NANAIIKAPONO ELEMENTARY • 10AM- HELELUA ST (ACROSS FROM REC CENTER) • 10AM- HOA AINA O MAKAHA • 12PM- WAIANAE ELEMENTARY
WED	• 10AM- KAUPUNI PARK (WAIANAE VALLEY) • 10AM- QUEEN LILIUOKALANI CHILDREN'S CENTER (NANAKULI)
THU	• 10AM- COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTER AT MAIL • 10AM- HELELUA ST (ACROSS FROM REC CENTER)
FRI	• 10AM- KAMAILE ACADEMY • 10AM- QUEEN LILIUOKALANI CHILDREN'S CENTER (NANAKULI) • 10AM- KAUPUNI PARK (WAIANAE VALLEY)

KEIKI GRAB & GO MEALS

MON	• 10AM-12PM COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTER AT MAIL
TUE	• 10AM-12PM HELELUA ST (ACROSS FROM REC CENTER)
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Summer Food Service Program: Breakfast, lunch and milk

Food supplies will vary:
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