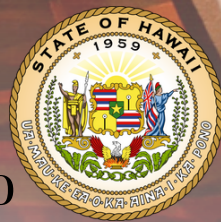




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News & Updates

HOUSE DISTRICT 10 OF WAIHEHU, PAUKUKALO, WAILUKU, WAILUKU HEIGHTS, WAIKAPU, SAND HILLS

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MESSAGE FROM TROY

Finding solutions for community issues require intergovernmental cooperation

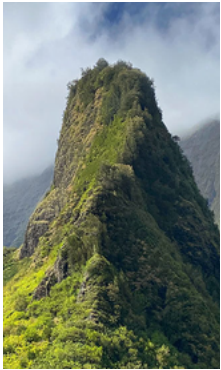
During Maui County Mayor Richard Bissen's State of the County address, he laid out his plans on housing, water, emergency preparedness and taxes, among other issues. At a recent Town Hall by United States Representative Jill Tokuda, she also expressed similar priorities. It is reassuring to know that we are all aware of the same issues, and are all working towards a common goal.

I was recently a guest on a panel at PBS Hawaii's show Insights with Senate Housing Chair Stanley Chang, Chief State Housing Officer Nani Medeiros, and Kenna StormoGipson from the Hawai'i Appleseed Center for Law and Economic Justice.



Reopened: Īao Valley State Monument

Īao Valley State Monument is set to open to the public on **May 1** after the State Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) completes the final phase of its slope stabilization project. DLNR also announced efforts to manage the impact of over-tourism with a new reservation and parking system.



Because the park gets busy at certain times, non-Hawaii residents will be required to schedule visits to manage crowd traffic and parking availability. Reservations may be made up to 30 days in advance.

Hawaii residents will be able to visit Īao Valley without a reservation and will not have to pay parking or entrance fees. But visitors accompanied by residents are not exempt from the entry fees and must purchase the "entry-only" tickets in advance.

The parking fee is \$10 per vehicle and entry-only fee is \$5 per person, with no charge for children under three years old. There are separate fees for commercial vehicles. For more information or all day-use reservations, visit <https://gostateparks.hawaii.gov/iao-valley>.

Get free parking with the new Park Maui pilot program

The new Park Maui parking project is expected to implement a Wailuku pilot project later this year to help bring free parking to Maui residents. The project will include 1-2 hours of free parking in small town parking garages and discounted on street parking, and eventually include affordable and accessible employee parking permits.

To be eligible for discounted and free parking you must use a valid Hawaii State drivers license with a Maui zip code authorized at a pay station or through the new mobile app which will debut this summer. The Park Mobile app will also allow you to pay for parking straight from your phone.

The goal of this project is to help local residents access Maui's small towns, beaches and parks. It will also help to combat the shortage of parking for residents as tourism levels rise. Park Maui's goal is to help create positive parking experiences for all, and minimize congestion and overcrowding at popular destinations.

Park Maui is also looking for feedback from residents on their parking experience. The short survey on the Park Maui website will help address parking issues across Maui and what Park Maui's next steps should be in the pilot program.



 **PARK MAUI**



To be notified about signing up for free beach parking, discounted town parking, and employee parking permits, or to learn more about Park Maui's plan and implementation, go to www.parkmaui.com/.

The topic was housing. Long story short, comments received from viewers didn't surprise us - our kids are leaving Hawaii to find better opportunities, wealthy non-residents are paying cash sight unseen, and a mix of sighs and frustration when housing is described as "affordable."

We already know that finding instant housing solutions is challenging, but I can assure you that we are doing the work to chip away at the issue, by ensuring that funds go to the right programs, by eliminating barriers, and by using the power of taxation to create sustainable policies.

My office is also open to ideas. What programs have worked for other jurisdictions? Are there multi-use designs we can incorporate in our island living that might work? How can we leverage private partnerships to bring the cost of housing down, and make sure units go to local residents?

It has been an interesting spring at the Legislature. Thank you for contacting my office with your concerns and questions about our district. Keep them coming!

Do not hesitate to call my office at (808) 586-9444 or email rephashimoto@capitol.hawaii.gov.

Mahalo,



Lt. Governor Sylvia Luke coordinates the statewide Annual State Employees' Food Drive which supports the Hawaii Foodbank. She recently held a Food Drive Fest at the Hawaii State Capitol. I stopped by with Rep. Matayoshi and Rep. Kitagawa.

Looking to donate?

To support the Maui Food Bank, go to: mauifoodbank.org/donate or drop off your food donations at Maui Food Bank, 760 Kolu Street
Hours: Monday-Friday 7am-3pm
For other locations or ways to donate, go to <https://mauifoodbank.org/>.



COMING SOON IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Coming to the Kehalani Complex

Heads up - HI Regional Council of Carpenters, First Hawaiian Bank and Panda Restaurant Group are joining the cluster of establishments in the Kehalani complex.

Google Earth

Supporting Boys & Girls Club of Maui

This year's Youth of Year for Hawaii is Arissa Kahaialii from the Boys & Girls Club of Maui, Inc. - Lahaina Club! Arissa will serve as an ambassador for all teens in the state, receive a \$2,500 college scholarship from Boys & Girls Clubs of America, and advance to the regional competitions this summer. I also met with members Aubrey Ahana who represented the Paukukalo Clubhouse and Maximo Melgar Martich who represented the Haiku Clubhouse.



Mahalo to Kelly Maluo-Pearson, Chief Executive Officer of BGC Maui and her staff for all of their efforts. Congratulations to Leslie Yokouchi, who was awarded the "Whatever it Takes" Award for her service to the organization at the annual Big Chef Little Chef dinner in March.



Kaulana Mahina workforce affordable apartments will be comprised of 324 units, including studios and one- to three-bedroom units. The professionally managed project will have many amenities for its residents—a gym, pool, yoga room, resident lounge, lawn area for a playground, and dog park—all included in the monthly rent.



*A rendering of the Kaulana Mahina Apartments

Visit www.kaulanamahinaapts.com/ for more information.

Ka Ipu Kukui Fellows celebrate outstanding program, honors Ken Ota and Trilogy Excursions

It was inspiring to see the success of the inaugural Ka Ipu Kukui Fellows Legacy Dinner. I served as Board Chair for many years after graduating in 2012. KIK is a nonprofit, community-based program created to identify and develop young leaders in Maui County.

The event honored 'Fellow' Ken Ota and Trilogy Excursions, for their leadership and efforts in supporting the community.

Ka Ipu Kukui has 202 Fellows in the program so far, and growing. Applications for the next cohort will open soon.

Visit <https://kaipukukuifellows.org/>



Meeting with U.S. Senator Brian Schatz, House Speaker Scott Saiki, Governor Josh Green, Senator Stanley Chang, Chief State Housing Officer Nani Medeiros and the Governor's Coordinator on Homelessness James Koshiba on how the state can leverage federal funds to help with Hawaii's affordable housing crisis.

IN THE COMMUNITY



MEO honors Rep. Kyle Yamashita

The Maui Economic Opportunity, Inc. on March 28, honored Rep. Yamashita at their annual gala for all his work in bettering our community. Mahalo to MEO's Debbie Cabebe and her team as we wish you more success in your programs!



'Āo Tiger's Student-Operated Credit Union-now accepting members

Congratulations to 'Āo Intermediate School on opening the first middle school student-run credit union branch in conjunction with HawaiiUSA Federal Credit Union on Feb. 23. Students get to take on a number of roles including marketing managers, tellers, and branch managers. What a great program!



100 year celebration of the Oroku Club

Wailuku residents Cheryl Okuma and Clarence Uehara with Lincon, Marta, and Mayumi from São Paulo, Brazil who visited the State Capitol on March 3. They celebrated 100 years of the Oroku Azajin Club established in Hilo in 1923. There are only two Oroku clubs outside Japan - Honolulu, and São Paulo. Members are descendants of Okinawans from Oroku, Okinawa.



Easter Basket Drive by Women's Caucus

Thanks to the Women's Caucus who held a Easter basket drive on April 5 for organizations that help women and children in need. Rep. Darius Kila dressed up as the Easter bunny along with Sen. Angus McKelvey as a chick.



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Visiting from Washington D.C.: U.S. Representative Jill Tokuda holds Town Hall Meeting at UH Maui College

Thank you to Congresswoman Tokuda for providing Maui constituents an opportunity to receive updates and ask questions about her time in Congress.

At a town hall on April 6, she shared her priorities in securing funding for disaster resilience, education and providing support for creating a robust health infrastructure for Hawaii.

If you would like to reach out to U.S. Rep. Tokuda, her Maui Field Representative is Deidre Tegarden and can be reached at deidre.tegarden@mail.house.gov or at (202) 235-3662.



Are you in need of traveling assistance?

Here's all you need to know about TSA Cares



TSA Cares is a helpline available to assist travelers with disabilities, medical conditions and other special circumstances. If you are in need of additional assistance during your TSA screening, TSA Cares is there to help and provide assistance during your screening process.

If you are traveling and have any questions about what to expect, TSA procedures, or their policies, you can call TSA Cares at their toll-free phone number (1-855-787-2227) **72 hours prior**.

You can also request TSA Cares assistance through:
www.tsa.gov/contact-center/form/cares

You can find out more about TSA processes for certain medical conditions and special circumstances at:
www.tsa.gov/travel/special-procedures

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Federal Relay: 711

Weekdays: 2 a.m. to 5 p.m.	Weekend: 3 a.m. to 2 p.m.
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Or contact by email at:
TSA-ContactCenter@tsa.dhs.gov



Dedication of Kirk Kurokawa's Mural at the Nisei Veterans Memorial Center

On April 15, I was glad to attend the dedication of Kirk Kurokawa's mural entitled "Quiet Dignity, Everlasting Honor" at the Nisei Veterans Memorial Center. It was inspiring to hear about his journey becoming an artist, and his creative process for each of the panels.



Dropped by the anniversary party to say congratulations to Justin Yanagida and his team at the Yanagida Fitness & Jiu Jitsu, for seven years of fighting sickness with fitness on March 31.



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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: The ends is near



At the end of April, both the House and Senate will work out the differences between bills. The State budget will also be finalized. In our next newsletter, there will be an in-depth look into the bills that passed and how the State budget will impact Maui.



Legislative Timetable

April 27 & 28: Final Decking
Deadline for submitting bills for reading by both chambers, which includes all amendments.

May 4: Adjournment sine die
Following final reading on all remaining bills, the Legislature adjourns its sixty day session.

June 26: Intent-to-veto deadline
The governor must inform the Legislature of which bills he intends to veto.

July 11: Signing and veto deadline
The governor must sign all bills into law or veto them. Bills that are not signed or vetoed become law without his signature. Vetoes can be overridden by the Legislature for them to pass into law.



Scan to access bills, videos, testimonies - everything you need to know this legislative session on the Capitol website.



Wailuku Elementary School

Governor Josh Green announced the release of funding appropriated by the Legislature in a joint effort with Rep. Hashimoto and Sen. Keith-Agaran for **\$2.5 million** for the design and construction of a new full size parking lot. Most CIP projects are paid for with borrowed bond funds and must be a large scale renovation, repair, or new construction.

Act 310 Prohibits Discrimination

Against Supportive Housing Programs

Beginning May 1, 2023, discrimination based on participation in a Section 8 housing choice program or any permanent supportive housing program shall be prohibited. The act covers any form of discrimination including in advertisements for rental property or in rental transactions.

For more information, go to labor.hawaii.gov/here



HIGH SCHOOL Graduation Dates

- H.P. Baldwin High School**
Fri., May 19
War Memorial Stadium
- Maui High School**
Sat., May 20
War Memorial Stadium
- Kamehameha Schools
Maui High School**
Fri., May 26
KSM Campus
- St. Anthony High School**
Fri., May 26
SAS Campus



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