



Congratulations to Princess Ruth Ke'elikōlani Middle School's chess team, which placed in the recent state championship.



Historic Universal Building Preserved

The 90-year-old historic Universal Building has found new life as a retail center through Historic Hawaii Foundation's rehabilitation project. Built in 1928 for the Dearborn Chemical company, the warehouse is a rare example of a pre-WWII masonry building in Kaka'ako.



Kolowalu Dog Park

On January 7, the Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA) brought the community together to discuss the new off-leash Kolowalu Dog Park in Kaka'ako. Community members were invited to share their feedback on the park designs created by the HCDA.

Dear Neighbor,

First off, I wanted to wish you a Happy New Year! I hope you and your families enjoyed the holiday season and 2023 is already off to a great start.

The legislative session began on January 18 and will adjourn on May 4. We have many crucial topics to address, including affordable housing, financial relief for low-income families, mental health services, and Red Hill.

As always, please don't hesitate to contact me at (808) 586-6100 if you have any questions, concerns, or ideas regarding these topics or any other matters.

Mahalo,


Rep. Scott K. Saiki

2023 Legislative Priorities

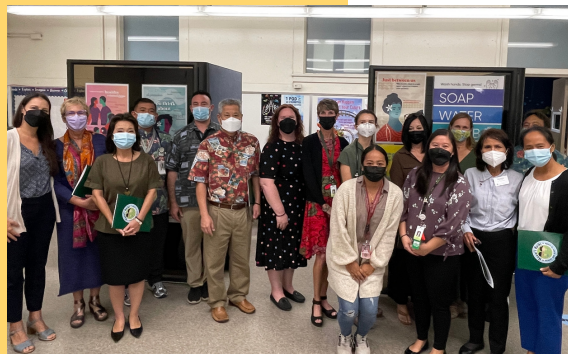
1. **Financial relief for Hawaii residents.** One potential reform is to adjust the earned income tax credit, which provides comprehensive relief for 108,000 Hawaii households.
2. **Renewable energy.** To help meet the year 2045 deadline for 100% renewable energy in Hawaii, we should use a portion of our surplus to provide low-interest loans to qualified residences for solar, PV, and battery systems.
3. **Hawaiian Home Lands.** The House will create an oversight committee to formulate a realistic plan to spend the \$600 million that was appropriated last year to build housing for Hawaiian Home Lands beneficiaries.
4. **Mental Health.** We will work with the Judiciary and community agencies to improve treatment and diversion services for mental health patients.
5. **Housing.** We will add another \$300 million to finance affordable housing projects to meet the housing demand for lower-income groups.
6. **State parks and trails.** Because visitors should pay to use our parks and trails, we should implement a statewide registration and payment system.
7. **Red Hill.** The House will reauthorize a Special Committee for Red Hill and the Aquifer for accountability as well as to formulate a state and local coordinated policy.



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District 25 Survey – We want to hear from you!

With the 2023 legislative session in full gear, Rep. Saiki would like to hear your opinions and voices on the issues facing our community, district, and state and how he can better serve and work with our community members. Scan the QR code to access the survey.



Hawaii Keiki Program

Rep. Saiki took a site visit to Princess Ruth Ke'elikōlani Middle School for a progress update on the Hawaii Keiki Program. Hawaii Keiki is a program led by the UH School of Nursing and the Hawaii Department of Education to provide school-based health services to students. This program provides benefits such as health screenings, vaccinations, and dental and mental health services, just to name a few.

A Word from Princess Ruth Ke'elikōlani Middle School's Principal

"Thanks to the support of the Speaker of the House, we have a very competitive chess club. We are grateful for the Speaker's support as he has fought hard to get us capital improvement money. With that money, we are updating some bathrooms, have added fans to our auditorium, and have updated our stage with stage lighting. We are lucky to have the support of our Complex Area Superintendent and have received ESSER money which helped us create an outdoor space for our kids to eat lunch and an attendance arcade as an incentive to get kids to come to school. We've created a weight room in our school compliments of Kahala Hotel. What makes us most proud is to have changed our school's name to show respect to Princess Ke'elikōlani and have worked on improving the culture and the climate on our campus for all of our school community." – Principal Joseph Passantino





Ala Moana – Kaka’ako Security Watch



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Join the Kaka’ako Neighborhood Watch. We meet every 2nd and 4th Thursday at 5 PM. It’s a great way to get to know your neighbors and keep our community safe. If you are interested in participating, please scan the QR code or contact Rep. Saiki’s office for more information.

National Association of Chairpersons of Prefectural Assemblies (Gichokai)

Rep. Saiki was invited to give a keynote speech in Hiroshima, Japan, to the National Association of Chairpersons of Prefectural Assemblies (Gichokai) to share his thoughts about the strong bond between the people and institutions of the United States and Japan.



NCSL Legislative Leaders’ Symposium

Rep. Saiki moderated a panel discussion at the NCSL Legislative Leaders’ Symposium in New York. He sat down with Shannon O’Neil, Vice President at the Council on Foreign Relations, to discuss the trending misconception of globalization and its implications for decisions that legislators make for their states.



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