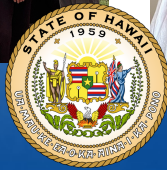


# Representative Scott K. Saiki

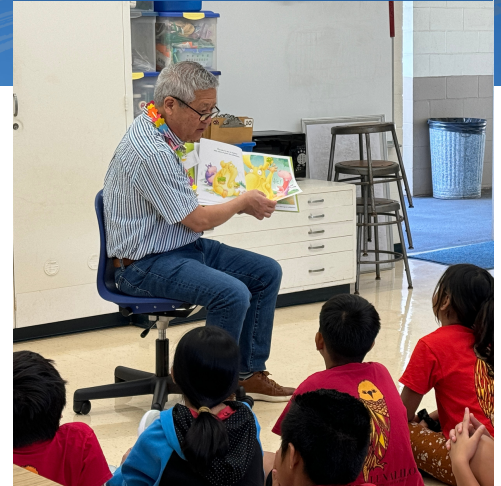
Rep. Saiki with the Ala Moana-Kakaako Citizens Patrol group



Rep. Saiki meeting with the Teen Council of Planned Parenthood Hawaii.



Rep. Saiki reading to Lunalilo Elementary School's students at Read Across America Day to encourage reading and literature.



Dear Neighbor,

As your representative, I'd like to share the latest happenings and impactful updates with you in this edition of our community newsletter.

In this issue, I'll share with you the exciting progress at Kolowalu Makai Park, learn about the upgraded Queen Street and Waimanu Street crosswalk, and stay informed about crucial bills that matter to our community. We're also addressing local concerns, like the recent call about homelessness along Sheridan Street.

Together, we'll continue making strides to uplift our neighborhood and support those in need, as we work to build stronger and safer communities.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to my office at (808) 586-6100 or [repsaiki@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:repsaiki@capitol.hawaii.gov).

Mahalo,

Rep. Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker of the House

## Recording: Condo Insurance Town Hall Recap

The recording and materials from the town hall are now available for those who couldn't make it or wish to revisit the discussions. Please visit my Capitol website below and navigate to the "Links" tab to access these resources. Under "Townhall" you'll find the link to the recording and the handouts.

In response to the current surge in insurance premiums statewide, we're proposing a special fund inspired by a post-Hurricane Iniki initiative. With an estimated \$1 billion needed for full coverage of all buildings, our goal is to stabilize the situation while addressing underlying factors behind rising rates. While not a comprehensive solution, this fund aims to provide support and prevent uninsured buildings from facing potential challenges, such as being listed on banks' do-not-lend lists.

<https://saiki.house/RepScottKSaiki>



## House Reaffirms Commitment to Protecting Marriage Equality

On March 5, the House of Representatives reaffirmed its commitment to protecting marriage equality. HB 2802 HD1 passed its third reading, proposing a constitutional amendment to eliminate restrictions on same-sex marriage. Despite progress with the Hawai'i Marriage Equality Act in 2013, recent Supreme Court shifts have raised concerns that the Court could reconsider its stance on same-sex marriage, potentially undermining established rights for marriage equality. HB2802 HD1 aims to remove Article I, Section 23, from the State of Hawaii Constitution, challenging the Legislature's authority to limit marriage.



Condo Insurance Town Hall: Pictured (L to R): Victor Brock, Secretary and Legislative Co-Chair of Mortgage Bankers Association of Hawaii, Linda Nakamura, Director and Legislator Co-Chair of Mortgage Bankers Association of Hawaii, Mike Onofrietti, Vice Chair of Hawaii Insurers Council, Rep. Saiki, Sen. Sharon Moriwaki, Rep. Scott Nishimoto, Rep. Adrian Tam.

# District 25 Updates

## Kokua Column: Sheridan Street

Our office received a call on March 8 about homelessness along Sheridan Street, near Walmart. Taking swift action, we conducted a site visit, and the encampment appears to have diminished since the last report. Though smaller, we've reported the situation to the 311 app and the C.O.R.E. program. While this area has been flagged in the past, it seems the issue has resurfaced, prompting us to stay vigilant in reporting and seeking resources for those in need.

## Kolowalu Makai Park Updates

Exciting news! The construction of Kolowalu Makai Park has begun. This is in addition to the off-leash dog park under construction on the Mauka park and the crosswalk improvements. We received the following updates from the Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA):

- Ten new park benches located around the children’s playground area were installed and initial feedback is people loved them.
- Three new picnic tables will be installed on the Diamond head side of the park under the trees to allow families to enjoy a meal.
- Adult fitness equipment will be installed in the back corner of the Makai park allowing adults to exercise while watching their children play in the park. The location of the adult fitness equipment in the back corner of the park activates the part of the park.
- The existing playground equipment will be replaced with new equipment.
- New playground equipment for younger children (age 5 and under) will also be installed.



## Queen Street and Waimanu Street Crosswalk

The crosswalk at Queen St. and Waimanu St. is being upgraded with rectangular rapid flashing beacons. Watch out for sidewalk closures from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, now through May 2024. Pedestrians are advised to observe posted signage.