

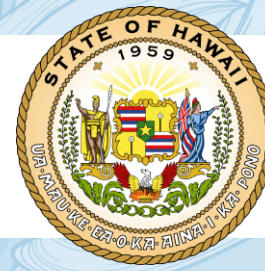


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**DEAR NEIGHBOR,**

I'm excited to be in the home stretch of my first legislative session. It's an important time - with just over 500 bills still moving in the House and Senate, including the State budget, it's time for us to start collaborating in conference committees to find the way forward for Hawaii.

In this newsletter, we're sharing the results of last month's Legislative Survey. As your Representative, it is important to me to work hard and make sure your voices are heard.

Recently, I've been focusing on addressing public safety, road repairs, reopening the Mililani outdoor hockey rink, and meeting with constituents on various concerns. I'm proud to say we've made some progress, but there's still a lot of work to be done.

I appreciate your continued support and feedback and please don't hesitate to reach out - I'm always here to listen to your concerns and ideas.



**REP. TLC'S RESOLUTIONS**

All 5 resolutions introduced by Rep. La Chica **have passed** and are awaiting final adoption by the Legislature.

1. Urging the City's Crisis, Outreach, Response, and Engagement program to provide regular care and services to individuals experiencing homelessness in Central Oahu (**SCR107**).
2. Urging the construction of elevated crosswalks along Meheula Parkway near Mililani High School (**SCR106**).
3. Urging funding for a Park and Ride facility at Waiwa Station (Pearl Highlands) and establishing additional transit routes between Central Oahu and Waiwa Station (**SR113**).
4. Urging the establishment of business improvement districts (**HCR160**).
5. Urging retail stores to provide access to FDA-approved contraceptives (**SCR94**).

**DISTRICT 37  
 CIP ANNOUNCEMENT**



For the design and construction of a new portable classroom building at Kanoelani Elementary School, which will benefit our special education student population.

Mahalo to Governor Green for releasing these funds and to my predecessor, Rep. Ryan Yamane for his work and leadership in securing these funds.

**IMPORTANT NUMBERS**

\* THESE ARE **808** NUMBERS

- Abandoned Vehicles:** 768-2530
- Achieve Zero:** 379-2532 (homelessness outreach)
- Adult Abuse:** 832-5115
- Bilingual Access Line:** 526-9724
- Child Abuse:** 832-5300
- City Trees:** 971-7151
- Dead Animals:** 768-9766
- Domestic Violence Action Center:** 808-531-3771 / 605-956-5680 (text, 24/7)
- Hawaii Humane Society:** 356-2250
- Hina Mauka:** 236-2600 (alcohol/drug services)
- Landlord-Tenant Hotline:** 586-2634
- Park Maintenance:** 677-8849
- Potholes:** 768-7777
- Public Assistance Line:** 855-643-1643
- Sidewalk Concerns:** 768-8118

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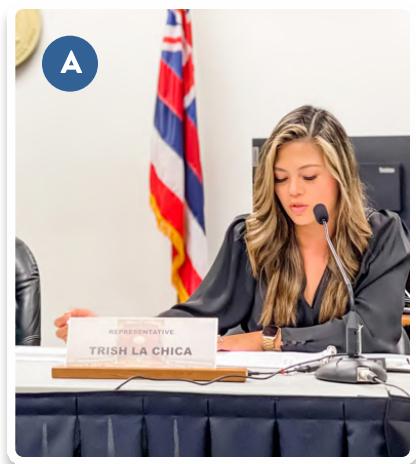


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## Updates from the State Capitol

**A** Rep. La Chica takes the vote during the joint hearing for the committees on Economic Development and Higher Education. Rep. La Chica is also a member of the Education and Tourism committees.

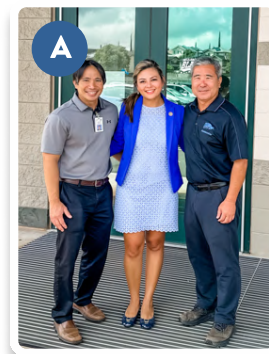


**B** Congratulations to **Principal Stacy Kawamura** for winning the 2022 National Outstanding Assistant Principal award for her work in developing Waikele Elementary School's nationally distinguished Academy Pathway Program! She is joined by her husband, Dr. Keith Kawamura. They are both residents of Waipio Gentry.

**C** Happy Easter from Rep. La Chica and Rep. Matsumoto! Members donated over 150+ baskets filled with essential household items to benefit women, families, and children in need.



## TLC in the Community



**A** Meeting with Mililani Middle School **Principal Shannon Tamashiro** and **Assistant Principal Greg Nakasone** to discuss the transition to a single-track schedule and needed school improvements.



**B** Meeting with Mililani Uka Elementary **Principal Jake Kardash** to discuss potential community projects and developing school leadership.

**C** Rep. La Chica and family attend Palm Sunday mass at Resurrection of the Lord Church. In photo: Fr. Peter Miti and Deacon Jose Ancheta.

**D** Rep. La Chica meets with HPD District 3 to discuss current staffing challenges, youth mentorship, and starting a neighborhood watch program (stay tuned!). In photo: Major Jay Trinidad, Captain William Beckley, and Sergeant Kaipo Paiva.



## Taking Action



### CONSTITUENT SERVICES

#### Mililani Outdoor Hockey Rink.

After being contacted by a constituent on March 15th sharing concerns that the rink had been closed for over a year, our office sent a letter to the City's Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) requesting assistance. On April 12, the DPR crew came to clean and repaint the rink. It is now open and hockey season starts April 18! For more info, visit [hihockey808.org](http://hihockey808.org).

#### Kamehameha Highway Potholes.

Several constituents contacted our office to repair potholes along Kam Hwy. After putting in a request, the Department of Transportation's (DOT) Highways Division began repairs on April 14th.

#### Kamehameha Highway Grass.

A member of the Mililani neighborhood board requested on March 22 that the tall grass be cut along Kam Hwy. After putting in a request, DOT crews cut the grass along Kam Hwy through Kipapa Gulch on March 29th.

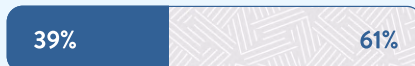
#### General Assistance Benefit.

A constituent requested assistance on April 3, following up on their financial benefit status for General Assistance. After following up with the Department of Human Services' Benefit, Employment and Support Services Division, the constituent's benefits were approved on April 4th.

## March Legislative Survey Results

1. Allow for law enforcement to give court appearance citations instead of arrests for petty misdemeanors, misdemeanors, and violations, expand pretrial release requirements and allow the court to order substance abuse assessment and treatment prior to trial.
2. Update Hawaii's firearms law to prohibit concealed weapons in sensitive places such as schools, medical facilities, public transit, and government buildings.
3. Uphold reproductive rights in Hawaii to protect an individual's bodily autonomy and their right to choose when to start a family (Roe v. Wade protections).
4. Allow liquor licensees engaged in meal service to sell unopened beer, wine, and prepackaged cocktails with food for pick-up or delivery.
5. Legalize recreational use of cannabis (marijuana) for adults.

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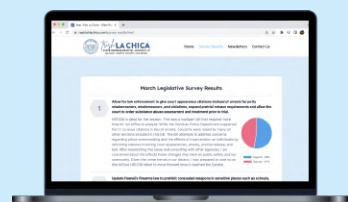


**MAHALO** to everybody who responded to our survey!



To read more about the status of these proposals, please visit our website:

<http://reprishlachica.com>



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## Community Spotlight



CONGRATULATIONS TO **Liam Campbell**

For earning the coveted **Eagle Scout Award** from the Boy Scouts of America! Liam is a 2022 graduate of Mililani High School and was recently sworn in to the Hawaii Air National Guard. He is joined by proud parents, Paul and Roxanne.



**WE ARE HERE TO HELP**

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