



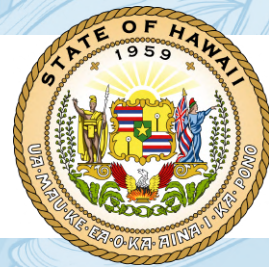
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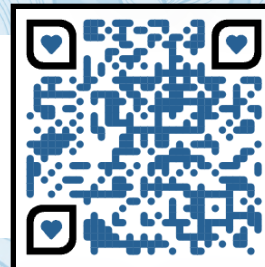


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SCAN ME

DEAR NEIGHBOR,

The 2023 Legislative Session adjourned on May 4 and 274 bills passed on various matters impacting the state.

One bill I would like to highlight is SB975, which would enact comprehensive regulations on e-cigarettes. As many of you know, Hawaii has a serious youth vaping epidemic, so I cried tears of joy when we passed the bill out of conference. It took 9 years for this bill to pass, and on June 6, Governor Green signed SB975, now Act 62, into law.

With session now over, I have been spending more time in the community. It was so rewarding to attend all the graduations and aloha assemblies for our Mililani and Pearl City school complex areas. And it always makes my day when I get to talk story and connect with you, my constituents.

In this newsletter, you'll read about the funding I secured for our district and our upcoming "Reimagining Public Safety" event that is free and open to the community. I hope you can join us.

I feel so grateful for this opportunity to serve as your Representative. I will continue to work hard to make sure that our beautiful Central Oahu community remains the best place to live and raise our families.



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**REIMAGINING
 PUBLIC SAFETY
 COMMUNITY TALK STORY**



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FREE EVENT

Come and understand what contributes to crime in our community and learn how to protect your family, take action, and get involved in crime prevention efforts.

**JULY 25 5:30PM
 TUESDAY REGISTRATION
 MILILANI HIGH SCHOOL
 CAFETERIA**
 (light pupus provided)

On a scale of 1 to 5, how safe do you feel in your neighborhood?
 UNSAFE 1 2 3 4 5 SAFE

What are the top three concerns you have regarding safety and crime in our community?

1
 2
 3

Updates from the State Capitol



COMPREHENSIVE E-CIGARETTE REGULATION IS NOW LAW!

- A** Rep. La Chica stands next to Governor Green and Joshua Ching, youth advocate during the bill signing of SB975.
- B** Rep. La Chica hugs Senator San Buenaventura, after SB975 passes out of conference committee.
- C** Rep. La Chica and staff celebrate sine die, the last day of session (L to R: Erin, Erika, and Shirley).
- D** Rep. La Chica learns about the latest solar farm development in the district, located in Waiawa.



SAVE OUR 'AKIKIKI!

- Rep. La Chica had the opportunity to hike Mohihi trail with the Kauai Forest Bird Recovery Project to learn about the endangered 'akikiki (endemic to Kaua'i, this honeycreeper is sadly down to 6 known birds in the wild).
- Rep. Chun, Rep. Ichiyama, Rep. La Chica and Rep. Evslin smile triumphantly after completing an 8-mi hike.
- An 'anianiau, Hawaii's smallest honeycreeper (shot by Rep. Evslin).



District 37 Funding Highlights

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS for CENTRAL OAHU

- **\$550,000** for Kanoelani Elementary for bathroom facilities for special education students.
- **\$4,000,000** for Pearl City High School Nakasone Performing Arts Center for lighting and electrical improvements.
- **\$6,000,000** for Mililani High School for a multipurpose covered playcourt.

GRANTS-IN-AID for CENTRAL OAHU

- **\$200,000** for Achieve Zero, to continue serving over 600 individuals experiencing homelessness from Central Oahu to the North Shore.
- **\$500,000** for Wahiawa Center for Community Health to address the growing mental health needs of our student population in the Leilehua/Mililani/Waialua School Complex area.
- **\$150,000** for Aloha Harvest to establish a food resiliency and emergency response hub in Central Oahu.
- **\$260,000** for renovation needs at the Hawaii Okinawa Center.

MAHALO

To my fellow Mililani and Pearl City lawmakers –
 Sen. Dela Cruz,
 Sen. Kidani,
 Sen. Aquino,
 Sen. Elefante,
 Rep. Chun and
 Rep. Takayama,
 House leadership, and
 the Ways and Means and
 Finance Chairs and CIP
 leads for giving me the
 opportunity to advocate
 for these important
 projects.

TLC in the Community

- A** Rep. La Chica emceed the Mililani High School Spring Concert. Mahalo for such a marvelous performance! (L to R: Musical Directors - Mr. Bryan Hirata, Mr. Derek Kaapana, Mr. Tori Kawasaki, and Mr. Bryson Terazono)
- B** Congratulations to Travis Osaki for his 2023 Outstanding Leadership award! Travis is a shining star at Highlands Intermediate School.
- C** A hui hou, Principal Corinne Yogi! After 30 years with Kipapa Elementary School, Principal Yogi has retired from her extraordinary career in public service as an exemplary educator, citizen, and pillar of the community. We will miss you!
- D** Happy Feast Day to Resurrection Church! (L to R: Maria, Foggy, Eleanor, Ronald, Manong Dato and Rep. La Chica)
- E** Rep. La Chica and staff volunteered with Achieve Zero to provide outreach to families experiencing homelessness.
- F** Kipapa El's musical production, Moana Jr. was a great hit! Congratulations to Ms. Colleen Fujioka for the impressive production and to Trinity (as Moana) and Jaxen (as Maui) - I am blown away by your talents!
- G** Rep. La Chica with constituent and rising Filipina youth leader, Keziah Mae Tuazon at the Philippine Independence Day Gala, celebrating 125 years of Philippine Independence.



Taking Action



CONSTITUENT SERVICES

- Online Scam.** On April 7, we received a letter from a constituent who had fallen victim to a potential online scam in December 2022. Our office reached out to the Division of Financial Institutions (DFI) within the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs for help. DFI promptly responded on May 31 and will continue to provide assistance moving forward.
- Roof Repairs.** A constituent contacted our office on May 2 after experiencing challenges in obtaining a response from the property manager regarding a leaking roof repair. Our office took action by sending a letter to the property management office on May 3, urgently seeking their assistance. On May 15, the property manager acknowledged the receipt of roofing proposals, and as of June 22, repairs are now in progress.
- Tree Concerns.** We received numerous reports from constituents regarding trees that have caused property damage along Lanikuhana Ave, Meheula Pkwy, Paionia Pl, and Mahapili St. Our office has been communicating with the City since April to address these concerns. On May 23, City Parks staff conducted inspections in collaboration with residents. On June 19, Rep. La Chica met with the newly appointed administrator of the Division of Urban Forestry, who confirmed that plans are in progress to either reduce the height of hazardous trees or to remove and replace them with new trees.



WE ARE HERE TO HELP

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