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TALK STORY
 WITH **REP. LA CHICA**

Community Safety & Transportation Project Updates

Join Rep. Trish La Chica and City and State agencies for an important discussion on community safety and transportation projects impacting Mililani, Waipio & Koa Ridge. Learn about road improvements, pedestrian safety, safe routes to schools, and ongoing initiatives to make our neighborhoods safer for everyone.

MAY 1, THURSDAY
 DOORS OPEN AT 5:30 PM

**Hawai'i Okinawa Center
 Ballroom** (94-587 Uke'e Street)

Come share your thoughts, ask questions, and be part of the conversation! Your voice matters!

REGISTER NOW:

<https://bit.ly/D37communitysafety>



RESOURCE PHONE NUMBERS

- **Abandoned Vehicles** (808) 768-2530
- **Adult Abuse** (808) 832-5115
- **Bulky Item Pick Up** (808) 768-3200
- **Child Abuse** (808) 832-5300
- **City Trees** (808) 971-7151
- **CrimeStoppers** (808) 955-8300
- **Dead Animals** (808) 768-9766
- **Domestic Violence Action Center** (808) 531 - 3771
- **Feral Chickens** (808) 768-4381
- **Homelessness Outreach** (808) 745-7880
- **Landlord-Tenant Hotline** (808) 586-2634
- **Park Maintenance** (808) 768-6940
- **Potholes, City** (808) 786-7777
- **Potholes, State** (808) 536-7852
- **Public Benefits - SNAP, Financial Assistance, Medicaid** (855) 643-1643
- **Sidewalk Concerns** (808) 768-8159
- **State Tax Information** (808) 587-4242



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Aloha Neighbor,

We are now more than halfway through the **2025 Legislative Session**, and I'm working hard to advance key legislation that directly impacts our community. As **Vice Chair of the Committee on Education**, my focus has been on addressing the **school bus crisis**, expanding **access to free school meals**, and **improving roadway safety in school zones** to better protect our keiki.

Beyond education, I also serve on the **Housing, Transportation, and Higher Education Committees**, where we are pushing for policies to make **housing more affordable**, implement **comprehensive e-bike regulations**, and invest in **workforce development programs** to strengthen our local economy.

Between legislative work, I've been visiting schools and sites across our district to better understand our funding needs and advocate for the resources our community deserves.

I'd love to hear from you! **Join me for my upcoming Talk Story on May 1st** to discuss **Community Safety and Transportation Projects**. Please RSVP, and let's continue working together to make our district stronger!

In Service,

Trish
 Rep. Trish La Chica



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Updates from the State Capitol



TLC in the Community



Budget Highlights



Exciting New Facilities for our Schools!

Updates from the State Capitol

Highlights from the State Budget

I'm excited to share that several of my requested capital improvement project requests for District 37 were included in the House Draft of the 2025 budget bill, HB300. The bill passed out of the House and has since crossed over to the Senate for their consideration.

\$1,850,000

For plans, design, and construction for a barrier and signage along **Kamehameha Highway** near the Kipapa Gulch bridge to enhance public safety, **prevent unauthorized encampments**, and ensure unobstructed access to the highway.



\$3,720,000

For plans, design, and construction for **improvements to Kamehameha Highway** between Mililani and Pearl City.

\$4,400,000

For design and construction for improvements to the wastewater system at the **Waiawa Correctional Facility** to enable the facility to operate efficiently and accept more inmates to participate in rehabilitation programs.



We Resolve...

RESOLUTIONS BY REP. LA CHICA



The following Resolutions have been introduced by Rep. La Chica. Please support them through testimony!

- 🏛️ **HR39/HCR46:** Requests the Dept. of Education to allow public access to school recreational facilities during off-peak hours and on days when schools are not in session.
- 💰 **HR106/HCR110:** Requests the auditor to audit the DOE's Capital Improvement Project finances.
- 🍏 **HR107/HCR111:** Urges the DOE to report to the legislature on the true cost of school meal production to ensure transparency and unnecessary meal price increases.
- 🚧 **HR108/HCR112:** Strongly urges the Honolulu City Council to adopt a "Pedestrian First" ordinance to create safe and accessible streets.
- 😊 **HR133/HCR139:** Requests the Office of Wellness and Resilience to address the developmental needs of children born during the COVID-19 pandemic.

TLC in the Community



Behind-The-Counter at Zippy's Production Kitchen

Rep. La Chica hosted the Committee on Education and DOE's School Food Services Branch for a tour of Zippy's centralized kitchen, exploring best practices to advance farm-to-school efforts and improve meals for our keiki!



Reading with TLC

Rep. La Chica had a blast reading *If I Built A School* to Mililani Uka kindergarteners for Read Across America Day! 🇺🇸🌟 The keiki shared fun ideas—like pink walls and a school pool!



I hope you all had a chance to stop by Rep. La Chica's Bucket Toss booth at the **Mililani Character Counts Fair** and contribute a leaf to our Community Pledge Tree! 🌱🍃

Taking Action

EXCITING NEW FACILITIES FOR OUR SCHOOLS!



Thrilled to celebrate two exciting new additions for our keiki—**Kanoelani Elementary's Rainbow Lanai** and **Mililani Mauka Elementary's covered play court!** These much-needed spaces will give students, staff, and families places to learn, gather, and play for years to come. Grateful to everyone who helped make these projects a reality!



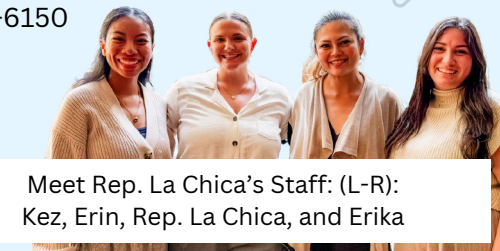
KIPAPA GULCH UPDATE

Rep. La Chica convened key City and State partners including the U.S. Army Garrison Hawaii to address the **homeless encampments at Kipapa Gulch** and behind the Waipio Gentry rock wall on Ka Uka Blvd., providing outreach services. The sites have been vacated, and cleanup efforts are ongoing.

WE ARE HERE TO HELP!

Our office takes great pride in working on various issues important to our community. If you need assistance, please contact our office:

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Meet Rep. La Chica's Staff: (L-R): Kez, Erin, Rep. La Chica, and Erika