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Aloha Neighbor,

There's a lot happening in our district—and I want you to be part of it. I'm inviting you to join me on **Thursday, May 1st** for a *Community Safety & Transportation Project Updates Talk Story Meeting* at the Hawai'i Okinawa Center. We're bringing together top officials from the State and City to discuss pedestrian safety, street improvements, and transportation projects in Mililani, Waipio, and Koa Ridge. You'll also hear updates on vaccine safety and fireworks enforcement, plus connect with resource partners who are here to support you and your family.

In this issue, I'm excited to share some major wins at the Capitol. Three of my bills—**fixing the school bus crisis**, **expanding red light and speed cameras** to protect our keiki, and **expanding early learning access**—have advanced to Conference Committee thanks to your support. You'll also find the latest on the confirmed measles case on O'ahu and additional resources on vaccinations.

As always, I'm proud to represent you and fight for safer streets, stronger schools, and opportunities for all our families to thrive.

In Service,

Trish ❤️

Representative Trish La Chica
Assistant Majority Floor Leader
Vice Chair, Committee on Education

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Talk Story



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Bill Updates 🌟

Three of Rep. La Chica's bills have passed both the House and Senate and are now headed to Conference Committee for final deliberations this week! 🙌

Here's what's moving forward:

- 🚌 **HB862 – Fixing the School Bus Crisis**
 - Expands the types of vehicles that can be used to transport students, helping address the statewide bus driver shortage
- 🚦 **HB1231 – Safer Routes to School**
 - Adds more red light and speed cameras at dangerous intersections and near school zones to protect keiki and families.
- 🧑‍🎓 **HB329 – Expanding Childcare & Preschool Access**
 - Empowers the School Facilities Authority to develop early learning centers more efficiently across the state.



Last Education Hearing of the Session 🗳️

Chair Woodson and Vice Chair La Chica gaveled out for their final House Education Committee hearing for the 2025 legislative session. We were grateful to be part of a dynamic group of leaders who truly prioritized and fought for our keiki's education and future.



Resolution Updates 🗳️

Three of Rep. La Chica's House resolutions have been adopted! Our office's hope is to push for more transparency and promote public safety. 🙌

Here's what's been adopted:

- 🍎 **HR107/SCR134 - True Cost of School Meals**
 - Urges the DOE to provide a detailed report on how much it costs produce school meals to ensure transparency and avoid unnecessary meal price increases
- 🚦 **HR108/HCR112 - Pedestrian First Policy**
 - Urges the City Council to adopt a Pedestrian First policy to prioritize pedestrians when making transportation decisions
- 🧸 **HR133 - Developmental Needs Report**
 - Requests the Office of Wellness and Resilience develop a report studying the developmental needs of children born during the COVID-19 pandemic.



COMMUNITY SAFETY & TRANSPORTATION PROJECT UPDATES

MAY 1, THURSDAY
5:30 - 7:30 PM

Hawai'i Okinawa
Center Ballroom

Hear from the following Speakers:

- 🚦 Hawai'i Department of Transportation
- 🏢 Honolulu Department of Transportation Services
- 👮 Hawai'i Department of Law Enforcement
- 👮 Honolulu Police Department



REGISTER NOW:

<https://bit.ly/D37communitysafety>

You'll also have a chance to connect with resource partners:

The Prosecutor's Office • Attorney General's Office • Senior Medicare Patrol • Transforming Communities with Aloha • Wahiawa Community Health Center • Hawai'i Bicycling League

Community Updates

Happy Birthday Mililani Uka Elementary 🎂

Representative La Chica had a wonderful time celebrating the 50th anniversary of Mililani Uka Elementary! Mahalo to Principal Kardash and the amazing students of Mililani Uka for making the event so enjoyable. Congratulations once again on 50 years of educational success—Here's to the next 50 being even more remarkable. 🎉



Mayor's Town Hall: Mililani, Wahiawa, Waipahu 🏛️

- Date: Thursday, April 24, 2025
- Time: 7 p.m.
- Location: Mililani High School Cafeteria

Come by to learn more about project updates and policies that will impact our community and engage with public officials to voice your concerns.

It's a Palooza! A Charger-Palooza! 💜⚡

Rep. La Chica attended Pearl City High School's annual Charger Palooza, where she and her colleagues had the opportunity to learn more about the career-focused curriculum. She also had the chance to see the students' impressive projects related to the career fields they're passionate about. Go Chargers 🏈!



THE QUEEN'S MEDICAL CENTER

Queen's Medical Center - Wahiawa Updates 🏥

QMC - Wahiawa has been open for almost a year and has been successful to providing emergency services to the Wahiawa and nearby communities. Here's what's been happening:

- 🏗️ Demolition of the long term care building has begun on April 21st and will likely finish by early June to make way for more patient care space and a new on-site CT scanner.
- 🏥 Care has been provided to **18,333 patients** since its opening
- **86% of patients** who receive care were treated and returned home the same day

Measles Update

TWO MEASLES CASES CONFIRMED 🤒

As of April 22, 2025, **Hawaii has confirmed two measles cases**—one in a young child and the other in the child’s adult relative. Both individuals returned from international travel before showing symptoms.

Measles is **HIGHLY** contagious, especially dangerous for keiki and kupuna, potentially causing pneumonia, brain inflammation, or death. If one person is infected, **9 out of 10 unprotected individuals nearby will catch it.**

Get Protected! Get Injected! 💉

The best protection we have is vaccination. To keep our schools and neighborhoods safe, we need at least 95% immunity coverage to prevent outbreaks through herd immunity. But as you’ll see below, some of our schools fall below that threshold — putting everyone at risk.



Symptoms to Look Out For 🤒

- High fever
- Cough
- Runny nose
- Red, watery eyes
- Rash that starts at the hairline, then moves to the face and neck

How to Understand the Columns:

- **RE (%)**: Religious exemptions — students who are not vaccinated due to religious reasons
- **INC (%)**: Incomplete record or students with missing immunization records.

✔ Take Action:

- Check your child’s vaccination status
- Talk to your pediatrician or visit a local clinic
- You can also contact Wahiawā Community Health Center (808) 622-1618 or the Department of Health at (808) 586-8300 to ask about vaccine safety and find out where you get vaccinated.

Let’s work together to keep our keiki, kupuna, and schools safe. ❤️

Herd Immunity Risk Snapshot: Select Schools in Central O’ahu

School Name	School Type	RE%	INC% Total Not Up to Date
HANALANI SCHOOLS	PRIVATE	6.68%	15.48%
MILILANI UKA ELEM SCHOOL	PUBLIC	1.92%	1.92%
PEARL HARBOR CHRISTIAN ACADEMY	PRIVATE	1.12%	3.91%
KANOELANI ELEM SCHOOL	PUBLIC	1.10%	1.52%
KIPAPA ELEM SCHOOL	PUBLIC	4.76%	6.63%
MILILANI IKE ELEM SCHOOL	PUBLIC	2.02%	2.02%
MILILANI MIDDLE SCHOOL	PUBLIC	1.92%	38.68%
MILILANI MAUKA ELEM SCHOOL	PUBLIC	1.87%	4.06%
MILILANI HIGH SCHOOL	PUBLIC	1.54%	23.61%

Wahiawa Health Center is Offering Measles Vaccines!

To schedule an appointment for the MMR vaccine, or to answer questions, please call **808-622-1618**, press #1 for pediatrics, select #2 for family medicine for adults.

Wahiawā Medical Building, 302 California Avenue



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