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Aloha Neighbor,

It's been a little over a month since the end of the 2025 legislative session and I'm proud to share what we've achieved together. Several of my priority bills - shaped by your input - are now signed into law. These include making school meals free for more families (**now Act 139**) and expanding student transportation options statewide (**now Act 140**).

During this interim period, we will be reviewing Governor's intent to veto list and impacts to the budget. We will also be preparing for a special session to take action to protect essential services against any federal cuts. In the meantime, I've been enjoying **spending more time back in the district**, attending all the end-of-year graduations and school assemblies.

Also in this newsletter: a snapshot of Governor's Intent to Veto list and end of year celebrations with our Central O'ahu students and families - congratulations on your achievements, I'm so proud of you all!

Mahalo for being part of this work. It's an honor to serve you.

In Service,

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Representative Trish La Chica

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Governor's Intent to Veto List

19 out of the 320 bills on Governor's desk are on his Intent to Veto List. Governor Green has until July 9 to issue final vetoes. Here's are a few being considered:

• HB126 Property Forfeiture

- Adds transparency and a one-year deadline for charging before returning seized property, potentially hindering complex investigations.

• HB300 - State Budget

- Operating and capital improvement funding for the Executive Branch for the 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 fiscal years.

• HB302 - Cannabis Regulation

- Would crack down on illegal hemp sales and unlicensed cultivation and distribution of medical cannabis.

• HB796 - Tax Credits

- Would require a 5-year sunset on certain tax credits or one-third reduction affecting certain industries such as film and television, research, and renewable energy.

• HB958 - E-Bike Regulation

- Creates new rules for electric bicycles and micro-mobility devices, but risks conflicting with federal laws and EV goals.

• SB38 - Affordable Housing Approvals

- Prevents counties from setting stricter income or affordability conditions than HHFDC on certain housing developments, limiting local input.

• SB66 - Expedited Housing Permits

- Creates an expedited permitting process for housing projects, allowing self-certification of compliance - including impacts to historic resources - by licensed professionals.

• SB447 DOH Hiring Pilot

- Launches a pilot program to streamline hiring in the Department of Health by easing qualification standards, direct hiring rules, and pay restrictions for certain positions.

For the full list: governor.hawaii.gov



New Laws for Our Keiki!

Governor Josh Green, joined by First Lady Jamie Green, signed SB1300 and HB862 into law on May 30.

SB1300 (Act 139) expands free school meals to more families, while HB862 (Act 140) tackles the school bus crisis with safer, flexible transportation options. Mahalo to the students and advocates who made this possible—no child should be hungry or unable to get to school safely and on time.



Welcome, Tosa!



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Community Updates



🎓 Graduation Time—Go Trojans! ❤️

Rep. La Chica had a blast celebrating with the Mililani High School Class of 2025! She joined fellow leaders to cheer on the graduates as they stepped onstage to receive their diplomas. Our future is bright with these amazing future leaders! I am so proud of you! Congratulations, Trojans!

Positive Role Models at Mililani Uka Elementary

Rep. La Chica presented two special certificates congratulating two selected students who exemplify what a good role model looks like in the community.

Pictured below from L-R: Mililani Uka students Luca Perez and Sophia Camp with Rep. TLC



Outstanding Students of the year at Mililani Waena Elementary 🌸

Rep. La Chica helped to present the Outstanding Students of the Year awards to exemplary students selected by their teachers and peers. *Pictured above from L-R: Mililani Waena students Joe Koga and Kolton Hirayama with Rep. TLC .*



Highest Achievers at Kipapa Elementary 🌟

Rep. La Chica presented a certificate celebrating Kipapa Elementary's achievement for being the top school to receive the highest statewide scores for language arts and math. *Pictured above from L-R: Kipapa students Summer, Samantha, Rep. TLC, Lily, and Teiva .*

SUPPORTING HAWAI’I’S ENERGY FUTURE



Clean Energy Meets Local Farming

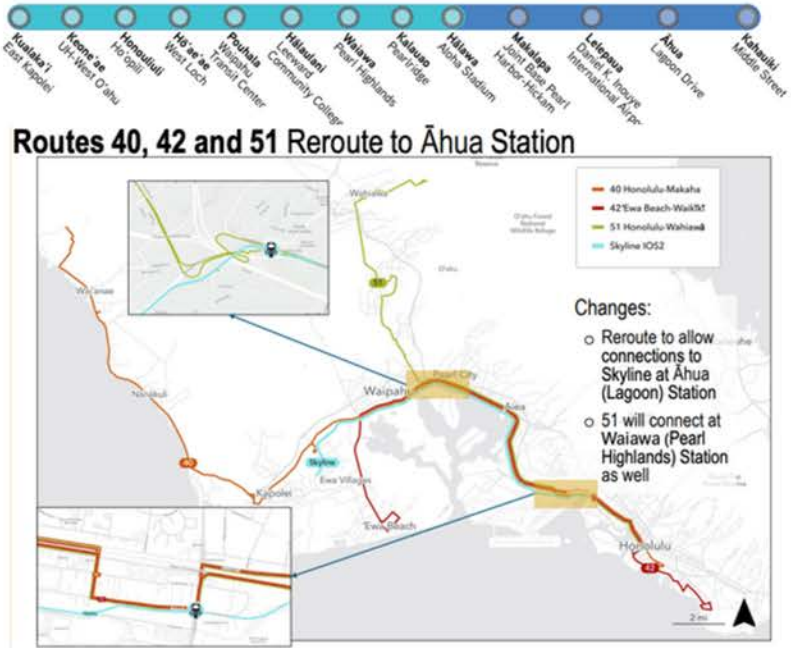
Rep. La Chica joined Agriculture Chair Sharon Hurd at the Hawai’i Agrivoltaic Research Site at Clearway’s Mililani Solar Farm - where crops and solar panels grow side by side. This innovative project is helping Hawai’i lead the way in combining clean energy and sustainable agriculture on shared land.



Hawai’i Energy Conference

Rep. La Chica and Senator Troy Hashimoto attended the 2025 Hawaii Energy Conference on Maui in May, joining energy leaders to explore bold, community-driven solutions for grid resilience and clean energy equity.

BUS SERVICE CHANGES FOR SKYLINE PHASE 2, OPENING OCT. 1



The next phase of Skyline is opening on October 1st and the City and County of Honolulu is considering changes to its bus routes. Please send comments/questions no later than July 15, 2025 to: thebusstop@honolulu.gov For the full list of changes visit: bit.ly/D37-skyline

Taking Action

- We continue to assist with constituent requests. Here are a few highlights from the past month:
- Requested for targeted speeding enforcement on Waipio Uka St.
 - Addressed grass overgrowth along Meheula Parkway gutters
 - Requesting assistance with getting a guardrail and ramp installed at a townhome
 - Addressed illegal dumping at Nakamura Park, fixed the water fountain and repainted bathrooms at Hōlanialī Park



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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