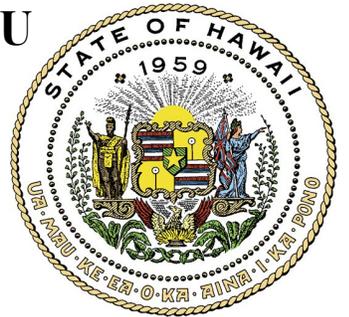


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COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

REPRESENTATIVE MICAH P.K. AIU
END OF 2023 SESSION UPDATE



HONORING OUR STATE WATER ADVOCATES

On March 23, 2023, the House of Representatives honored our State's Water Advocates.

Representative Aiu recognized Healani Sonoda-Pale (right), the Lead Organizer of the O'ahu Water Protectors. The O'ahu Water Protectors is a community organization comprised of individuals working together to ensure the water security of O'ahu. Find out more on their website oahuwaterprotectors.org. Ernest Lau, (middle) the manager and chief engineer of the Board of Water Supply, and Wayne Tanaka (left) the Hawai'i chapter director of the Sierra Club, were also recognized for their advocacy in the State.

RED HILL TAX RELIEF

The IRS and Governor Green have announced that the Federal government and the State will not require those families and individuals adversely impacted by the Red Hill fuel crisis to pay state taxes on relief provided by the federal government to cover expenses.

RED HILL TO BE DECOMISSIONED

The Navy has committed to never store fuel in the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility. Visit www.redhillrepurposing.com to give your input for future sue.

Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility defueling is currently in progress. 56 out of 253 repairs submitted to DOH for review approval.

STATE AND CITY LEADERS SIGN UNIFIED STATEMENT ON RED HILL



On May 9, 2023, in a historic show of solidarity, state and city leaders gathered at the Hawai'i State Capitol to sign a unified statement on Red Hill, calling for aquifer remediation and an integrated approach to resolving the water crisis. The signed statement represents the shared kuleana in Hawai'i's leadership to preserve access to safe, pure water and signifies the commitment to cooperating across all governmental levels and agencies.

HOUSE SPECIAL COMMITTEE VISITS RED HILL BULK STORAGE FACILITY



Pictured (left to Right):
Rear Admiral Stephen Barnett
Vice Admiral John Wade
Rep. Mark Hashem
Rep. Kanani Souza
Rep. Linda Ichiyama
Rep. Micah Aiu
Rep. Sonny Ganaden
Rep. Nicole Lowen
(unknown)
Rear Admiral Jeffrey Kilian

CLASS OF 2023 SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

Jazelle Guerrero is a senior at Radford High School. She was born and raised in Aliamanu. Her parents are both local, and her father is a Radford Alumni. She will be graduating as a Valedictorian with STEM honors, CTE honors, and academic honors. After graduating, she will be attending UH Manoa in the fall.

Jazelle challenges herself academically with honor and AP classes. She has been a member of the National Honor Society for two years. In her junior year, she received 14 college credits from Kapiolani Community College while balancing her customer service work at the Navy Exchange. She currently has an internship with Senator Wakai at the State Capitol and runs a business selling desserts.

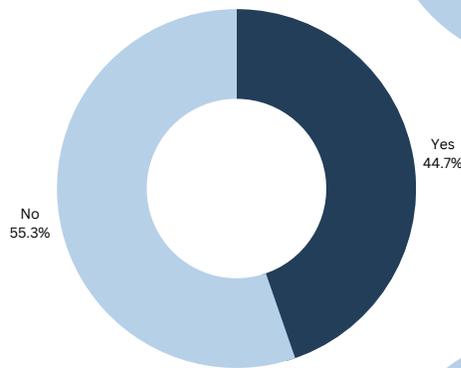
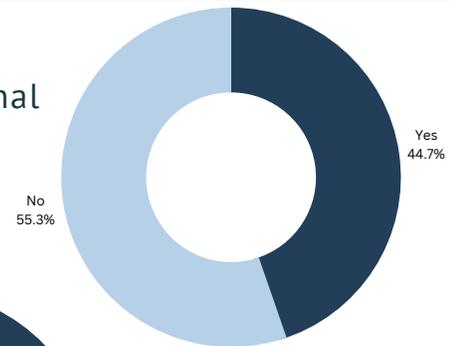


Congratulations to the class of 2023!

COMMUNITY SURVEY RESULTS

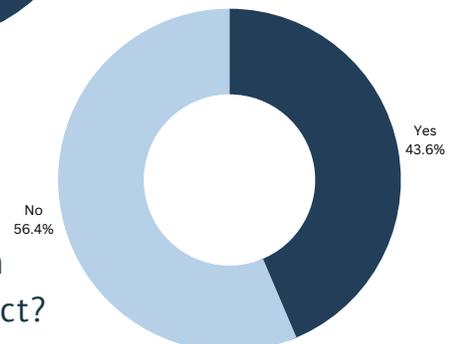
Survey results from our previous mailer showed that opinions are quite divided in district 32 regarding the following controversial topics. 55.3% of responses did not support legalizing recreational use of marijuana. 55.3% do not support legalizing gambling in Hawai'i. 56.4% of respondents did not support the redevelopment of the Aloha Stadium as an entertainment district.

Do you support legalizing recreational use of marijuana?



Do you support legalizing gambling in Hawai'i?

Do you support the redevelopment of the stadium as an entertainment district?



FIRE SAFETY TIP

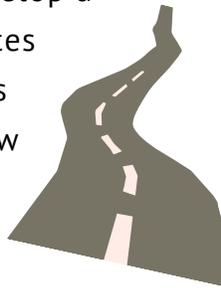
Think about evacuation planning for emergencies!



THE 32ND LEGISLATIVE SESSION

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL

HB600 establishes the Safe Routes to School Advisory Committee to, in part, develop a comprehensive statewide Safe Routes to School Plan. It also appropriates \$10,000,000 to be placed into a new special fund to implement the Safe Routes to School Plan.



PRE-KINDERGARTEN

HB960 appropriates \$200,000,000 out of special funds for the School Facilities Authority to expand access to eligible children for pre-kindergarten.



ILLEGAL FIREWORKS

SB821 establishes the Illegal Fireworks Task Force within the Department of Law Enforcement to stop the importation of illegal fireworks into the State. Appropriates \$1,250,000 in general revenues to the Department of Law Enforcement for the Illegal Fireworks Task Force.

MOANALUA VALLEY SPEED HUMPS

HCR90/HR97 requests the Department of Transportation, in coordination with the Department of Transportation Services of the City and County of Honolulu, to install speed bumps and other traffic calming structures on Ala Aolani Street in Moanalua Valley and other surrounding streets deemed appropriate to deter speeding



FERAL ANIMALS

The State appropriates \$5 million to the Department of Agriculture for mitigation and population control of feral animals.

HOUSING INITIATIVES

TEACHER HOUSING

SB941 authorizes the School Facilities Authority to partner with public and private agencies to develop housing on or off campus for teachers, educators, and staff. Appropriates \$170,000,000 for the construction of housing prioritized for teachers, educators, and staff.



KUPUNA HOUSING

SB898 temporarily expands the State Rent Supplement Program by appropriating \$1,000,000 specifically for qualified kupuna who are 62 years of age or older and are homeless or at imminent risk of becoming homeless.

DWELLING UNIT REVOLVING FUND ("DURF")

The Legislature appropriated \$10,000,000 into the Dwelling Unit Revolving Fund to support affordable housing infrastructure. HB677 appropriated funds to HHFDC to purchase equity in for-sale developments in order to lower the amount paid by eligible buyers.

SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

HB1397 Establishes the Supportive Housing Pilot Program within the Statewide Office on Homelessness and Housing Solutions (Office) to provide and maintain affordable, permanent housing and services for individuals and families with special needs.

RENTAL HOUSING REVOLVING FUND ("RHRF")

The Legislature appropriated \$280,000,000 into the Rental Housing Revolving Fund to support affordable housing infrastructure

BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS

- \$703,000,000 in targeted tax relief for the next five years for working families
- \$100,000,000 for the Hawaii Green Infrastructure Authority to provide solar loans to low-income families
- \$3,500,000 per fiscal year for the Child and Adolescent Crisis Mobile Outreach Team Pilot Program
- \$194,200,000 to protect, manage, and restore the State's natural resources
- Increasing the Medicaid reimbursement rates to 100% of Medicare rates
- \$10,800,000 each year for homelessness programs
- \$38,800,000 for the Preschool Open Doors program
- Securing over \$93,000,000 in federal funds to expand broadband infrastructure;
- Taxing vaping products similar to other tobacco products, which is projected to generate \$15,000,000 per year in revenue and disincentive use among youth and young adults;

FETAL ALCOHOL SPECTRUM DISORDER

SB318 requires the Department of Health to conduct a 3-year pilot program to implement a co-management system of care for the diagnosis and treatment of persons with fetal alcohol spectrum disorders. Appropriates \$485,000.

PAMANTASAN COUNCIL

HB968 appropriates \$310,000 to expand the University of Hawaii Pamantasan Council. The University of Hawai'i Pamantasan Council is a systemwide organization that seeks to enhance the representation and status of Filipino American students, staff and faculty throughout the UH system.





CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUNDING

AIEA INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

\$500,000 was allocated for the design of an outdoor gathering area.



AIEA HIGH SCHOOL

\$7,000,000 was allocated for the design and construction a new synthetic football field and track.

MOANALUA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

\$1,250,000 was allocated for the expansion of the health room.

MOANALUA MIDDLE SCHOOL

\$4,000,000 was allocated for the construction of an outdoor play court.

RED HILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

\$2,500,000 design and construction for a play court.

MAKALAPA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

\$1,900,000 was allocated for the design and construction for campus-wide electrical upgrades.

MOANALUA HIGH SCHOOL

\$1,600,000 was allocated for the reroofing of the gymnasium and resurfacing of the basketball court and \$500,000 for improvements to athletic facilities.

DISTRICT 32 GRANTS-IN-AID



\$50,000 was allocated for Feeding Hawaii Together



\$50,000 was allocated for the organization.



\$200,000 was allocated for the organization.



CELEBRATE KIMCHEE DAY ON NOVEMBER 22, 2023



The Legislature passed HCR33 which designates November 22, 2023 as Kimchi Day in Hawaii.

2023 is the 120th anniversary of the arrival of the first Korean immigrant workers in Hawaii.



CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE CUB SCOUTS

On April 14, 2023, the following Pack 9 Cub Scouts earned the prestigious Arrow of Light Award, the highest distinction that a Cub Scout can earn, which signifies outdoor skills, physical fitness, and excellent citizenship:

Austin Devine, Benjamin Allen Stroncsek, Biana Nishibata, Sophie Nishibata, Dylan Yoshizumi, Evie Sloman, Kara Tamamoto, Evan Taketa, Benjamin Haitzuka, Micah Matsukawa, Nathan Takahashi, Phillip Lokan, and Timothy Pacada.



HOUSE FINANCE AND SENATE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEES PASS THE BUDGET





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Micah P.K. Aiu

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*Survey results
inside!*

Hello Neighbors,

The 32nd Legislature came to a close on May 4, 2023. It is an honor to serve our district in the House of Representatives.

This session, the Legislature tirelessly worked to introduce, hear, and pass measures to address the many pressing issues and needs of the State, such as providing targeted tax relief to working families, increasing the supply of quality, affordable housing, expanding preschool, tackling homelessness, and balancing individual rights with public safety. We were very successful.

My work does not end with the adjournment of the 2023 Regular Session. Over the next several months, I will continue working to improve Hawaii by empowering all people to have the opportunity for a better future. As Vice Chair of Housing, I will continue exploring for new and creative ways to increase housing availability as well as ensuring its affordability. The House Special Committee to Red Hill will continue to oversee the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility.

During the interim, my office is open and we will be working for you. If you have any concerns or issues, you can also reach me at (808) 586-9470 or at repaui@capitol.hawaii.gov.

Aloha,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Micah Aiu". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Representative Micah P. K. Aiu
District 32