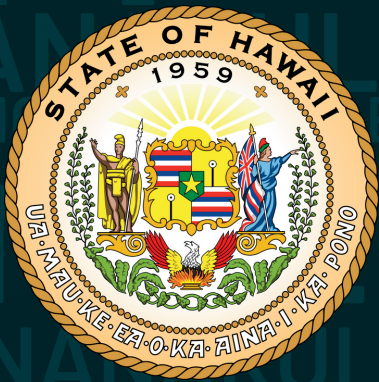


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SUMMER 2023 NEWSLETTER

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Aloha District 44!

As the summer concludes, school will be back in session, this August! With that said, As we bask in the warmth of July's radiant sun, it is with great pleasure that I welcome you to our latest newsletter. With summer in full swing, this month's edition is brimming with exciting updates, inspiring stories, and valuable insights that will enrich your days and illuminate your path.

In these unprecedented times, we find solace in unity and connection. Our newsletter serves as a bridge, bringing our community together, fostering a sense of belonging, and empowering us to thrive collectively. It is here, within these pages, that we celebrate the spirit of resilience, innovation, and compassion that define who we are.

Throughout this edition, you will discover captivating articles that span a myriad of topics. From wellness and personal growth to the latest trends and discoveries, we strive to nourish your mind, body, and soul. Prepare to be inspired as we delve into fascinating stories of triumph, explore thought-provoking ideas, and uncover hidden gems that add a sprinkle of magic to our everyday lives.

As we embrace the joys of summertime, we encourage you to make the most of this season of renewal. Whether it's embarking on thrilling adventures, savoring moments of serenity, or immersing yourself in the pages of a captivating book, let July be a tapestry of unforgettable memories.

Remember, our newsletter is a testament to the strength and beauty that lies within our community. It is your stories, your accomplishments, and your dreams that weave the fabric of this vibrant tapestry. We invite you to share your experiences, insights, and aspirations, as together we create a future brimming with possibilities.

Thank you for being a cherished member of our community, and for joining us on this captivating journey. May this newsletter inspire you, uplift your spirits, and kindle the flames of possibility within your heart.

Wishing you a magnificent July filled with sunshine, laughter, and boundless joy!

*Mahalo nui loa,
Representative Darius K. Kila*



July 2023

Aloha District 44!

Aloha,

As the warm embrace of July envelops us, we find ourselves immersed in the blissful beauty of summertime. It's a season that invites us to slow down, bask in the sun's golden rays, and savor the simple joys that surround us. In this month's newsletter, we are thrilled to share a delightful assortment of news, updates, and inspiration that will spark your imagination and brighten your days. From captivating stories to helpful tips, and from exciting events to soothing suggestions, our July edition is designed to be your trusted companion, guiding you through this enchanting chapter of the year. So sit back, relax, and let us transport you to a world of summery wonders as we embark on this unforgettable journey together.

State Representative Darius K. Kila



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nele i ka pāna'i.*

*No kind deed has ever lacked
its reward.*

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**Mahalo nui loa,
Representative Darius K. Kila**

COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHT



Deb Haaland, the first indigenous Secretary of the Interior for the United States. Some of Secretary Haaland's kuleana includes the Federal Office of Native Hawaiian Relations and Federal Engagement on Hawaiian Homelands.

She's here visiting many different community groups to hear firsthand their lived experiences, and I had a chance to engage Secretary Haaland one-on-one and share the stories and needs of our community, specifically District 44. In collaboration with her office and Chairman Senator Brian Schatz, I'm excited to see the great work to come to Hawai'i!

HAWKS BEBEH!

CONGRATULATIONS
GRADUATES!



CLASS OF 2023
NĀNĀKULI HIGH SCHOOL

WISHING YOU ALL PROSPERITY IN YOUR FUTURE ENDEAVORS!
HAWAI'I STATE REPRESENTATIVE DARIUS K. KILA

IN THE COMMUNITY



Representative Kila with fellow freshman legislators on sine die



Your Westside Legislative Delegation, Senator Shimabukuro and Representative Cedric Gates!



Rep. Kila with Nānākuli High & Intermediate Schools, Shandette Namulauti, first ever NHIS dual enrollment graduate, who received an AA alongside her diploma.



Congresswoman Tokuda's Federal Farm Bill Listening Session at Nānākuli library.



Nānākuli High & Intermediates 2023 Ho'olaulea! Amazing time to recognize and support our students, our local businesses and community members.



Ho'omaika'i to Wai'anae Intermediate School for putting on an amazing, May Day program. Alongside your westside delegation, LT. Governor Luke and many house members were in attendance.



Nānākuli 'Ōlelo media students celebrated the completion of their spring courses

IN THE COMMUNITY



Representative Kila attending the Nānākuli High & Intermediate Schools athletic banquet.



Ho'omaika'i lam Tongi, we couldn't be prouder! Mahalo Governor Green & Mayor Hanneman for rallying our communities together!



NHIS Political Advocacy Class held a town hall meeting, engaging with me, one on one, about many issues facing the state and District 44.



Auntie Lillie Tongi, lams phenomenal mother; a true gem of aloha!



Representative Kila attended the NHIS Academic Scholarship award night, where I had the chance to formally honor and recognize the valedictorians, and our very first dual enrollment graduate!



The HONU has been extended to the end of July!

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IN THE COMMUNITY



Delineators installed on Farrington Hwy. to stop illegal left turns into Sack N Save & Hele gas Station in Nānākuli! In February, my office made the formal request for traffic mitigation in this area to curb the illegal turns and reoccurring accidents in this area. Huge shoutout to the leadership at the Department of Transportation under Director Ed Sniffen and Highways Deputy Director Robin Shishido for being great partners to help protect our community's wellbeing!

Fighting always to make our roads safer and our community a better place!

@maimovementhawaii mission is to provide and distribute free menstrual products to menstruators in need and advocate for systemic change in the government, schools, and community to end period poverty in Hawai'i!



We are grateful to Rep. Lamosao who has rallied support for this cause at the legislature. Pictured: House Speaker Scott Saiki, Representatives Lamosao, Chun and Garrett.

Congratulations are in order to our new sheriffs! They competed months of intense training and are now patrolling the streets. These new sheriffs will work under the state's new division of law enforcement! God bless them and let's keep them in our prayers for protection.



In May, I was invited to speak at the Oregon Institute of Technology as a part of Native American Native Hawaiian Asian American Heritage month. As a Native Hawaiian Lawmaker, it's an honor to share with many folks across our state and country the privilege and kuleana to serve a community like ours. I hope one day soon, these Hawai'i kids at OIT will make their way home to share and spread all their lke they've amassed, while being away. Mahalo OIT for having me!

IN THE COMMUNITY



In May, I was invited to participate in my first ever panel, as a state legislator. Over a thousand kānaka from across the country came together at the first ever Western Regional Native Hawaiian Convention, hosted by the Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement.

This conference highlighted and showcased the best of Hawai'i, but also amplified the work that needs to be done for lāhui in and outside of Hawai'i! It brings me joy and honor to share about what is happening in our community and what we're doing to make Hawaii a better place, for us all.



Last month, I met with Mayor Blangiardi to discuss relevant issues we're experiencing in District 44. I've requested Mayor's administration to work closely with the departments under their jurisdiction to help improve our everyday lives. Partnership and collaboration from State and Counties are critical to a successful and thriving community.



Rep. Kila & Rep. Kahaloa presenting lei Maile on behalf of Nānākuli, Kona and all of Hawai'i at the Congressional Kamehameha Day Lei Draping.



Last month, for the first time in four years, Hawai'i on the Hill has returned!

This was my first time ever in DC and I'm just so blessed to have represented our community on the National stage!

Mahalo Chamber of Commerce of Hawai'i for organizing a wonderful event to advocate and support our Hawai'i businesses, and mahalo to our congressional delegation for facilitating amazing opportunities for us to engage with Federal partners!

Hawai'i is setting the tone for the country!

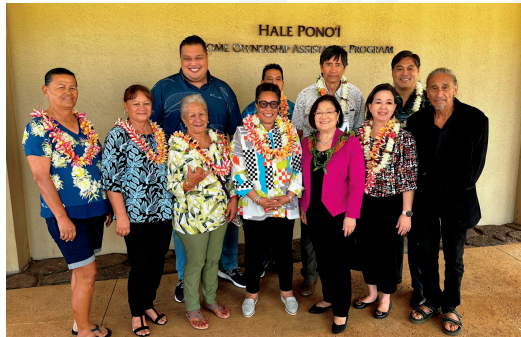
IN THE COMMUNITY



Skyline Honolulu is now operational and open! As the Vice Chair of Transportation, I was invited to attend the groundbreaking ceremony. Skyline is in its early stages, but as more stations come online, I see this as a viable mode of Transportation to assist with moving our residents throughout the island more quickly and more efficiently. Please visit them online to learn more about time, stops and relevant information to utilize, Skyline!

Rep. Kila alongside Senator Chris Lee and Brandon Elefante

C&C Department of Transportation Services Deputy Director, Jon Nouchi who helped develop the 'Ōlelo Hawai'i used throughout Skyline



I had the chance to attend a Department of Hawaiian Homelands round-table discussion with the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, Secretary Marcia Fudge. I was pleased to hear DHHHL beneficiaries advocate that we need more funding to house our beneficiaries and wait listers.

Mahalo CNHA for coordinating this important meeting, and I look forward to the further advocacy I can do to help push these important issues!



Mahalo to Queens Health Systems of Hawai'i, West O'ahu campus for allowing us to tour your facilities! The West O'ahu campus services a lot of our neighbors and community members, so I am pleased to hear they're listening to our request to expand and provide more services.

Representative Lamosao and Martinez alongside Queens West Campus executive leadership

HB300, our states executive budget, has now been signed into law!


HB300 was the culmination of a sessions hard work by state departments, the administration, and my colleagues in the Legislature.


As a freshman on the Finance committee, there was so much to learn and we spent many hours of brain equity to balance the many needs of Hawaii's people.


This budget invests in affordable housing, education, access to health care, and preserving our environment while also providing tax relief to families who need it most, and most importantly, this budget will work to serve our community of District 44!

LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT FUNDS ALLOCATED IN THE FY24 BUDGET

 **\$85,000** NĀNĀIKAPONO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Plans and construction for a new sprinkler system, landscaping, and maintenance; equipment and appurtenances

 **\$1,000,000** NĀNĀKULI ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Construction for major repairs and general maintenance; equipment and appurtenances

 **\$6,000,000** NĀNĀKULI HIGH & INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL
Plans, design, and construction for a performing arts center; equipment and appurtenances



Rep. Kila at Nānāikapono Elem. School's Career Day with Kumu Healani Paogofe.

DISTRICT 44 GRANT-IN-AID

\$75,000 - Kāhuli Leo Le'a
\$400,000 - 'Elepaio Social Services
\$300,000 - Family Promise of Hawai'i
\$325,000 - Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement
\$100,000 - Wai'anae District Comprehensive Health and Hospital Board
\$1,000,000 - Wai'anae District Comprehensive Health and Hospital Board



Rep. Kila on Opening Day with Nānākuli 'Ōlelo students

MAHALO HAWAII TOURISM

AUTHORITY
FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE

WAI'ANA'E ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL
A 2023-2024 Kūkulu Ola Program Awardee

E Mau Ke A'o Program
For Indigenous Cultural Practitioners

\$50,000

THE HAWAII TOURISM AUTHORITY'S ALOHA 'ĀINA AND KŪKULU OLA PROGRAMS FURTHER ITS LONGSTANDING COMMITMENT TO PROTECTING HAWAII'S NATURAL RESOURCES AND PERPETUATING THE HAWAIIAN CULTURE.

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2023 LEGISLATIVE SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

HB278 CD1 - RELATING TO HEALTH

Appropriates funds for the Executive Office on Aging to create and implement an Alzheimer's disease and related dementias public health campaign.



Rep. Rachele Lamosao, Rep. Cory Chun, Rep. Kirstin Kahaloa, and Rep. Darius Kila on Opening Day.

HB1294 CD1 - RELATING TO ELECTIONS

Requires the Office of Elections and Campaign Spending Commission to include a candidate's legal name wherever the name requested to be printed on the ballot is used, except on the ballot.



Freshmen class on sine die, May 4, 2023. Celebrating the completion of their first Legislative Session.

HCR107 HD1

Urges the City and County of Honolulu to exempt from real property tax those property owners of residential units within one-half mile of an active municipal solid waste landfill or construction and demolition landfill or deemed to have been impacted by an active landfill to a degree that warrants such an exemption.



Rep. Kila was a co-sponsor of Alzheimer's Day at the Capitol. Congratulating Calvin Hara for 6 years of volunteering with Alzheimer Association Hawai'i Chapter.

HCR108 HD1 SD1

Urges the establishment of a Native Hawaiian Intellectual Property Working Group to discuss policies and legislation with respect to Native Hawaiian intellectual property.



Rep. Kila participated in a rally at the Hawai'i State Capitol calling for safer streets.

COMMUNITY UPDATE



Department of Transportation Freeway Service Patrol (FSP) Program Sponsor: GEICO

"We're committed to doing our part to help keep our roads safe for everyone, locals and visitors alike," said Tim Dayton, manager of GEICO's office in Honolulu. "The Freeway Service Patrol shares our values of helping drivers when they need us most, and we know this partnership will go a long way to provide assistance when something unforeseen happens on the road."

Mahalo GEICO for your commitment to vehicle safety on our roads!

FSP patrols approximately 33 miles of freeways from Kunia Road to Ka Uka Boulevard, all the way to the east end of the H-1 Freeway.

To take advantage of this free service (regardless of a motorist's insurance provider), Monday through Friday from 5:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., except holidays.

Freeway Service Patrol (FSP)
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**AUGUST
19TH**

KALANIHOOKAHA CENTER
Department of Hawaiian Home Lands
Resource Fair

9:00AM - 12:00PM

**SEPT.
5TH**

Nānākuli High and Intermediate School

NHIS Cafeteria:
Department of Transportation

6:00PM - 8:00PM

**OCT.
11TH**

Nānākuli High and Intermediate School

NHIS Cafeteria:
LAWMAKERS LISTENING SESSION

6:00PM - 8:00PM

**NOV.
28TH**

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2024

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