

Neighborhood Board Report

2023 Legislative Highlights

Condo Bills

► **HB1509**

Establishes the Planned Community Association Oversight Task Force and the Condominium Property Regime Task Force.

► **SB729**

Requires the Real Estate Commission to develop a leadership training to be made available to board members of condominium associations.

► **SB855**

Clarifies the reserve requirements for high-rise condominium and co-op buildings.

Tax Relief

► **HB954**

Increases the household and dependent care services tax credit for five years. Increases the refundable earned income tax credit for five years. Increases the income thresholds and credit amounts of the refundable food/excise tax credit for five years.

\$7 Million

for McKinley High School to construct Athletic facilities, including new bleachers and equipment.

\$4.5 Million

for street improvements in Kaka'ako.

\$1 Million

for McKinley High School improvements for Building A.

\$1 Million

for McKinley High School construction of a full campus perimeter fence.

State and City Leaders Create "WAI: Red Hill Water Alliance Initiative"

On May 9, 2023, state and city leaders formed an alliance to defend the public on Red Hill. WAI will develop an action plan to hold the U.S. Navy and federal government accountable for remediation, water quality, and financial costs. This is the first time that all state and city leaders have formed a unified coalition. The members are: Governor Green, Mayor Blangiardi, State Senate, House of Representatives, University of Hawaii, Department of Health, Department of Land and Natural Resources, Honolulu City Council, and Board of Water Supply. WAI will hold meetings throughout the summer and issue an action plan in October.



May 9, 2023

Unified Statement on Red Hill

If we mālama the water, the water will mālama us. This is a relationship that requires active stewardship. The contamination of the land above the aquifer and of the aquifer itself are unprecedented threats. Our unified efforts are required.

Our goal is to have clean and pure water now and for future generations. Closure of the Red Hill tanks and facilities and remediation of the lands upon which they sit must meet this goal. Corrective actions and restoration of the aquifer may be required in addition to remediation in order to meet the goal of clean and pure water now and for future generations.

Aquifer remediation should be undertaken guided by a policy document that describes our goals, the implementation process, roles, guidelines, and regulatory framework as an agreement between the State of Hawai'i and the federal government. Development of the policy and the remediation effort itself will benefit from constructive and timely public engagement.

We seek a proactive approach, plan, and operational integration rather than one that defensively regulates a cleanup to the extent that current laws allow. We understand that this will require new ways of thinking and acting, locally and nationally. This is in the interest of all of the people of Hawai'i and, we believe, in the interest of this country.

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