

# Representative Scott K. Saiki



Dear Neighbor,

We're already a month into our 2024 Legislative Session!

I remain eager to receive your insights and perspectives on the critical issues affecting our community, district, and state. Your feedback plays a crucial role in guiding my efforts to effectively represent and serve our community. Whether it's through town halls, emails, or community meetings, I value the ongoing conversation and collaboration with you.

Take the District 25 legislative survey by scanning the QR code below with your phone or visiting <http://saiki.house/HD25>.

Let's continue working together to address the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to my office at (808) 586-6100 or [repsaiki@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:repsaiki@capitol.hawaii.gov).

Mahalo,

Rep. Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker of the House



## A Safer Drive for All

Following Sara Yara's tragic passing due to an unlicensed speeding driver, the State Department of Transportation stepped in to enhance safety near McKinley High School not only for our students but for our entire community. Over the past year, Rep. Saiki has worked closely with the prosecutor's office to ensure that repeat offender cases, like the one involving Sara, are diligently taken to trial. The accused driver had accumulated over 200 traffic violations, settling cases with mere monetary fines. This is unacceptable.

In our commitment to preventing such accidents from happening again, we've implemented the following crucial safety improvements:

- Installation of a red light camera at Kapiolani Blvd. and Kamakee St.
- HB2071 – Red Light Camera Enforcement
- Raised crosswalks along Pensacola St. between King St. and Kapiolani Blvd. at the intersections of Elm, Rycroft, Hoolai, and Kamaile St.
- Change of Honolulu Prosecutors policy for Driving Without a License (DWOL) offenders
- HB2526 Bill for DWOL – Increases penalties for certain offenses relating to the unauthorized driving or operation of motor vehicles.

## Condo Bills: Shaping a Sustainable Future

- HB2685 – Relating to Energy: Establishes a Solar Hui investment fund for condo owners who will support the installation of solar energy systems statewide.
- HB2686 – Relating to the Stabilization of Property Insurance: Supports the retention of property insurers in the State of Hawaii and allow lenders to meet requirements of the secondary mortgage market.
- HB2801 – Relating to Commercial Property Assessed Financing: Allows condominiums to be eligible for commercial property-assessed financing.



Rep. Saiki, Senator Sharon Moriwaki, Rep. Scott Nishimoto, Rep. Adrian Tam, and special guest, HCDA's Executive Director, Craig Nakamoto, held their first in-person town hall in five years at the McKinley High School Cafeteria.

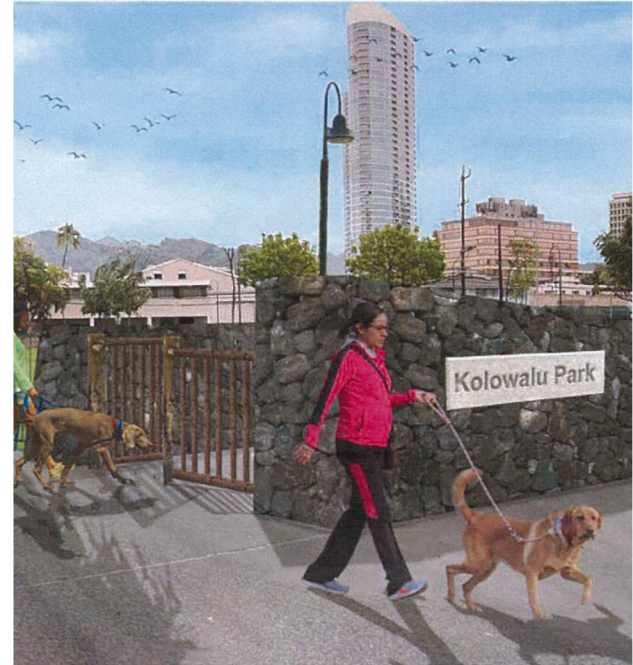
# District 25 Updates

## Kolowalu Dog Park Update

Great news for our furry friends and their owners! The Kolowalu Park is in the final stretch of completion to becoming an off-leash dog park. HCDA plans to complete the dog park within a couple of months. We appreciate your patience as this project required extensive underground work for water, electricity, and other improvements. Divided into two sections, small dogs and large dogs each have their designated section. The plan is to adhere to regular city and state park hours (6 a.m. - 10, p.m.). Keep an eye out for an announcement in the upcoming months once the project is completed.

Craig Nakamoto, HCDA's Executive Director, along with his staff, Senator Sharon Moriwaki, and Rep. Saiki, engaged with residents of 1132 Waimanu St. to get their feedback on the park's plans. Resident suggestions were heard and taken up for follow-up.

For those eager to delve deeper into our community initiatives, visit the HCDA website. Stay in the loop and follow their Instagram @hcda.hawaii. Your engagement is what makes our community vibrant!



## Reclaiming Our Streets: A Triumph Over Unlawful Claims

Around a decade ago, the Chun brothers asserted ownership of about seven roads in Kakaako including Waimanu St., Kawaiahau St., and more. Their takeover involved installing parking stripes, introducing fees, and essentially seizing control of this area.

In collaboration with local businesses, we took a stand, initiating a lawsuit to challenge this unjust claim. When the businesses reached a settlement, Rep. Saiki stepped in, seeking the intervention of the Attorney General five years ago. The Attorney General not only agreed but actively prosecuted the case. The legal battle reached the circuit court, culminating in a landmark ruling, rejecting the Chun brothers' claim.

Fast forward to a couple of months ago, and we celebrated a significant milestone. Collaborating once again with the Attorney General, we successfully facilitated the transfer of these roads to the City. Now, the City assumes responsibility for the repair and maintenance of these roads. This development holds promise for all of us who navigate these roads daily. Your safety and convenience are at the forefront of our efforts.



## Homelessness Update: Mother Waldron Park

Mahalo to the many residents who contacted our office regarding the homeless encampments at Mother Waldron Park. Your efforts were successful in referring people to shelters and other outreach services. Mahalo for your patience during this process. Call the Honolulu C.O.R.E hotline at (808) 768-2673 to learn more about homeless outreach services and if you need guidance regarding homeless-related incidents in our community.

## McKinley High School Perimeter Fence Construction

Governor Green just released funding for a Capitol Improvement Project (CIP) for McKinley High School's Campus. \$1M will be used to design and build a full perimeter fence.

## Kamakee St. Update

New striping and a bike lane on Kamakee St. have stirred discussions regarding adding more congestion to that area. The City Department of Transportation Services is assessing the situation to observe if any incidents are occurring in this area and if improvements need to be made.

## Condo Insurance: Navigating the Storm

Currently, there's a notable surge in premiums, triggering an insurance crisis across our state. Here's the rundown:

Condos involve two layers of insurance—associations covering the building elements and owners protecting their units. In Hawaii, three major companies handle condo building insurance. However, a potential exit by one player adds complexity to the situation.

Climate issues and widespread disasters, both locally and globally, are major contributors to the escalating rates. Wildfires, in particular, have intensified the challenges. Over the past four months, we've been diligently working on legislative measures to bring stability to our insurance market.

Drawing inspiration from a past successful initiative post-Hurricane Iniki, we propose a special fund to aid high-rise buildings. With a staggering \$1 billion needed for full coverage of all buildings, our aim is pragmatic—stabilization until we gain control over the underlying factors pushing up insurance rates. While not a complete solution, it's a step towards steadying the ship. Uninsured buildings could face challenges, potentially ending up on banks' do-not-lend lists.

Stay informed and learn more about the situation by attending our Condo Insurance Town Hall on Tuesday, March 12, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. at the McKinley High School Library.

Join us!



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SCOTT K. SAIKI



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TOWN HALL

# Condo Insurance

Tuesday, March 12, 2024, at 5:30 PM

McKinley High School Library



SCAN ME

We will hear from insurance and financial experts as they discuss updates regarding condo insurance:

- Mike Onofrietti, Vice Chair, Hawaii Insurers Council
- Linda Nakamura, Director and Legislative Co-Chair, Mortgage Bankers Association of Hawaii
- Victor Brock, Secretary and Legislative Co-Chair, Mortgage Bankers Association of Hawaii

Sign up here: <https://saiki.house/031224>

Walk-ins are also welcomed!

