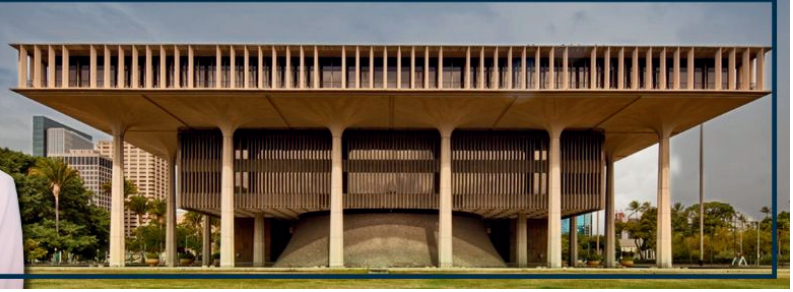


SENATOR

**DONNA
MERCADO
KIM**

PROUDLY SERVING DISTRICT 14



KAPALAMA · 'ĀLEWA · KALIHI · KALIHI VALLEY · FT. SHAFTER · MOANALUA GARDENS & VALLEY · RED HILL

LILIHA-PUUNUI-'ĀLEWA COMMUNITY REPORT

Aloha Neighbors & Friends!

The past month of the legislative session has been filled with bill hearings and informational briefings. Beyond legislative commitments, addressing community concerns remains a top priority. The legislative crossover has occurred on March 8th and 372 bills from the Senate crossed over to the House of Representatives. Additionally, 374 bills from the House have come to the Senate for further discussion. This gives the public another opportunity to testify on bills before final decision making. You can track bills and submit testimony at www.capitol.hawaii.gov. The Legislative session is progressing, and bills are advancing!

Mahalo,

Women's History Month



Bill Crossover

This legislative session, 372 out of the 1,437 bills introduced have crossed over to be considered by the House.

Here are a few that might be of interest:

SB 227

Creates a division within the Department of Law Enforcement to focus on enforcement of illegal fireworks.

SB 1324

Repeals all allowable uses of consumer fireworks by minors and increases penalties for their illegal use and sale.

SB 438

Bans the construction of hazardous waste facilities near or above significant aquifers and on high-quality farmland.

SB 1545

Eliminates the legislative exemption from nepotism restrictions in public employment.

SB 1216

Aims to reduce noise pollution from vehicles by strengthening regulations against noisy mufflers and exhaust systems.



Hawaii State Capitol, Room 218
415 S. Beretania St.
Honolulu, HI 96813

Phone: (808) 587-7200
Email: senkim@capitol.hawaii.gov
Website: www.capitol.hawaii.gov



Instagram: @DonnaMercadoKim14

Facebook: SenatorDonnaMercadoKim



March 10, 2025

Community Events and Updates

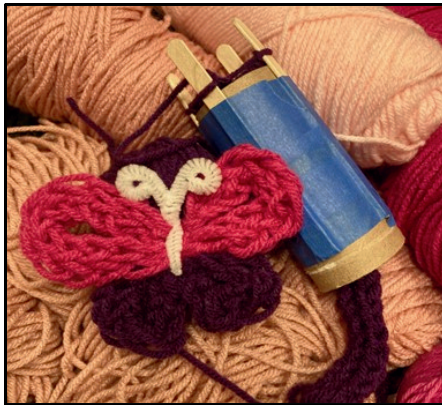
Girls in Cyber: 2025 Series

When: March 29 from 9:00 am to 12:15 pm

Register: Scan the QR code to register, you must register at least 3 days before the event

The 2025 Girls in Cyber Series is an initiative aimed at encouraging young girls to explore careers in cybersecurity by offering workshops, mentorship opportunities, and educational events specifically designed to introduce them to the field and develop their skills in the digital space.

The upcoming March session is the 2nd session in a 5 part series. More information on location and activities will be shared closer to the session.



Arts & Crafts: Spool Knitting Butterfly

When: March 15 from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Where: Liliha Public Library

Contact: 808 587-7577

Discover a new knitting technique known as spool knitting! In this hands-on workshop, participants will learn how to create their own spool knitter, which they can take home to continue their projects. Attendees will craft a yarn butterfly. No prior experience is needed, and all supplies will be provided.

Read to a Therapy Dog!

When: March 22 from 10:00 am to 11:00 am

Where: Liliha Public Library

Contact: 808 587-7577

Join Liliha Public Library for a special reading experience with a therapy dog! This program provides children with a relaxed and supportive environment to practice reading aloud without pressure or judgment. Presented in partnership with K9 TheraPets, this unique opportunity helps build confidence and a love for reading.



Support Your Local Library



Over the past year, I've used my community report to highlight and promote local library events. As a legislator with a strong focus on education, I recognize that libraries provide essential resources for both students and the broader community.

Libraries are much more than just a place for books; they are vibrant hubs for community engagement. From hosting bonsai shows to offering space for meetup groups, libraries foster connections and bring people together in meaningful ways.

March 10, 2025