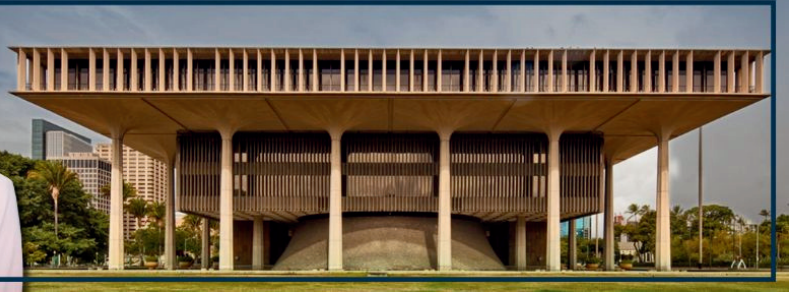


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MOANALUA VALLEY COMMUNITY REPORT

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 is coming up on March 8th, where bills from the Senate crossover to the House of Representatives. This will give the public another opportunity to testify on bills before final decision making. You can submit testimony at www.capitol.hawaii.gov. The Legislative session is progressing, and bills are advancing!

Mahalo,

Women's History Month

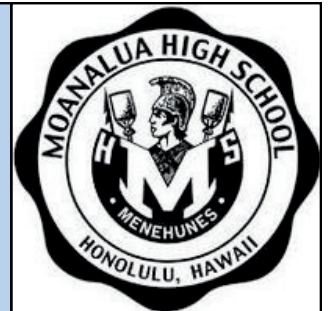


Detonation of Illegal Fireworks at Halawa Quarry

In response to a resident concern about the detonation of illegal fireworks that affects homes in Moanalua Valley, Senator Kim introduced two resolutions to address this issue. SCR 204 and SR 164 requests the Department of Law Enforcement to provide a detailed report on the disposal, detonation, and destruction of explosives, fireworks, and other hazardous materials, particularly when these activities take place near residential areas. Senator Kim will continue to try to get in contact with Honolulu's AFT field office to secure a direct contact for more information on the ATF's current disposal policies in Hawai'i.

CIP Funds Released to Moanalua High School

Over 40,000 people annually utilize Moanalua High School's tennis/pickle ball courts. To support these users, Senator Kim secured \$2,000,00 for the badly needed renovation, design, and reconstruction of the 4 tennis/8 pickle ball courts at Moanalua High School, plus additional storage space and new equipment. This is part of Senator Kim's ongoing commitment to improving educational and recreational resources in the community.



Congratulations to the Moanalua Wahine Wrestling Team

Moanalua's wahine wrestling team has secured their fourth consecutive Texaco/HHSAA Girls Wrestling State Championship title. This incredible four-peat showcases their grit, determination, and heart, reaffirming year after year why they are the best in Hawai'i. A huge thank you to every wrestler, coach, and supporter who made this historic victory possible.



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Community Events and Updates

Moanalua Athletics Booster Club's E-Waste Recycling Event

Where: MoHs Parking Lot (Fire Station)
When: March 15 from 8:00 am – 12:00 pm
Contact: (808) 282-7031

Have household e-waste? Recycle your e-waste responsibly while supporting the community!

In collaboration with E-Opala Electrical Recycling, Battery Bill has organized an e-waste recycling event with proceeds going to support the Moanalua Athletics Booster Club. This is a free event, so come stop by and drop off your old technological devices and batteries.



Preschool Storytime

When: Thursdays from 9:30 am to 10:30 am
Where: Salt Lake-Moanalua Public Library
Contact: 808 831-6831

Stories, songs, and crafts are open to all preschoolers weekly at the Salt Lake-Moanalua public library. The activities are best suited for 2 – 5 year olds.

All children must be accompanied by a parent or adult caregiver.

Mele & Mo'olelo: Hawaiian Lap Steel Guitar with Danny K. Kila

When: Saturdays from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm
Where: Salt Lake-Moanalua Public Library
Contact: 808 831-6831

Enjoy the sounds of old Hawai'i with this hands-on experience. Danny K Kila, Hawaiian Lap Steel Guitar player & teacher, will be in the library's central atrium sharing melodies and stories. Stop by and give it a try. Extra guitar available for patron use, but feel free to bring yours!



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.

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