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KALIHI-PALAMA COMMUNITY REPORT

Aloha Neighbors & Friends!

With a month left before the legislative session ends on May 2, House and Senate bills are moving through key votes as conference committees are hard at work finalizing agreements. The pace is picking up as we head into the final stretch. We also take time to reflect and celebrate this season of hope and renewal. Wishing you and your family a joyful Easter!

Mahalo,



Congratulations to Kamehameha Schools Kapālama Wrestling Team

Congratulations to the Kamehameha Schools Kapālama Wrestling Team on their incredible achievements! The boys' team secured their second consecutive state championship, while the girls' team celebrated three individual champions—seniors Rylie Nishida and Jax Realin, and freshman Auriana Wakinekona.

Congratulations to these champions and their coaches. It was your commitment and effort that has brought great pride to your school.

Bills Still in Play

SB 227

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

SB 438

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

SB 1216

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

Where to Report Tree Trimming and Vegetation Issues

Overgrown trees, especially those leaning on electrical wires, greatly increases the risk of island fires. It is important to be proactive and report any overgrown vegetation to Hawaiian Electric.

HAWAIIAN ELECTRIC WEBSITE

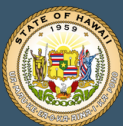
Visit www.hawaiianelectric.com/ ► Safety & Outages ► Tree Trimming Safety ► Request a Trimming Inspection

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Send reports to TrimRequest@hawaiianelectric.com or contact (808) 543-7836

FACEBOOK

You can reach out via Facebook, at Hawaiian Electric, and your inquiries will be routed to the proper area



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Community Events and Updates

Drop-In Tutoring at the Learning Hub

When: Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 2:00 pm to 5:30 pm and Wednesdays from 1:30 pm to 5:30pm

Where: Palama Settlement

Contact: (808) 845-3945

The Learning Hub is an education support program dedicated to empowering K-12 students. Tutors work closely with students to tailor their tutoring sessions to address specific challenges and accelerate their learning. This program offers flexible scheduling to accommodate students' busy lives. Students can come in any time during our hours.



Keiki Storytime



When: April 22 and April 29 from 9:15 am to 10:30 am

Where: Kalihi-Palama Public Library

Contact: 808 832-3466

Join your local library for Keiki Storytime. Keiki will enjoy a few stories, rhymes or songs, and do a craft or creative activity. Materials will be provided. Program is best suited for children ages 3 - 5 years old, but families are welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult caregiver.

Teen Table

When: May 2 from 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm

Where: Kalihi-Palama Public Library

Contact: 808 832-3466

With graduation right around the corner, learn how to make yarn and candy Leis with Kalihi-Palama Public Library's teen table. Participants can make either Lei. All materials will be provided. Program is suitable for those in Gr. 5 - 12. Limit is 10 people. Sign-up is recommended at the library in-person, or by phone



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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