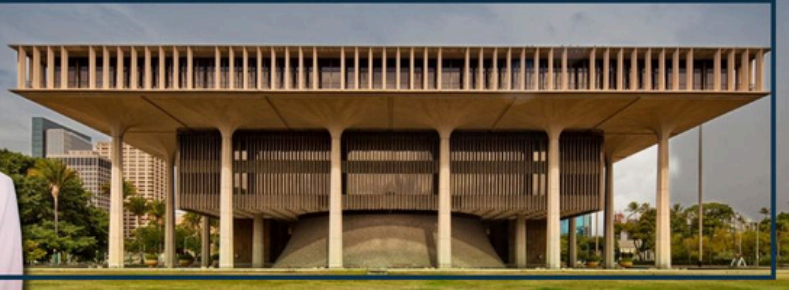


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MOANALUA GARDENS COMMUNITY REPORT

Aloha Neighbors & Friends!

With a month left before this session ends on May 2, the halls of the Capitol are filled with organizations and individuals making last minute appeals and advocating for their bills. Calls, e-mails and letters from the community continue to pour into my office – all signs that the democratic process is alive and well. House and Senate bills will now face votes in the opposite chamber, while conference committees work to reconcile differences. Mahalo to everyone who has participated and made their voices heard. Additionally, I wish you and your family a Happy Easter.

Mahalo,

Missed the Community Town Hall? Watch the Recording on 'Ōlelo 49!

If you couldn't attend the Community Town Hall, you still have the chance to catch up on the important discussions. 'Ōlelo 49 will be airing the full recording on multiple dates and times (HST):



- April 8 at 6:00 PM
- April 10 at 8:00 AM
- April 13 at 12:30 PM
- April 16 at 1:30 PM

Tune in to stay informed about key conversations and community updates. Don't miss this opportunity to stay engaged!



Mahalo to All Who Attended the Moanalua Town Hall!

Senator Kim initiated a Moanalua Town Hall, held March 25th, to respond to Moanalua constituents and ensure they had a platform to voice their concerns and receive direct responses from key government agencies.

This meeting filled the Moanalua Middle School for a night of meaningful discussion and was the first time she and Councilmember Cordero hosted 14+ panelists from various agencies, including the Office of Congressman Ed Case, Hawaii Fest organizers, JP Damon, and more.

Lively conversations regarding the Hawaii Fest concert, the 5G tower, traffic and speeding on residential streets, and many more concerns took place. A big mahalo to all our guest panelists and to Councilmember Cordero for participating with Senator to make this event possible.

Funding Released for Moanalua's Tennis/Pickle Ball Courts

Last legislative session, Senator Kim laid the groundwork to secure funding 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. She is happy to report the recent release of \$2,000,000 towards this cause. Over 40,000 people annually utilize Moanalua High School's tennis/pickle ball courts. Senator Kim will continue to support Moanalua High School's winning tennis program as well as all users of this facility. Hats off to Coach Kyle Kaneshiro for his continued advocacy.



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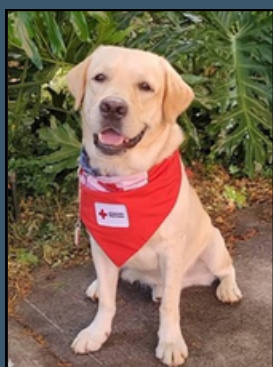
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Community Events and Updates

Moanalua Middle School PTO Rummage Sale

When: April 5 from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm
Where: Moanalua Middle School Cafeteria
Contact: moanaluamiddleschoolPTO@gmail.com

Shop for a variety of secondhand treasures at bargain prices. Moanalua Middle School's PTO is holding a rummage sale to raise funds to support school programs, activities, and resources that benefit students, teachers, and the wider school community.



Read to a Therapy Dog!

When: April 2 from 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm
Where: Salt Lake-Moanalua Public Library
Contact: 808 831-6831

If you want a comfortable setting to practice your reading fluency or reduce stress, this is the event for you. Bring your favorite book or choose from the many available titles on hand and read to a therapy dog. All dogs participating in this program are specially trained and can help patrons practice reading aloud without judgment.

Tech Savvy Teens: Tech Support for Kupuna

When: April 5 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm
Where: Salt Lake-Moanalua Public Library
Contact: 808 831-6831

Are you a kupuna, and would you like a Tech Savvy Teen to help you with email or your laptop, tablet, or smart phone?

Bring your device and questions for on-the-spot troubleshooting and connect with knowledgeable teens ready to share their skills. Registration is required. Call 808-831-6831 to secure your spot.



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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