

# SENATOR DONNA MERCADO KIM

PROUDLY SERVING  
DISTRICT 14



## KALIHI PALAMA NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD COMMUNITY REPORT

### JTF-Red Hill Defueling

Sen. Kim joined members of the Senate Committees on Agriculture and Environmental (AEN) and Health and Human Services (HHS) at a joint legislative info briefing on Nov. 2, 2023.



Navy officials not only updated legislators on the Joint Task Force (JTF) Red Hill Defueling that is currently in progress, but they also emphasized its commitment to rebuilding trust with the community. As of Nov. 6, the Navy reported removing approximately 62,466,890 gallons. The defueling is being conducted Monday through Friday. Visit <https://The meeting will be recorded and broadcast live on Olelo Channel>.

**RED HILL DEFUELING**

The DoD will be regularly releasing information as the timeline progresses via the following:

- Press Releases
- Virtual/Online Updates
- Website Updates
- Neighborhood Boards

**PHASE 1: ASSESSMENT**  
Independent 3rd Party reviewed and provided recommendations for repairs and procedural improvements.

**PHASE 2: PLANNING**  
Develop plan to defuel based on contractor recommendations.  
- Prioritize repairs required and implementation plan.  
- Coordinate with Department of Health (DOH)/Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on planning, repair and execution.

**PHASE 3: INITIAL PREPARATION FOR DEFUELING**  
Continue training for implementation of actions to make facility safe to defuel.  
- Training to ensure safe execution for operators and responders defueling process.  
Complete repairs & upgrades required for safe execution.  
- Independent 3rd party inspection.  
- Ensure repairs conducted correctly.  
- Inspection plan and execution approved by DOH.

**PHASE 4: FINAL PREPARATION FOR DEFUELING**  
DOH/EPA concurrence on repair completion, operational procedures and spill prevention preparedness.  
Final coordination with DOH/DOH/EPA.  
DOH/EPA approval to defuel.

**PHASE 5: DEFUELING THE RED HILL BULK FUEL STORAGE FACILITY**  
Phase 5.A - Gravity based defueling of ~194 million gallons of fuel.  
Phase 5.B - Residual fuel removal of ~60,000 gallons.

SCAN TO DOWNLOAD THE JOINT TASK FORCE-RED HILL APP

APPLE ANDROID

### EXTENSION OF SNAP HOT FOODS BENEFIT THROUGH END OF 2023

The Department of Human Services (DHS) has received approval for another request to extend the SNAP Hot Food Program waiver through December 31, 2023.

This means SNAP participants may purchase hot foods and hot food products prepared for immediate consumption with their benefits at authorized SNAP retailers statewide through the last day of 2023.

**Food. Love. 'Ohana.**

Your SNAP benefits put nutritious food on the table.

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November 2023

## Special Session at the Legislature

The Senate will convene in a special session on Nov. 20 and 21 to take up the Governor's appointments of both Lisa M. Ginoza and Vladimir Devens as justices for the Hawaii State Supreme Court. Ginoza is currently the chief of the Intermediary Court of Appeals, and Devens is a private practice attorney in Honolulu. The appointments are subject to Senate confirmation.

### Red Light Camera Update

#### Red Light Camera Pilot Project

Sen. Kim's office has followed up with the Hawaii State Dept. of Transportation (HIDOT) to request an update on the Red-Light Safety Camera pilot project which is approaching the one-year mark since it being implemented at Vineyard/Palama Street as well as Vineyard /Liliha Street. To view the number of citations given, visit <https://hidot.hawaii.gov/highways/red-light-safety-program/>

Phase	Intersection	Status	Number of Citations (September 23 through October 23, 2023)	Previous Month (August 23 through September 23, 2023)
1	Vineyard Boulevard and Palama Street	Live for citations 11/20/2022	54 citations	64 citations
1	Vineyard Boulevard and Liliha Street	Live for citations 12/12/2022	14 citations (north-west approach) 49 citations (south-east approach)	43 citations (north-west approach) 100 citations (south-east approach)
2	Vineyard Boulevard and Nu'uuanu Avenue	Live for citations 1/6/2023	17 citations	29 citations
2	Pali Highway and Vineyard Boulevard	Live for citations 1/26/2023	15 citations (north-west approach) 48 citations (south-east approach)	11 citations (north-west approach) 121 citations (south-east approach)
2	Pali Highway and School Street	Live for citations 1/28/2023	53 citations	96 citations
3	Likelike Highway and School Street	Live for citations 4/10/2023	184 (north-east approach) 19 (south-west approach) 24 (N. School St. north-west approach) 15 (N. School St. south-east approach)	

### Beware of Fake Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) Transactions

The Dept of Human Services has received reports recently about fraudulent EBT transactions and has provided the following tips if you suspect a fraudulent transaction has occurred with your EBT card:



- DHS encourages all Financial or SNAP clients to be proactive and check their EBT account for unusual transactions
- Please visit the DHS Processing Center (PC) nearest to you to report any fraudulent transaction and to request a replacement card

Visit [www.humanservices.hawaii.gov](http://www.humanservices.hawaii.gov).

### Slow Down and Move Over

Motorists are being reminded to keep roadside heroes safe during Crash Responder Safety week from Nov. 13 to 17, 2023.



HIDOT urges drivers to yield to approaching emergency vehicles and to be mindful when seeing flashing lights. See full text of Hawaii's Move Over Law at [https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/hrscurrent/Vol05\\_Ch0261-0319/HRS0291C/HRS\\_0291C-0027.htm](https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/hrscurrent/Vol05_Ch0261-0319/HRS0291C/HRS_0291C-0027.htm)



## Free Pop-Up Legal Advice Clinic



Volunteer attorneys will be available to meet if you have a legal issue and need advice on Sat. Nov. 18, 2023 from 1pm - 4pm at Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center.

- Walk-ins will be accepted at the clinic.
- Call (808)528-7046 or visit vlsh.org.

Volunteer Legal Services Hawaii provides legal assistance to the low-moderate income community of Hawaii.

## Holiday Season

### Extra Sobriety Check Points

HPD is urging responsible driving this holiday season and will be setting up randomized impaired driver checkpoints from Nov. 1 to Dec. 31

The checkpoints will be set up at unannounced times and locations around Oahu



KALIHI BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

### 74TH ANNUAL Christmas PARADE

PLEASE JOIN US FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2023  
Begins at 6:00pm at Kalihi Union Church

Kalihi-Kapalama Pa'ina  
5:00 - 8:30pm at Kapalama Elementary School

www.kalihibusinessassociation.org

The poster features a map of the parade route starting at Kalihi Union Church (2014 N. King St.) and ending at Kapalama Elementary School (Palms 2500 - 2630pm). The route follows N. School St., N. Kalia St., and N. Kihuna St. Landmarks include Kamehameha Shopping Center, Kapalama Elementary School, Farrington High School, and the H-1 Freeway.

Kamehameha Lions Club presents the... Liliha Palama Christmas Parade

NOVEMBER 24th @ 5:30pm  
Sponsored by the Liliha Palama Business Association

ROUTE  
Liliha Street from Judd - North King

SANTA Returns in 2023 with all his Elves!

facebook.com/kamehamehalionsclub  
KLCFOUNDATION.ORG

The poster features a Santa Claus character, a snowman, and a signpost with directions for 'SWEETIES', 'TOY', and 'SANTA'. It also includes the Kamehameha Foundation logo with the text 'We Serve'.

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