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Honolulu Rail Site Visit

Sen. Kim recently participated in a site visit to the Honolulu Rail, Skyline, with Senate colleagues. With the first segment of the rail system now open to the public, passengers can learn more about the Skyline, the system features, and how to ride through Skyline's customer service. The HOLO card will be the all-access pass to Skyline. Additional information on the HOLO card, where to purchase them, how to load funds, and other details can be found on the HOLO card website at www.holocard.net or (808)768-4656. For general information about how to use Skyline, please refer to: Skyline Customer Service at (808) 848-5555 or visit honolulu.gov/skyline.



Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) Funds Earmarked for Schools:

- Kapalama Elementary School: \$7 million over two years to construct parking and drop-off area
- Kapalama Elementary School: \$400,000 for new playground equipment
- Kapalama Elementary School: \$1.5 million and \$1.9 million for ADA compliance
- Maemae Elementary School: \$3 million for school-wide telecom upgrades

May-June CIP Releases

- **Likeline Elementary School:** \$1,425,000 released to finance design and construction for improvements to comply with current ADA standard. Est. completion: Aug. 2025
- **Maluhia:** \$464,900 to replace the exit doors. \$100,000 to upgrade parking lot lighting for energy Savings
- **State Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Planning:** \$350,000 for the plans for the redevelopment of Statewide Kamehameha Homes & Ka'ahumanu Homes in Kalihi to include evaluation of mixed-use development and infrastructure needs, environmental review, and integration of Complete Streets elements and multi-modal mobility options
- **Interstate Route H-1 East Bound (EB) Improvements, Ola Lane Overpass to Likeline Off Ramp:** \$1,400,000 to finance additional construction for H-1 Eastbound Improvements from Ola Lane Overpass to Likeline Off-Ramp.



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Governor's Intent to Veto

Last month, Gov. Josh Green notified legislative leaders of his intent to veto 11 measures (GM No. 1232) plus the Executive Budget Bill (HB 300). He has until July 11 to issue final vetoes. It is also on that day on which the Legislature must act on any veto transmitted by the Governor.

In total Gov. Green reduced approximately \$1 billion from HB 300 over the Fiscal Biennium of 2023—2025.

Some of the line item reductions and votes in HB 300 are listed are:

- Reducing \$5 million in FY24 from Department of Agriculture Mitigation and Population Control of Feral Animals (Department of Land and Natural Resources will undertake this work)
- Reducing \$61M in FY24 for Iwilei-Kapālama infrastructure; leaving \$25M

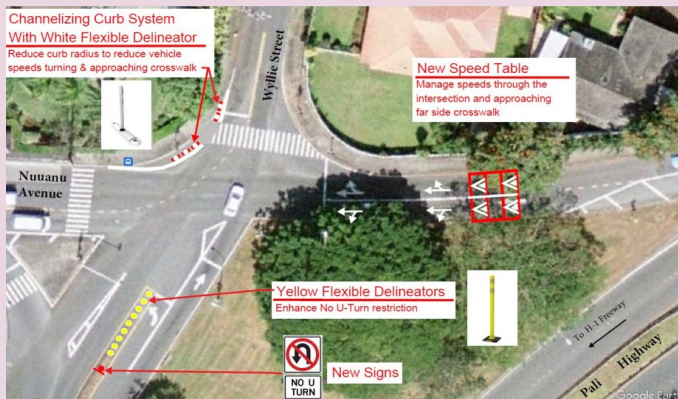
To view the Governor's Message (GMs), you may visit www.capitol.hawaii.gov/advreports/main.aspx.

Pedestrian Safety

Sen. Kim has been working to ensure pedestrian safety at Kapalama Elementary School. She joined principal Ron Oyama and then HPD Major Turner and other district electeds as a follow up to this issue raised at the March 1st Town Hall. Since then, HPD has been citing drivers and installed a MPH tracker on Bernice Street. As a result, the traffic congestion, double parking along the school fence, and dangerous U-turns have subsided.



Pali Highway Resurfacing Project and Safety Improvement Project



Constituents have been inquiring about when the two Hawaii Dept. of Transportation (HiDOT) projects: Pali Highway Resurfacing and the Safety Improvement at the corner Nuuanu Avenue and Wylie Street would be completed. The Pali Highway resurfacing project which is

now on phase 1 of 2 from Wylie St. to Vineyard and the Safety Improvement work at Nuuanu and Wylie to address the speeding and pedestrian safety concerns are scheduled for completion in September 2023. For details visit: palihighway.org and https://hidot.hawaii.gov/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/Nuuanu-Ave-Wyllie-St-Safety-Imp.pdf?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery

Red Hill Navy Fuel Tank

Update

Dashboard Legend ¹

DISF: Defueling Information Sharing Forum
FTAC: Fuel Tank Advisory Committee
NEPA: National Environmental Policy Act

Joint Task Force – Red Hill
Defueling Dashboard
As of June 28, 2023
Subject to Revision



Android coming soon!

The Joint Task Force-Red Hill announced it is ready to begin gravity defueling on October 16, 2023. It has completed all 253 Hawaii Dept. of Health mandated repairs, enhancements and modifications at the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility. For more information and view the JTF-Red Hill Dashboard, visit

<https://www.pacom.mil/JTF-Red-Hill/Joint-Task-Force-Red-Hill>

The Navy is inviting the public to the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility (RHBFSS) Community Representative Initiative. The Navy and Defense Logistics Agency (DLA), in collaboration with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). This is an inaugural planning meeting regarding the formation of the Community Representation Initiative. This initiative seeks more involvement with activities at the RHBFSS regarding Defueling, Tank Closure, and Safe Drinking Water.

Date: Thursday, 7/27/23

Time: 5pm – 7 pm

Location: Aliamanu Middle School

To register visit: <https://www.dvidshub.net/news/448451/invitation-red-hill-bulk-fuel-storage-facility-community-representation-initiative>

THIS YEAR NEARLY 152,000 QUALIFYING HOMEOWNERS ON OAHU ARE ENTITLED TO A ONE-TIME REAL PROPERTY TAX CREDIT OF \$350.



OAHU RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY TAX BILLS TO BE DISTRIBUTED JULY 20 SHOULD REFLECT THE \$350 TAX CREDIT FOR ELIGIBLE TAXPAYERS

- The newly approved \$350 tax rebate (Bill 14)— costing the city about \$53.2 million to implement — will be granted to those with an active home exemption on their 2023 assessment, regardless of property value.
- The city says the \$350 tax rebate will equal a real property tax exemption of \$100,000.

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Free Public Pre-Kindergarten



Parents and families wishing to enroll their keiki in the State's Public Pre-Kindergarten Program designed to offer free, high quality learning experiences for keiki can apply now for the 2023-2024 school year at either Fern Elementary or Ka'ewai Elementary. There will be a total of eleven new classrooms statewide including elementary schools: Kalihi Uka, Kapalama, Likelike and Linapuni as part of the State's Ready Keiki initiative. For more information or apply for your keiki, visit readykeiki.org



L-R: DOE Superintendent Keith Hayashi with Sen. Donna Mercado Kim at the Ready Keiki Website Launch & Classroom Rollout Press Conference on May 17.

List of Senate District 14 Nonprofit Grants In Aid (GIA) 2023

- Adult Friends for Youth: \$300,000 for costs relating to redirection therapy
- Big Brothers, Big Sisters: \$100,000 for in-community youth mentoring programs
- Catholic Charities Hawai'i: \$150,000 for promotion of well-being and independence of older adults
- Daihonzan Chozen-ji: \$45,000 for upgrades and improvements
- Filipino Community Center: \$235,000 for perpetuating Filipino culture and history
- Hale Kipa: \$300,000 for informing youth and young adults about the importance of sustainable food sovereignty
- Hawai'i Children's Action Network: \$90,000 for increasing civic engagement and costs related to enhancing programming
- Kalihi Palama Culture and Arts: \$100,000
- KAMP Hawaii (Kids at Risk Mentoring): \$100,000 for supporting the operation of six programs and respective staff
- Kalihi Valley Homes: \$800,000 for demolition and disposal of community center
- Kookua Kalihi Valley Comprehensive Family Services: \$150,000 for continuation of services
- Pacific & Asian Affairs Council: \$175,000 for high school global education programs
- Parents and Children Together: \$205,000 for providing transitional shelter to domestic violence survivors and their children
- Susannah Wesley Community Center: \$100,000 for upgrades and improvements

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Visit: readyhawaii.gov



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Have Go Bags ready for work, each family member, pets, & a vehicle safety kit too.



PLAN TO BE ON YOUR OWN FOR AT LEAST 2 WEEKS

Water (1 gal. per person/day)
Food (Non-perishable)
First Aid Kit
Medical Equipment
Medications
NOAA Alert Radio
Extra Batteries

Flashlight
Can Opener
Tools
Warm Clothes
Sturdy Shoes
Personal Hygiene Items
Toilet Paper

Pet Supplies
Fire Extinguisher
Glasses/Eye Care
Cash
Identification
Important Documents
Comfort/Entertainment