

# COMMUNITY REPORT

## SENATE DISTRICT 18 | JANUARY 2026

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### *Aloha Friends and Neighbors,*

Hauʻoli Makahiki Hou ! As we begin the 2026 Legislative Session, I am honored to continue representing District 18 and working on initiatives that support our students, educators, and community.

This year, my top priorities in education include creating safe and effective learning environments, enhancing school facilities, and integrating technology to meet the diverse needs of our keiki. My colleagues and I are also focused on strengthening teacher and staff retention by developing recruitment pathways in partnership with middle and high schools, community colleges, and the University of Hawaiʻi. By aligning academic programs with workforce demands, supporting Career and Technical Education (CTE), and providing meaningful professional development, we can help students and educators thrive while preparing Hawaiʻi's workforce for the future.

I am also grateful for the opportunity to celebrate and engage with our community over the past months, from the Department of Education's Hoʻākea Honolulu at Mauiola (Sand Island), to honoring the well-earned retirement of Principal Sheldon Oshio at Waikele Elementary School, meeting with community partners across the district, and more.

I am committed to continuing to address the issues of our communities to build a brighter, stronger future for District 18 and all of Hawaiʻi.

Mahalo,  
*Michelle*



*Michelle*  
**KIDANI**

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**Vice Chair**  
Committee on Education

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## Ho'ākea Honolulu at Mauiola (Sand Island)

On December 3rd, I attended DOE's Ho'ākea Honolulu at Mauiola (Sand Island) and had the pleasure to witness the partnership of DOE and the Polynesian Voyaging Society as students from Fern, Kapālama, Kalihi Kai, and Pu'uhale Elementary Schools engaged with 11 voyaging canoes. Over the course of one week, more than 1,000 fourth graders and teachers took part in this exciting event. During the 2025 legislative session, I was able to secure \$8 million in state funding over the next two years to ensure the continued growth of these efforts. I believe the Ho'ākea program offers transformative learning opportunities that blend culture, community, and education through hands-on voyaging and 'āina-based experiences. I enjoyed sailing with the Kānehūnāmoku Voyaging Academy on their 29-foot wa'a, as well as watching students sail in the other 10 canoes, and experiencing firsthand how this program is inspiring our keiki. A huge mahalo to Nainoa Thompson and the Polynesian Voyaging Society, Superintendent Keith Hayashi and the Department of Education, and all the participating organizations who made this event possible!



*Me with Nainoa Thompson*



*[L-R]: Me, Kawehionālani Perry-Ah Hoy, and Superintendent Hayashi*



*Photo Courtesy of DOE*



*Photo Courtesy of DOE*



## A Hui Hou Principal Sheldon Oshio of Waikele Elementary School

On December 19th, I attended the retirement celebration of Principal Sheldon Oshio, to honor his more than 18 years of service, 14 of them as principal. Principal Oshio leaves a lasting impact on Waikele Elementary and our community. Throughout his career, Principal Oshio served in leadership roles across the Pearl City-Waipahu Complex Area. Under his guidance, Waikele Elementary earned the highest level of accreditation from the Western Association of Schools and Colleges twice. This achievement gained national recognition, as the first elementary school in the United States to receive the 2025 National Career Academy Coalition Model Academies with Distinction designation for its Waikele Pre-Academy. Beyond these accomplishments, Principal Oshio fostered a school culture rooted in strong relationships, shared purpose, and a strong commitment to student success. A two-time finalist, most recently in 2024, for the Masayuki Tokioka Excellence in School Leadership Award, his leadership continues to inspire educators and students alike. We are grateful for his partnership and his dedication to Waikele's students and families, and I wish him all the best in this well-deserved next chapter!

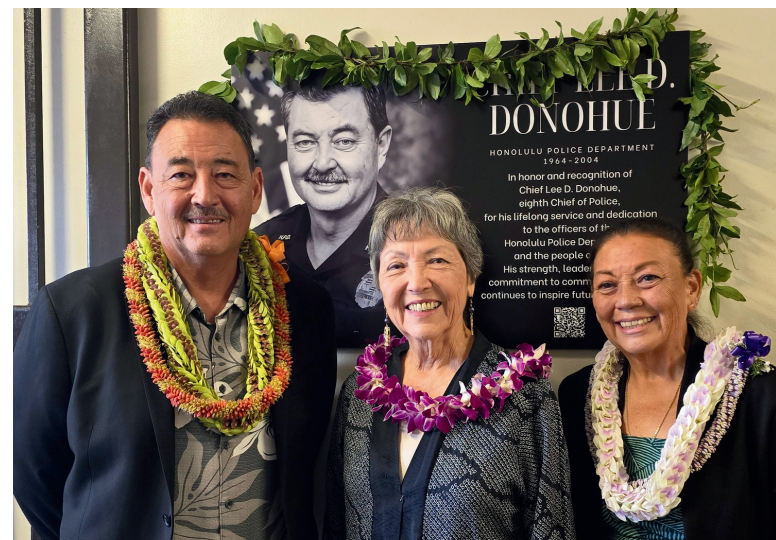


*Principal Sheldon Oshio giving his speech*



*[L-R] Senator Lamosao, Principal Sheldon Oshio, and Representative Chun*

## Commemorating the Dedication and Renaming of the HPD Fitness Center



*Me with the late Chief Donohue's children*

On January 15th, it was my great honor to attend the dedication and renaming of the Honolulu Police Department's fitness center in honor of Police Chief Lee Dixon Donohue, Sr., celebrating his extraordinary leadership and 40 years of service. It was inspiring to see how Chief Donohue guided the department into the 21st century through expanded community policing, modernized infrastructure, and a strong focus on officer safety and wellness, earning national accreditation along the way. The newly named facility stands as a lasting tribute to his commitment to excellence and the well-being of those who serve, and it was truly meaningful to witness Chief Donohue's legacy that continues to guide and inspire officers, students and our community.

## Senate Ways and Means Committee Informational Briefings

The 2026 legislative session is starting in motion! As a member of the Senate Ways and Means Committee, we have been attending a series of informational briefings with many state departments. These briefings provide an important opportunity for departments to present their budget requests for the upcoming biennium, allowing the Committee to thoroughly evaluate funding priorities. The informational briefings are being held from January 7 through January 20, 2026, and I remain committed to ensuring careful consideration of programs and initiatives that serve the needs of our community.



*WAM Informational Briefing on January 8th with the Department of Law Enforcement*



## Upcoming Community Events and Resources

# WCA NSW Calendar January 2026

**Tuesday, January 13th and 27th at 6 pm. Citizens' Patrol for Royal Pines, Celebrations, Parkglen, Viewpointe & Mahi Ko. Meet @ Leihaku St. & Lumiaina St. Ricky will lead.**

**Thursday, January 15th at 5:30 pm.**  
**Citizens' Patrol for Champions. Meet @ Entrance to Waikele**  
**Darrell T. Young Community Park**

**Tuesday, January 20th at 6:30 pm. Citizens' Patrol for  
Sunset Pointe 1 & 2, Golf Club Estates, Ho'omaka & Ho'omalū.  
Meet @ Aoku/Mali St. Keith will lead.**

**Thursday, January 22nd at 5-8 pm. FREE CPR/AED/First Aid Class.**  
**Learn to save your loved one's life.**

**Meet @ WCA Learning Center, 94-970 Pakela St. RSVP.**

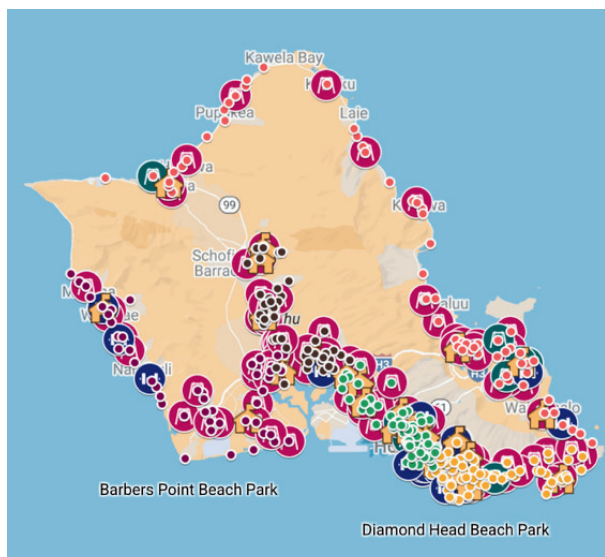
**Monday, January 26th at 4:30 pm. Citizens' Patrol for Tropics,  
Waikele Elementary & Signatures.  
Meet @ WCA Parking lot, 94-970 Pakela St.**

**Contact Duane Samson at (808) 372-8926 or [duane@wca-ohana.org](mailto:duane@wca-ohana.org) for more information and to **RSVP**.  
WCA is located at 94-970 Pakela St.**



## Park Play Facilities Map

Investing in healthy communities includes ensuring our keiki have safe, accessible places to play. O'ahu is home to 135 City park playgrounds, providing valuable opportunities for keiki to stay active, explore, and connect with one another. This interactive online map helps parents and families easily locate playgrounds in their neighborhood and across the island. I encourage families to take advantage of this resource and enjoy all the play opportunities our island has to offer!



Check it out here:

<https://bit.ly/OahuPlaygrounds>

## Helpful Community Contacts and Resources

Report Leaks to the Board of  
Water Supply.....808-768-2673

Report an Outage to Hawaiian  
Electric.....855-304-1212

Report an Illegal Dump  
Site.....808-768-3003

Report a concern for City park maintenance, playground, and equipment.....808-678-6940

Report an Invasive Species  
Sighting (CRB).....808-643-7378

Report Abandoned or Derelict  
Vehicles.....808-768-2530

Request removal or relocation of trees/shrubs:  
 -On highways or adjacent to freeway/highway overpasses, on and off ramps.....808-831-6712  
 -Streets and sidewalks.....808-971-7151

Schedule Bulky Item Pickup  
(C&C of Honolulu).....808-768-3200

## Report Missed Trash Pick Up

To report a missed trash pick up, contact the local collection yard that directly services your area.

Mililani residents, call Wahiawa  
Collection Yard.....808-768-9766

Waipi'o Gentry, Crestview, Waikele,  
Waipahu, Village Park, Royal Kunia  
residents, call Pearl City Collection  
Yard.....(808) 768-9732

Request Assistance for Veteran  
Affairs (State).....808-433-0420

Veterans and their families may request help regarding VA claims, forms, appeals, and benefits assistance. For in-person services, visit the Office of Veterans' Services at the Tripler Army Medical Center. Walk-ins accepted Tuesday–Friday; 9:00am – 12:00pm.