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BRINGING CLEAN ENERGY TO 18,000 HOMES

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Clearway Energy Group ("Clearway"), in partnership with Hawaiian Electric Company, Kamehameha Schools, Moss Solar, and others, has brought online three grid-scale solar power projects on the island of Oahu that will significantly contribute to Hawaii's goal of 100 percent renewable energy by 2045. Commercial operations at the three projects were launched on September 10 following a traditional Hawaiian blessing. The projects at Kawailoa, Waipio, and Mililani total 110 megawatts (MW) and will generate low-cost, renewable energy equivalent to that used to deliver power to approximately 18,000 Oahu homes each year. The three projects represent the largest block of grid-scale solar power ever developed in Hawaii and together will contribute approximately 3 percentage points to Hawaiian Electric's renewable portfolio standards (RPS) goal, which reached 27 percent at the end of 2018.



LEILEHUA HIGH MAKAI ROAD REPAVING COMING SOON



FREQUENTLY CALLED NUMBERS

County Pothole Hotline
(808) 786-7777

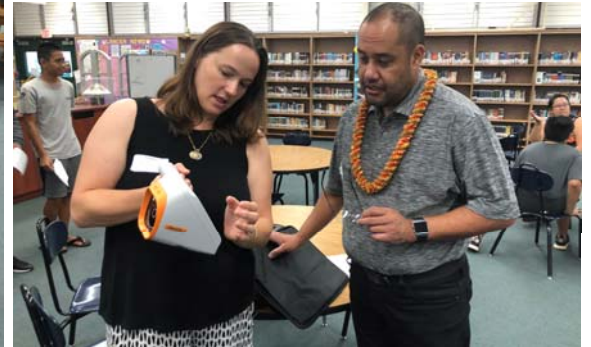
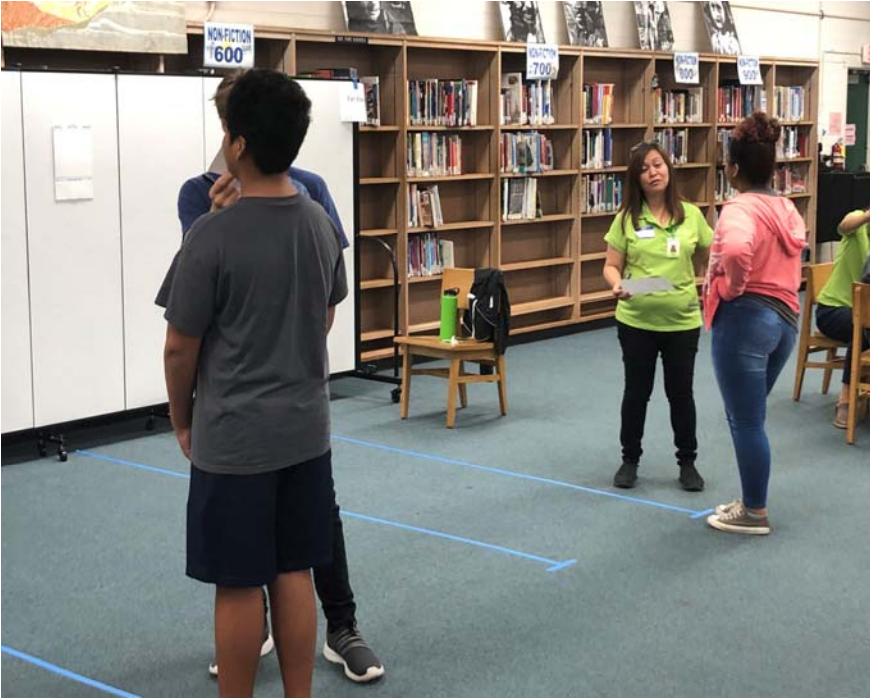
State Pothole Hotline
(808) 536-7852

Public Access Room
(808) 587-0478

Hawaii Freeway Service Patrol
(808) 841-HELP

Wahiawa Police Station
(808) 723-87000

FREE GLASSES FOR WAHIAWA'S STUDENTS



As a parent or grandparent, do you remember receiving vision screening when you were in school? The State is partnering with Project Vision Hawaii to bring vision screening back for our students.

Students with uncorrected vision problems often avoid reading, suffer headaches, and have trouble focusing on class discussions. These symptoms make affected children less likely to reach the important educational milestone of reading proficiency by the end of third grade, which makes them more likely to fall behind and drop out of school. The problem is particularly prevalent in low-income areas of Hawai'i Island and our smaller islands.

Since I've joined the Senate we've dedicated nearly \$1 million to Project Vision Hawaii to provide free vision screening to our public school students. Project Vision focuses on Title I schools to ensure that their services are going to our most needy students. In August, we were at **Leilehua High and Wahiawa Middle Schools** screening all students from **6th grade to 12th grade**. Next month, Project Vision and I will be returning to Wahiawa Middle School to provide prescription glasses to all students who are in critical need of them.

WHITMORE AVENUE WALL REPAINTED



We donated 40 gallons of paint to repaint the wall along Whitmore Avenue. Over 30 volunteers came together to take part in this community project. Mahalo to the Whitmore Community Association and Rooted for inviting us to participate.