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BRINGING CLEAN ENERGY TO HOME

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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.

All the power generated by the three projects feeds into the Hawaiian Electric grid for the benefit of all customers on Oahu.

MILILANI MAUKA ELEMENTARY AC UPDATE

With Principal Avis Nanbu, I visited Mililani Mauka Elementary school to see the AC system repairs firsthand. Since the entire school runs on centralized AC, the school cannot turn on the system without completing the current project.



The original scope included only the chiller replacement. After further review, contractors revealed that there were multiple leaks throughout the system and it could not be fixed without additional funds. The school has secured portable AC units and fans for each of the classrooms until the project is completed and the system can be put back online.



My office is working with the Department of Education to fund the remaining repairs and develop a timeline for completion.

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(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

MILILANI AYSO OPENING DAY



Pictured Above: My colleagues and I joined Mililani AYSO league for their 2019 Opening Day Ceremonies. A day of fun and activities for friends and family. Sen. Kidani and I gave handouts to the parents and provided shave ice and popcorn for the players.

MILILANI COMPLEX LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP



Pictured Above: I had the opportunity to speak to our future leaders at this year's Mililani Complex Leadership Workshop. This annual event is facilitated by the Associated Students of Mililani High School (ASMHS), hosted at Uka Elementary, and attended by the student councils of all of our elementary schools. This year's theme was a lightbulb - to lead is to inspire, to be the light, to shine for other; I was able to share a few words with our student leaders on leadership, community service, student voice, and believing in oneself. We have a bright future ahead, I look forward to watching these students shine as future leaders.