



# SENATE DISTRICT 18 COMMUNITY REPORT

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Aloha Friends and Neighbors,

The holiday season is here! After the challenge of social distancing kept many of us apart from our loved ones last holiday season, I know I am not alone in welcoming the excitement of sharing this year's festivities with our friends and family. It is truly surreal to reflect upon where we were a year ago--it affirms how far we have come as a community and all that we have to be grateful for. First and foremost, of course, is our health and safety.

We have made incredible progress to continue our efforts in protecting our communities against COVID-19 thanks to the vaccine boosters, and especially with added eligibility of keiki amongst vaccinated groups. Now that children ages 5-11 can receive their vaccinations, we can all breathe easier knowing they can be protected. According to HIDEOE, 91% of the state's student-athletes are vaccinated, and, as of this writing, our statewide vaccination rate is over 72.4%. These numbers are considerably high and have been proven effective in maintaining Hawai'i's low positivity rate. I am so grateful to DOH, DOE and our dedicated community partners who have made the keiki vaccination efforts so successful.

I'd like to acknowledge a recent highlight for our state as we welcomed our new judicial court appointees! For the first time in recent memory, nearly of all the nominees considered and confirmed by the Senate were women, a sign of remarkable progress! As stated by the Womens Legislative Caucus, of which I am a co-convenor, I and my fellow WLC members applaud the Governor for recognizing the need for gender diversification in the courts. I am proud to support them and congratulate Mililani Waena and Mililani High School graduate **Clarissa Y. Malinao**, **Kevin T. Morikone** and **Shanlyn A.S. Park** to the First Circuit Court (O'ahu); **Kirstin M. Hamman** to the Second Circuit Court (Maui); and **Wendy M. DeWeese** to the Third Circuit Court (Hawai'i Island) on their confirmations!

Let's continue to celebrate these strides together! I encourage you to get your flu and booster shots and to vaccinate your keiki through the holiday season and into the new year. Wishing you and your loved ones a wonderful Thanksgiving weekend!

## HIDEOE ADMINISTRATIVE MEETING

I had the opportunity to see what former Kanoelani Elementary School principal Stacie Kunihiha has been working on in her new position assisting interim Superintendent Hayashi. Her perspective and experience at Kanoelani is invaluable to the DOE in this position to further support education in Hawai'i and I look forward to seeing the work she accomplishes in the DOE.



## WAIPI'O POINT ACCESS ROAD SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT



Senate Vice President Michelle N. Kidani  
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Mahalo nui to the SHADE Institute for allowing me to share my insights in this video presentation regarding the Waipi'o Point Access Road. They recently presented it to the Waipahu Neighborhood Board to update the Community on the development of the Waipi'o Point Access Road Multimodal + Safety Improvement Project (WPARMSI) and I was glad to participate in these meetings as the safety of this highly traveled roadway is of grave concern for many residents. [Click the image on the left](#) to watch the full length video for more information on the project.



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# NFWL ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN MEMPHIS

The National Foundation for Women Legislators Annual Conference unites elected women from across the country each year to share policy ideas, network, and engage in civil discourse. I was excited to attend this year's conference in Memphis, Tennessee alongside fellow Hawai'i legislators and leaders and was proud to stand amongst this group of brilliant women, including: outgoing President Senator Kim, Senator DeCoite, Senator Moriwaki, Senator San Buenaventura, Senator Misalucha, Representative Luke, Representative Okimoto, Representative Clark, OHA Chair Hulu Lindsey, OHA Trustee Kalei Akaka, OHA Trustee Luana Alapa, and many more.



# SMART HEALTH VACCINE CARD UPDATE

Apple iPhone users who updated to iOS 15.1 can now add vaccine cards to the Health app and Apple Wallet! If you already uploaded your vaccine card in your Safe Travels account, skip step #3. For those who haven't, the following infographics will help navigate the process. This is another convenient way to show your vaccine card when needed.

**New**

After updating to iOS 15.1 you can now add your Hawaii SMART Health card to your Apple Wallet.

**Step 1:**

Login or sign up for a Safe Travels account on [Travel.Hawaii.Gov](https://Travel.Hawaii.Gov) On your iPhone

**Step 2:**

Tap Hawaii SMART HEALTH CARD

**Step 3:**

If you haven't already created your Hawaii SMART Health Card click "Create a Hawaii SMART Health Card"

Input your vaccine information to generate a QR code

**Step 4:**

Once the QR code appears tap and hold until a secondary menu appears

**Step 5:**

On the secondary menu tap "open in Health"

**Step 6:**

Tap "Add to Wallet & Health"

# WELCOMING HOMEOWNERS TO MALINA AT KOA RIDGE

Congratulations to the family of public school educators who were the first to move into the first affordable housing project, Malina at Koa Ridge in Waipahu! I was thrilled to help welcome these deserving educators for the momentous occasion, alongside the Castle and Cooke Team, Director Designate Anton Krucky, Councilmember Waters, Councilmember Elefante, and Councilmember Tulba.

