

Senator Donna Mercado Kim

Proudly Serving District 14







·Alewa·Ft. Shafter·Kalihi·Kalihi Valley·Kapalama·Moanalua Gardens & Valley·Red Hill·



July Report 2022: Aiea

Highlights of Bills & Resolutions that have Been Signed into Law by Governor Ige

| | | |
|--------------------------------------|---|--|
| <p>HB2024 HD1 SD2 CD1</p> | <p>Mauna Kea Governance Establishes the Mauna Kea Stewardship and Oversight Authority as the sole authority for the management of Mauna Kea lands. Requires the Authority to manage land uses; human activities, other uses, and access; stewardship; education; research; disposition; and overall operations on its respective lands. Declares astronomy as a state policy. Provides certain restrictions on leases and a moratorium on new leases. Requires the timely decommissioning of certain telescopes. Allows the Authority to require an application and fee for all recreational users of Mauna Kea. Establishes the Mauna Kea management special fund. Transfers rights, duties, and positions from the University of Hawaii to the Authority. Appropriates funds and more.</p> | |
| <p>SB2279 SD2 HD2 CD1</p> | <p>Controlling Catalytic Converter Theft Regulates the purchase of catalytic converters by used motor vehicle parts dealers and palladium, platinum, and rhodium by scrap dealers and recyclers. Subjects persons who violate related provisions to a class C felony. Establishes the felony offense of theft of catalytic converter. Requires each county police department to maintain certain reported information and initiate education programs to prevent catalytic converter thefts.</p> | |
| <p>HB2510 HD2 SD1 CD1</p> | <p>Increasing Minimum Wage Makes the state earned income tax credit refundable and permanent. Provides for carryforward of nonrefundable credits previously claimed. Incrementally increases the minimum wage and tip credit beginning on 10/1/2022. (CD1)</p> | |
| <p>SCR215 SD1 HD1</p> | <p>Developing a Nursing Program Requesting the University of Hawaii to investigate and address the feasibility and accessibility of developing and implementing a nursing program at Honolulu Community College</p> | |

| | | |
|--------------------------------------|--|---|
| <p>SB2821 SD2 HD1 CD1</p> | <p>Menstrual Equity Requires the Department of Education to provide menstrual products free of charge to all students on all public school campuses. (CD1)</p> |  |
| <p>SB2303</p> | <p>Helping Small Businesses Authorizes the Director of Taxation to exempt a taxpayer whose annual general excise tax liability does not exceed \$100 from monthly, quarterly, or semiannual general excise tax filing requirements; provided that the taxpayer files an annual return. Applies to taxable years beginning after 12/31/2022.</p> |  |
| <p>HB2171 HD2 SD1 CD1</p> | <p>Public Safety Establishes a Department of Law Enforcement to consolidate and administer criminal law enforcement and investigations functions of the State effective upon approval. Establishes a training center and also establishes a law enforcement complex for the department of law enforcement. Establishes positions and appropriates funds and more.</p> |  |
| <p>SB2819 SD2 HD2 CD1</p> | <p>Teacher Compensation Repeals the Hawaii Revised Statute (302A–624(c) and 302A–627(a)) that fails to adequately promote equitable teacher compensation. Creates a program where a teacher shall earn at least five credits within a three year cycle to receive increment or longevity step increases in the third year of the three year cycle.</p> |  |
| <p>SB2679 SD2 HD2 CD1</p> | <p>Driver's License Renewals Extends the renewal period from two years to four years for licensees who are seventy-two years of age or older but younger than eighty years of age. Takes effect 1/1/2023. (CD1)</p> |  |
| <p>SB2185 SD3 HD1 CD1</p> | <p>Fireworks Requires the auditor of fireworks and articles pyrotechnic records for each county fire department to submit to the Legislature an annual report detailing inventory, recordkeeping, and sales of fireworks to license or permit holders. Effective 1/1/2023. (CD1)</p> |  |
| <p>SB2600 SD2 HD2 CD1</p> | <p>Underground Storage Tanks Beginning 7/1/2022, prohibits issuance of permits for future large capacity underground storage tank systems mauka of the underground injection control line. Beginning 7/1/2022, prohibits operation of, and renewal of permits for, large capacity underground storage tank systems located mauka of the underground injection control line, except for maintenance necessary to safely support defueling, environmental requirements, operations directly related to defueling or actions required in emergency situations. (CD1)</p> |  |

News and updates!

3rd Annual **Aiea Complex School Supply Drive** (honoring late Senator Breene Harimoto)

DRIVE-UP/DROP-OFF DONATION EVENT



Date: **Saturday, July 16, 2022**
Place: **Our Savior Lutheran School**
98-1098 Moanalua Road, Aiea
(Across from Pali Momi Medical Center)
Time: **8:00 am to 12:00 pm**

Senator Harimoto was a strong advocate for education and this event seeks to honor his legacy by supporting our Aiea Complex schools

SPONSORING ORGANIZATIONS

Aiea High School PTSO
Office of Senator Bennette Misalucha
Aiea Community Association
Aiea High School Alumni Association
HomeStreet Bank
Island Craft Fairs & Events
Mana-Loa Nimitz Lions
Mocha's General Store

SUPPORTING ORGANIZATIONS

Office of Senator Donna Mercado Kim
Office of Representative Aaron Johanson
Office of Representative Sam Kong
Office of Councilmember Brandon Elefante
Office of Councilmember Carol Fukunaga
Jen-e Dezigns
Kawaii Clothing & Accessories

Senator Kim Participates in Bill Signing Ceremony for Education Related Measures!

Several bills relating to education have been signed into law by Governor Ige. The measures acknowledged in this ceremony were:

- **HB2000** appropriates funds to school facilities; the largest funding budget appropriated.
- **SB2182** establishes a school garden coordinator.
- **SB2862** appropriates funds to DOE to install air conditioning units.
- **HB1561** establishes a workforce readiness program.
- **SB2818** establishes the position of Summer Learning Coordinator, enabling a fully coordinated summer learning program.

Addressing Nuisance Issues by Feral Chickens

- O'ahu residents can help manage the nuisance by not feeding feral chickens and reducing the feral chicken population in their community
- The responsibility for responding to feral chicken problems varies with the location of the animals and the property ownership
- Contact Department of Customer Services to report issues on city property such as parks, building areas and other local government property: • Email: complaints@honolulu.gov or call (808) 768-4381
- Go to the Department of Planning and Permitting GIS webpage to locate the property and determine ownership.



Connect with me!



Phone: 808-5877200



Email senkim@capitol.hawaii.gov



Instagram [@donnamercadokim14](https://www.instagram.com/donnamercadokim14)



Facebook [@SenatorDonnaMercadoKim](https://www.facebook.com/SenatorDonnaMercadoKim)



Twitter [@donnamercadokim](https://twitter.com/donnamercadokim)

Federal Overturn of Roe v. Wade Does not Affect Hawaii's Abortion Laws

The overturn of Roe v. Wade has put abortion laws in the hands of the States. Here's what you need to know about Hawaii's current abortion laws. Abortion is legal in Hawaii until "viability," the stage of pregnancy when a fetus has developed enough that it is able to survive outside the uterus with medical help. It usually happens around 24 to 26 weeks of pregnancy.

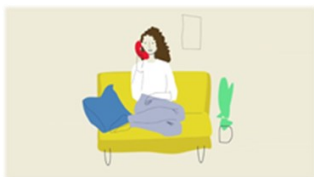
If you have passed the viability stage:

You can still get an abortion in Hawaii under these circumstances: to save the pregnant person's life or to preserve the pregnant person's general health (can include mental health).

- ⇒ No counseling or waiting period required in Hawaii
- ⇒ No parental involvement even if you are a minor.

For services contact:

- Planned Parenthood-Honolulu Health Center (will perform up to 17 weeks) (800) 769-0045
- Women's Optic Center (will perform up to 11 weeks) (808)203-6561



50th anniversary of Title IX

We celebrate this incredible day in history that ensures that:

“No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance.”

We have Congresswoman Patsy Mink to thank for extending Women's rights in this country. An official portrait of her was unveiled at the U.S. Capitol.



Free Training for High-Demand Jobs

Free short-term training classes leading to industry credentials in the resilient sectors of healthcare, technology and the skilled trades are being offered this summer at University of Hawai'i Community Colleges through the Hana Career Pathways program. Hundreds of people will be eligible for these trainings, but those interested should apply now through the Hana Career Pathways website: uhcc.hawaii.edu



New Child Passenger Safety Law

- Child passenger safety regulations before SB152 was signed into law did not specify what car seats requirements.
- Now, children under **two years** old must be properly restrained in a **rear-facing car seat with harness**.
- Children under four years, must be properly restrained in a **rear-facing or forward-facing car seat with harness**.
- Violators will be required by the court to attend a child passenger safety class approved by the Hawaii State Judiciary.



How to Share Non-emergency Incidents to HPD and the City through Smartphone App 311

- ◆ Share non emergency incidents to HPD and the City of Honolulu to get them taken care of ASAP!
 - ◆ Allows user to track status of service request via email & the app
- *Do not dial 311 for this service its through the application only**
- ◆ Services include: Sewer & environment, Streets & transportation, trash & recycling, city hall & motor vehicle, public safety, city facilities, and animals.
 - ◆ **How it works:**
 1. **Submit:** request a service, report an issue, and help improve your community
 2. **Schedule:** After submitted, your request will be reviewed by the appropriate department and work is assigned or scheduled
 3. **Work:** They're on it. Estimated time to complete varies by request
 4. **Update:** They'll send you updates as work is completed.

