

# SENATOR DONNA MERCADO KIM

PROUDLY SERVING  
DISTRICT 14

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PORTIONS OF HALAWA & 'AIEA



## AIR CONDITIONING UNITS TO BE INSTALLED IN CLASSROOMS

Act 260 (SB2862) appropriates funds to the Department of Education to install air conditioning units in public school classrooms that do not have them already, including these Kalihi schools:

- Fern Elementary
- Dole Middle
- Linapuni Elementary
- Kalihi Waena Elementary
- Farrington High School



Sen. Kim joins Gov. Ige, Sen. Kidani and other legislators for the bill signing ceremony appropriating funds to DOE to install air conditioning units for public school classrooms.

## SENATE DISTRICT 14 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT MONIES

### **Interstate Route H-1 Eastbound (EB) Improvements - Ola Lane Overpass to Likelike Off-Ramp**

Purpose: To finance additional design for Interstate Route H-1 EB improvements from Ola Lane Overpass to Likelike Off-Ramp on Oahu.

Amount Released: \$500,000.00

Total Project Cost: \$5,900,105.00

Estimated Completion Date: September 2022



### **Fern Elementary School Campus Fire Alarm**

Purpose: To finance the design and construction to upgrade the fire alarm system at Fern Elementary School.

Amount Released: \$207,000.00

Total Project Cost: \$1,570,000.00

Estimated Completion Date: August 2022



## REAL PROPERTY TAX INFORMATION FOR HOMEOWNERS

If you are paying your real property tax in installments, the first installment for City and County of Honolulu Real Property Tax is due on August 20, 2022. The second installment payment is due on February 20, 2023. For more information, please visit [www.realpropertyhonolulu.com](http://www.realpropertyhonolulu.com).

**Did you know that there is a drive by drop box for real property tax payments? This box is conveniently located in front of Honolulu Hale next to the USPS mailbox.**



The City and County of Honolulu is also encouraging homeowners who live on their property to file a claim for a home exemption to reduce their real property assessments and taxes by the September 30, 2022 deadline. Eligible homeowners must own and occupy their property as the principal home.

Visit [realpropertyhonolulu.com](http://realpropertyhonolulu.com) to file a home exemption claim online and to download a claim form. Inquiries may also be submitted via email to [bfsrmailbox@honolulu.gov](mailto:bfsrmailbox@honolulu.gov) or calling (808) 768-3799.



## SENATE TO TAKE ACTION ON JUDICIAL APPOINTMENT

The Senate in their second special session of 2022 will convene on August 22-23 to take action on the appointment of Annalisa Bernard to serve as a District Court Judge for the Second Circuit (Maui). Bernard has been employed at Wong Leong Cuccia in Maui since 2021.

Prior to that she worked as a Maui Deputy Prosecuting Attorney from 2015 to 2021 and a Deputy Public Defender from 2005 to 2015. She served as a law clerk for Judge Michael Town (ret.) and Judge Derrick Chan (ret.) from 2004 to 2005. The Chief Justice made his appointment from the nomination list presented to him by the Judicial Selection Commission on July 6, 2022. Bernard's appointment is subject to Senate confirmation.



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# Kalihi

HI Connect Broadband Pilot

Access free wifi through these steps:

1 | Go to settings on your computer or mobile device

2 | Choose Network & internet or WIFI

3 | Select the WIFI network named **HIConnect**

HI Connect WiFi is available at:

Hale Po'ai

Halia Hale

Hauiki Homes

Puahala I, II, III & IV

HI Connect is a FREE broadband service provided by the State of Hawaii. Call 808-587-2163 if you have any issues or questions.

## AFFORDABLE CONNECTIVITY PROGRAM

Applications for the Affordable Connectivity Program are now being accepted at <https://acpbenefit.org/>.

The Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) provides qualified households up to \$30 a month off internet service bills with a \$75 discount for households on Hawaiian Home Lands.

The program is funded through the \$65 billion Infrastructure Investments and Jobs Act that was passed by Congress in November 2021.

**ACP PROGRAM BENEFITS**

- Up to \$30 a month towards broadband service from a participating provider
- Up to \$75 towards broadband service for households on Hawaiian Home Lands
- A one-time discount of up to \$100 to purchase a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet

The ACP is helping to build digital equity so Hawai'i residents can work remotely, take classes online, receive telehealth consults, access government services, and are able to participate in more activities. This is only possible with a reliable and stable broadband internet connection, a working device, and the digital literacy skills to succeed with this technology.

Currently, more than 29,000 households across Hawai'i are enrolled in the ACP, providing more than \$7 million in benefits locally. It is estimated that more than 100,000 Hawai'i households could qualify for the ACP.

To see the full list of ACP eligibility details and participating Hawaii internet service providers, visit <http://broadband.hawaii.gov/acp/>.

## HAWAII PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP

The Hawaii Promise Scholarship is a "last dollar" scholarship that provides free in-state tuition for qualified University of Hawai'i Community College students who need financial help to pay for college. For eligible students, the Hawaii Promise scholarship provides money from UH and the State of Hawai'i to cover direct education costs—including tuition, fees and an allowance for books and supplies—that are not met by other forms of financial aid.

In SY 2020-21, more than 1,800 students from seven UH Community Colleges statewide benefitted from almost \$3 million in Hawai'i Promise scholarships. The average award was \$1,629.

**You may be eligible for a debt-free degree with the Hawaii Promise Scholarship**

### Eligibility Requirements:

Complete the [Free Application for Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA\)](#).

1. Be a State of Hawai'i resident or qualify for exempt status that pays in-state tuition.
2. Be enrolled in at least 6 credits per semester at a UH Community College
3. Be degree-seeking in a financial aid eligible program.
4. Must accept all federal and state grants, scholarships, and any other funding sources that do not require repayment
5. Maintain satisfactory academic progress
6. Not have already achieved an undergraduate degree

Awards are contingent upon funding and amounts are based upon enrollment level, financial need, and other financial resources

For more information, or if you have any questions about the financial aid process, please contact the Financial Aid Office at the community college you are enrolled in.



For more information about your Hawai'i Promise Scholarship, or if you have any questions about the financial aid process, please contact the Financial Aid Office at the community college you are enrolled in.

- Hawai'i Community College: (808) 934-2712, [hawccfao@hawaii.edu](mailto:hawccfao@hawaii.edu)
- Honolulu Community College: (808) 845-9116, [honccfao@hawaii.edu](mailto:honccfao@hawaii.edu)
- Kapi'olani Community College: (808) 734-9537, [kapfao@hawaii.edu](mailto:kapfao@hawaii.edu)
- Kaua'i Community College: (808) 245-8360, [kauccfao@hawaii.edu](mailto:kauccfao@hawaii.edu)
- Leeward Community College: (808) 455-0606, [lccfao@hawaii.edu](mailto:lccfao@hawaii.edu)
- UH Maui College: (808) 984-3277, [mauifa@hawaii.edu](mailto:mauifa@hawaii.edu)
- Windward Community College: (808)-235-7449, [wccfao@hawaii.edu](mailto:wccfao@hawaii.edu)