

Building Community

JUNE 2023



Dear Neighbor,

Thursday, May 4, 2023, marked the last day of the 2023 legislative session, and the House adjourned sine die. It has been an honor and privilege to serve the communities of Ala Moana and Kaka'ako. We wrapped up a productive session and delivered priority legislation that provides financial relief and support for local families, along with addressing affordable housing, mental health services, and protecting Hawai'i's natural resources.

Mahalo to everyone who contacted me with your feedback and concerns these past few months; your input is invaluable. As always, please don't hesitate to contact me at (808) 586-6100 or scan the QR code below to provide feedback.

Mahalo,

Rep. Scott K. Saiki



Protecting Our Water

On May 9, 2023, state and city leaders formed an alliance to defend the public on Red Hill. The Red Hill Water Alliance Initiative (WAI) will develop an action plan to hold the U.S. Navy and federal government accountable for remediation, water quality, and financial costs. This is the first time that all state and city leaders have formed a unified coalition. The members are the: State of Hawai'i, City and County of Honolulu, Senate, House of Representatives, University of Hawai'i, Department of Health, Department of Land and Natural Resources, Honolulu City Council, and Board of Water Supply. WAI will hold meetings throughout the summer and issue an action plan in October.



Your Voice Matters

Please take a minute to share your input! We want to continue hearing your thoughts and opinions on how we can better our community.

<https://saiki.house/feedback>

Honuakaha Town Hall

On Wednesday, April 12, Rep. Saiki held a town hall meeting with Senator Sharon Y. Moriwiki, Councilmember Tyler Dos Santos-Tam, and the Hawai'i Community Development Authority (HCDA) to hear concerns from residents at Honuakaha Elderly Housing Development in Kaka'ako. The Kaka'ako legislators met with HCDA and the new resident manager to determine a course of action to resolve the maintenance issues and lack of communication.



➤ Traffic Improvements in Our Community



- Speed humps have been installed on both sides of Kapi'olani Blvd. near Kamake'e St.
- Red-light safety cameras have been installed and started issuing warnings on March 22.
- The State DOT is working on the designs for the raised crosswalk on Pensacola St. between King St. and Kapi'olani Blvd.

➤ St. Andrew's goIT Student Technology Program



Rep. Saiki gave an address to 30 student graduates of the goIT (Go Innovate Together) Student Technology Program at St. Andrew's School. The goIT program introduces students to STEM, computer science, digital innovation, and the design thinking process. Rep. Saiki had the pleasure of listening to student presentations and was very impressed by their knowledge and enthusiasm for their projects.

➤ Congratulations to the Class of 2023!



Congratulations to the McKinley High School graduating class of 2023. You have earned this achievement through your hard work, dedication, and perseverance. Best wishes as you pursue your future goals.



2023 Legislative Highlights

Mental Health



➤ **Crisis Response for Our Keiki (HB948)**

Establishes a two-year child and adolescent crisis mobile outreach team pilot program on O'ahu and one neighbor island site to expand existing crisis response services.

➤ **Getting the Mentally Ill Off the Streets (HB950)**

Authorizes psychiatrists or advanced practice registered nurses, after examination of a person for assisted community treatment indication, to request assistance from the attorney general to file an assisted community treatment petition.

➤ **Telehealth for Our Seniors (HB907)**

Temporarily allows for the reimbursement of services provided through telehealth via an interactive telecommunications system and two-way, real-time audio-only communications in certain circumstances.



Taxation

➤ **Tax Relief for Our Residents (HB954)**

Increases the household and dependent care services tax credit for five years. Increases the refundable earned income tax credit for five years. Increases the income thresholds and credit amounts of the refundable food/excise tax credit for five years.

\$7 Million

for McKinley High School to construct Athletic facilities, including new bleachers and equipment.

\$4.5 Million

for street improvements in Kaka'ako.

\$1 Million

for McKinley High School improvements for Building A.

\$1 Million

for McKinley High School construction of a full campus perimeter fence.

Government Reform

In a pledge to increase transparency and accountability in state and county government, the House of Representatives introduced all the recommendations from the Commission to Improve Standards of Conduct (CISC) on ethics laws, campaign finance laws, and government reform. With the exception of five bills, all recommendations were adopted by the legislature and transmitted to the Governor.



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Wed., July 12
2023
5:30 - 6:30 PM

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