



Senator Sharon Moriwaki

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DISTRICT 12

Ala Moana, Kakaako,
McCully, Sheridan,
Waikiki

2024 Legislative Session Begins January 17



Senator Moriwaki was appointed Vice-Chair of the Committee on Ways and Means (WAM) which began executive budget informational briefings in January. As Vice-Chair of WAM, she is responsible for coordinating the capital improvement program budget for the Senate and negotiating it with the House among other duties.

The regular session of the 32nd legislature commenced on Wednesday, January 17, 2024, and our office is preparing for the four months of lawmaking. We're working on introducing dozens of bills based on concerns voiced from the community as well as matters categorized as very important to people who took our 2023 Fall Community Survey. You can view upcoming hearings, track legislation, and find other important information on capitol.hawaii.gov. For a refresher on how to navigate the session, see the Public Access Room website at lrb.hawaii.gov/par/. The State Capitol is open to the public from 7am to 5pm Monday thru Friday. Photo ID is required for entry into the building. Limited paid public parking is available at the Capitol, entrance via Miller Street off Punchbowl. Additional public parking is available in Lot V (Vineyard Garage on Punchbowl); Lot G (Kalanimoku Building on Beretania & Punchbowl); and Lot L (Kinau Hale Building on Punchbowl).

Kakaako Makai Rules

Through a number of community meetings and hearings, the Kakaako Makai Rules of the Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA) make clear the requirements that any project developed on Kakaako's coastline makai of Ala Moana Blvd must consider the impact of sea level rise and other zoning rules and prohibits residential building. The Governor signed the Rules in January. Mahalo to everyone who testified and your commitment to a sustainable Kakaako.

Ilaniwai Street Project

On Jan. 11, we attended a State/City kickoff event to introduce the Ilaniwai Street improvement project in the heart of Kakaako. The Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA) focused on key points of the renovation: Drainage, underground utilities, sidewalks, and bikeways. As you may recall, Ilaniwai was part of a stretch of road immersed in a 5-year+ legal battle between the State and a private company who did not maintain the road they claimed to have owned.



KUPUNA SHED MOVES TO NEW KAKAAKO HOME - On Saturday, Senator Moriwaki joined members and HCDA's Craig Nakamoto to bless their new home on Lana Lane. The shed volunteers their time and energy to hand-craft useful items to donate them for community benefit.

Honolulu Authority on Rapid Transportation Update

- Crews on Halekauwila Street are currently relocating underground water utility lines near the merge of Richards Street and Ala Moana Boulevard, in front of the Mililani Building parking garage driveway. After initial work began, the project team determined that for the safety of drivers and the construction crews, FVCCC would require closure of the left turn traffic lane from eastbound Ala Moana Boulevard to Halekauwila Street during daytime construction hours.
- Alternating lanes of Halekauwila Street and the adjacent sidewalks will be closed intermittently. In addition, all lanes of Halekauwila Street from South Street to Keawe Street may be closed, as needed. Motorists may be detoured and street parking will be restricted near designated work zones.

Please observe all instructions and times posted on parking signs in this work zone. A meeting on January 25 will include updates on HART's ongoing construction projects. Learn more at honolulutransit.org/events/business-and-community-meeting-20240125/. You can also call the HART hotline at (808) 566-2299.

Progress on Ag. Land Transfers Between Depts of Agriculture, Land and Natural Resources

The Department of Agriculture (HDOA) and the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) are making steady progress in transferring state leases for pastoral and agricultural lands from DLNR to HDOA. The complex and challenging work continues as both departments work to preserve the state's agriculture and natural resources. In 2003, the Hawai'i State Legislature passed Act 90, which provides that certain agricultural lands with or without leases could be transferred over to the HDOA upon the approval of the boards of both agencies. To date, 24,200 thousand acres of agricultural lands have been approved and transferred by DLNR to HDOA. In October 2023, the HDOA approved, accepting 99 more parcels on the list, totaling 21,672 acres, which still requires the review and approval of the DLNR. Both DLNR and HDOA have been working hard to resolve multiple land issues including the protection of agriculture and the conservation of natural resources. Lands identified for potential transfer are mostly pasture and ranch lands, but also include other agricultural parcels.

Free Workshop on Jan.24: Stop the Bleeding Emergencies

The American College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma is leading the effort to save lives by teaching Hawaii residents the life-or-death decision to apply this vital initial response at Hookupu Center at Kewalo Basin Park. Learn more on queens.org.



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