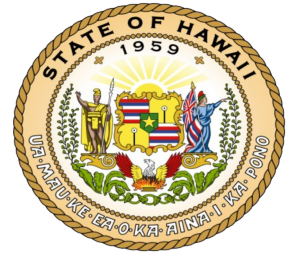




# 2022 New Year Newsletter

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Dear Friends and Neighbors:

I'd like to wish you and your ohana a happy new year! We enter 2022 concerned that the omicron variant will continue to cause disruptions in our everyday lives. Please continue to be vigilant and get your booster for added protection. With over 73% of our population vaccinated, with booster shots widely available, and with proven covid treatments that prevent hospitalizations, we are hopeful we can find a new normal this year.

During the interim, I worked on developing an affordable housing roadmap, coordinating infrastructure discussions with the counties and private developers, meeting with consultants on the Samuel Mahelona Master Plan, coordinating North Shore nonprofits involved in stream clearance, facilitating work on a day care pilot program for Kaua'i, and coordinating an initiative to prepare Native Hawaiians for rental and owner-occupancy.

The legislature convenes on January 19, 2022. I'm pleased to introduce a range of bills that fund rental and for-sale affordable housing, fund transitional housing for the houseless, fund a rent supplement program for low-income families, support preventive dental care for adults on Medicaid, and allow the State Parks Division to use fees collected for lifeguards, rangers, and enforcement.

I'm honored to represent House District 14, the most beautiful district in the State, at the Legislature. And I look forward to the session ahead. If you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions along the way, please do not hesitate to reach out to me and my staff.

Mahalo piha,

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Participating in Blue Planet Foundation's Love to Ride biking competition in the month of May. Lucky to live on the east side with good friends and easy access to *Ke Ala Hele Makalae*, our coastal multi-use trail.



Congratulating the national NCAA volleyball champions on Kaua'i. Rep. Nakamura surrounded by real life giants, Coach Charlie Wade and the winning team.



Observing efforts to remove invasive species and maintain stream banks in Hanalei with Keola Sheehan, Michael Ching, and David Stuart.

# 2021 Was A Memorable Year...

## Hanalei Hill Landslide

Mahalo to all the volunteers who kicked into action on both sides of Hanalei River to transport residents and employees via shuttle, carts, and boats. Thanks to all who cooked for the volunteers, residents who met weekly with the State Department of Transportation to address community concerns, and everyone who patiently waited their turn to get through this area for seven months. Mahalo to Larry Dill and the State Highway Division, the Kaua'i Police Department, and contractors who worked diligently to stabilize the hillside.



Rep. Nakamura crossing the Hanalei river in March, 2021 after the landslide blocked both lanes of Kuhio Highway.



## Mailihuna Road Roundabout

Mahalo to the Federal Highway Administration's Central Federal Lands Division (FHWA-CFL), who designed and constructed the project; The State Department of Transportation, Highway Division, Kauai District Office's Larry Dill, Ray McCormick, and Randall Haraguchi for providing project oversight; and Ivan Kibe and his crew at Hawaiian Dredging for their hard work and dedication to improve the safety, traffic flow, and aesthetics on the east side. Mahalo for your team effort! This is the second roundabout on a State Highway on Kaua'i and I hope it won't be the last.



# Vaccine and Booster Information

## COVID-19 Vaccine Recipients Ages 18 and Older are Eligible for Booster Shots

Effective immediately, all adults aged 18 and older who completed their primary mRNA vaccinations of Pfizer or Moderna at least six months ago should receive a single COVID-19 booster dose. Teens ages 16 and 17 are eligible for a Pfizer booster while those age 18 and older are eligible for a Pfizer or Moderna booster, and may mix or match.

Boosters are still recommended for anyone who received Johnson & Johnson's COVID-19 vaccine more than two months ago. Booster doses are not recommended for those younger than 18 years old, and they are not eligible for a booster.

To make an appointment for a booster, contact or visit the website of any of the vaccine clinics in the area.

### Vaccine Clinics for Ages 12 and Older

- Longs Lihue Kukui Grove (Pfizer only, ages 12+) Make an appointment: <https://www.cvs.com/immunizations/covid-19-vaccine>
- Longs Koloa, Kapaa, and Eleele (Moderna only, ages 18+) Walk-ins are accepted, or make an appointment: <https://www.cvs.com/immunizations/covid-19-vaccine>
- Safeway Lihue and Kapaa (All three vaccines available, ages 12+) Make an appointment: <https://www.safeway.com/pharmacy/covid-19.html>
- Walmart Lihue (Pediatric Pfizer, Moderna, and J&J, ages 5-11 and 18+). Walk-ins are accepted, or make an appointment: <http://www.walmart.com/COVIDvaccine>
- Costco Lihue (All three vaccines available, ages 12+). Walk-ins are accepted, or make an appointment: <https://www.costco.com/covid-vaccine.html>
- Foodland Princeville: (Moderna only, ages 18+) Monday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Make an appointment: <https://www.foodland.com/covid19-vaccine>
- Lihue Pharmacy (Moderna only, 18+). Tuesdays and Fridays 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. By appointment only – no walk-ins at this location. To make an appointment, call (808) 246-6900. For more info: <https://kauairx.com/covid-19-vaccine-clinic/>

### Vaccine Clinics for Keiki ages 5 to 11 available at:

- Kauai Veterans Memorial Hospital (KVMH)
- Kaiser Permanente
- Wilcox Medical Center
- Walmart
- Longs in Kukui Grove

And at mobile clinics hosted by Hoola Lahui and the Department of Health Kauai District Health Office.

# What does Rep. Nakamura do when the Legislature isn't in Session?



She invites Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) Trustee Dan Ahuna, Chair Hulu Lindsey, CEO Sylvia Hussey to be a part of master planning process at Samuel Mahelona Memorial Hospital.



She takes a hike at Mount Ka'ala with the Department of Land and Natural Resources to learn about the Division of Forestry & Wildlife (DOFAW) efforts, fire control needs, and native ecosystem management.



She inspects new equipment she helped to secure for Kauai's efforts with DOFAW Kaua'i Manager Sherry Mann at Pua Loke.



She celebrates the opening of the Hanalei Elementary School playground with Principal Hines, PTA leaders, and students.



She meets with Kapaa Elementary School leadership and County to discuss safe routes to school construction plans and impacts to the school.



She visits the future site of the Namahana Charter School for grades 7-12, with board members and supporters.

## Samuel Mahelona Memorial Hospital Master Plan Update



### SAMUEL MAHELONA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL TOD MASTER PLAN UPDATE

#### SAVE THE DATE!

Samuel Mahelona Memorial Hospital is updating their master plan to incorporate:

- Community needs and desires for the area
- Greater integration of the adjacent State parcels—from the boardwalk to Kapa'a Elementary and High School (see map)

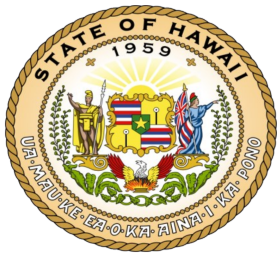
A community kick-off meeting will be held virtually on:

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3<sup>RD</sup>, 2022  
5:30 - 7:00 PM**

Visit the project website to register for the meeting, learn more about the project, and to stay updated on ways to get involved!



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Congratulating Josie Pablo on her retirement at Samuel Mahelona Memorial Hospital. She organized petting zoos, bon dances, Christmas lightings, luaus, and beach excursions. She will be sorely missed by the entire community.

## Rent and Mortgage Assistance

If you're in need and qualify, please apply!!

### Rent Assistance

If you are behind in your rent or utilities caused by financial hardship during the Covid-19 pandemic, you may qualify for rent and utility relief funds. You must be a Kaua'i resident, be at least 18 years old, be a renter, and have a household income less than 80% of the area median income.

#### Income to qualify:

- For a family of 2: maximum income of \$65,250
- For a family of 4: maximum income of \$81,550

**Apply to:** Kauai Federal Credit Union

**Apply at:** <https://kauairenthelp.com> or email [rent@kgefku.org](mailto:rent@kgefku.org)

### Mortgage Assistance

If you are behind in your mortgage due caused by financial hardship during the Covid-19 pandemic, Have less than \$25,000 in assets, and submitted federal tax returns, you may qualify for mortgage relief funds.

**Apply to:** Hawaiian Community Assets

First mortgages only

Single-family home or condo only

#### Income to qualify :

- For a family of 2, maximum income of \$122,300
- For a family of 4, maximum income of \$152,850

Priority will be given to low- and moderate-income families, and socially-disadvantaged borrowers

**Online application:** [www.HawaiianCommunity.net](http://www.HawaiianCommunity.net)

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