

COMMUNITY UPDATE

Representative Aaron Ling Johanson

District 31 • Moanalua, Foster Village, Aiea, Lower Pearlridge, Fort Shafter, Red Hill, Aliamanu •

Aloha Neighbors,

March has been an eventful month. We are past the halfway point in the Legislative Calendar. The Red Hill Fuel Tanks are to be shut down, and the Capitol is now open to the public. Should you have any questions, concerns, or require assistance on an issue, please don't hesitate to contact me at my office by phone at 586-9470, or email repjohanson@capitol.hawaii.gov. Please take care!

Mahalo,



RED HILL UNDERGROUND FUEL TANKS TO BE SHUT DOWN

In a statement released on March 7, 2022, Secretary of Defense Lloyd J. Austin, III, has stated that he will permanently shut down the Red Hill Underground Fuel Tanks. The Secretary of the Navy and Director of the Defense Logistics Agency will provide an action plan no later than May 31, 2022, to shut down the Red Hill Fuel Tanks within 12 months.

Corrective actions will be taken to that defueling will be safe, and then defueling will commence. After defueling has been completed, the closure of the Red Hill facility will commence, including any needed environmental remediation around the facility.

The Navy and Department of Defense Logistics Agency will be working with the Hawaii Department of Health and Environmental Protection Agency to ensure that the Red Hill Fuel Tanks are defueled and closed safely.

THE CAPITOL IS NOW OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

The State Capitol is open to the public once again. Building hours are from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. There are some restrictions:

- Masks are required when visiting the State Capitol
- Upon entry, you must present a photo ID and either proof of vaccination or negative COVID-19 test taken within 72 hours of entry into the building
- Parking at the Capitol is limited to authorized personnel. Public parking is available at: Lot V (Vineyard Garage on Punchbowl); Lot G (Kalanimoku Building on Beretania and Punchbowl) and Lot L (Kinau Hale Building on Punchbowl)

Testimony on bills may be written, videoconference and in-person testimony at public hearings. For testimony instructions, go to: <https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/docs/testimonyinstructions2022.pdf>.

GOAKAMAI TRAFFIC INFO



The Department of Transportation has a mobile app available for you to check the traffic before you leave your home, work, or school. GOAKAMAI is available for both Android and iOS devices. You will be able to view the traffic cameras, information about lane closures, locations of EV charging stations and bicycle routes.

The app may be downloaded from Apple's App Store or Google Play Store. For more information go to:

<https://hidot.hawaii.gov/>

WATER CONSERVATION URGED

WaterSmart is a free service available to Board of Water Supply (BWS) customers to check for leaks and high water usage alerts to promote water conservation. It is the mission of BWS to provide safe, dependable and affordable water now and into the future. WaterSmart is just one tool to help promote water conservation, as BWS has asked residents to voluntarily reduce usage by 10%.

For more information on WaterSmart go to: <https://www.boardofwatersupply.com/news-events/news-and-updates/bws-water-smart-program>.



SUPPORT FOR UKRAINE



The House of Representatives stood united for Ukraine on March 4, 2022, wearing blue and yellow for Ukraine. In further support, the House introduced House Resolution 85, calling for prioritization of humanitarian aid to Ukraine, and House Concurrent Resolution 32, which calls for swift and severe economic sanctions against Russia.