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**SENATOR STANLEY CHANG**  
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Image Credit: Hahaione Elementary School

## Funding Pre-Kindergarten Expansion at Hahaione Elementary School

Hahaione Elementary School has been serving the Hawai'i Kai community for years. As the first Kaiser Complex Elementary School to be registered by the International Baccalaureate program, Hahaione Elementary provides enviable education to children from pre-kindergarten all the way to fifth grade. The school is a crucial component of the Hawai'i Kai community, and, as its vision statement establishes, is a place “where helping hands join on a journey of wonder and discovery.”

Recently, \$1,000,000 in funding was secured to expand Hahaione Elementary’s pre-kindergarten program, and Senator Chang’s office followed up with the school. Hahaione Principal Shannon Cappy Goo detailed that the funding “will be utilized to upgrade the [pre-kindergarten] classroom and surrounding area to meet the specifications of preschool standards.” In doing so, Hahaione will be

able to establish 20 seats for pre-kindergarten students on a yearly basis.

Principal Goo went on to explain that the funding is necessary to increase the accessibility of the preschool’s facilities. Principal Goo stated that the upgrades will involve lowering the school’s sinks and toilets, making the classroom areas accessible for students with disabilities, and constructing an enclosed outdoor play area—all of which will make Hahaione a safer and more friendly environment for the keiki of Hawai'i Kai.

Such upgrades are necessary to meet the high and growing demand for preschool in the Hawai'i Kai community, according to Principal Goo. Goo emphasized that these upgrades will “provide a high quality education in a convenient location to families,” thereby allowing “four year olds... to grow deep roots and tremendous compassion for [their] community.”

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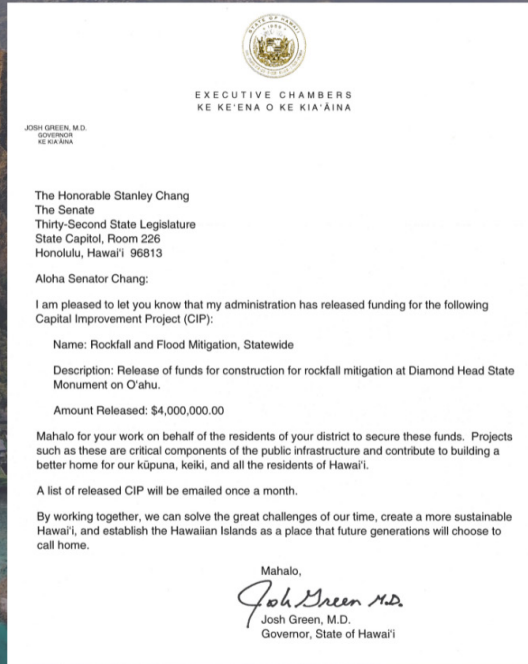
# MOVING FORWARD



**SENATOR STANLEY CHANG** SENATE DISTRICT 9



**\$4,000,000 secured for Diamond Head State Monument!**



## \$4 Million Secured for Diamond Head Repair

\$4 million is secured for rockfall and flood mitigation at the Diamond Head State Monument! These monies are especially critical during the simultaneous summer months (where everyone is out hiking and exploring the monument) and hurricane season (which may cause loose rocks to slip and heavy rain waters to create floods around the area).

Image Credit: Office of Senator Chang

## NEW RESIDENTIAL REBATE ON SMART WATER MONITORS

The Honolulu Board of Water Supply (BWS) has launched a new smart water monitor rebate as part of its Water Sensible Program for residential customers.

Customers who install a smart water monitor in their home can qualify for a rebate of up to \$200. Smart Water Monitors attach to your home's water line and provide data about water

usage and potential leaks. Devices that touch the water meter, such as a "Flume," are not eligible for this rebate. Acceptable models are Wi-Fi enabled and connect to a mobile app so you can check your water usage and get alerts sent to your phone. Some models can even shut off your water in the event of a major leak while you are not home.

A small ½-gallon-per-minute leak can waste over 700 gallons of water per day. On top of that, water damage can lead to thousands of dollars in repairs. These devices can help prevent these problems and save water and money! BWS customers can apply for and learn more about this and other residential and commercial rebates at [boardofwatersupply.com/rebates](http://boardofwatersupply.com/rebates).

For questions, please contact the Communications Office at [808-748-5041](tel:808-748-5041) or [contactus@hbws.org](mailto:contactus@hbws.org).



Image Credit: Board of Water Supply



## IN THE COMMUNITY

### Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs Condominium Owners' Guides



Image Credit: the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs

The Real Estate Branch of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs provides a plethora of video guides for current or future condo owners. They have an education series, "Hawaii Condo Living Guide," covering a series of condominium issues. To view their videos, visit [cca.hawaii.gov/reb/hawaii-condo-living-guide](http://cca.hawaii.gov/reb/hawaii-condo-living-guide).

### New PSAs to Save Marine Life

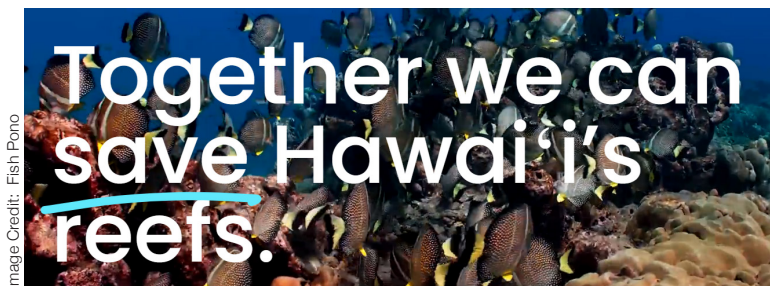


Image Credit: Fish Pono

Check out Fish Pono's new public education campaign to see what you can do to save our uhu and coral reefs at: [fishpono.org](http://fishpono.org). Fish Pono is organized by local fishers, water men and women, and ocean scientists. Filmed around O'ahu, the organization's PSAs offer testimony of the importance of saving uhu and coral reefs. For generations of Hawaiians, pono has been the practice of living in balance. With Hawai'i's coral reefs severely threatened due to various human activities, understanding our role in the fragile balance of our reef's ecosystem has never been more critical. The practice of pono when fishing will ensure healthy reefs teeming with life for 'ohana to come.

### RAPID RESPONSE HOTLINE AVAILABLE FOR MARINE DEBRIS REMOVAL



Image Credit: Division of Aquatic Resources

Marine pollution is a very significant threat to marine life in the ocean. Abandoned, lost, and discarded fishing nets can ruin essential habitat like coral reefs, as well as entangle marine life such as turtles and humpback whales. The Protected Species Program with the Division of Aquatic Resources (DAR) has a Marine Debris Rapid Response Hotline that can be called for the rapid removal of abandoned fishing nets and fishing lines. These items entangle and harm Hawai'i's endangered wildlife and coral reefs. The goal of this hotline is to remove the debris before an animal can be entangled and before the net washes back out to sea, which can impact human and wildlife safety alike. The hotline can be called at **833-432-6387**. You can also report hazardous nets and marine debris online at: [dlnr.hawaii.gov/dobor/reportmarinedebrishawaii](http://dlnr.hawaii.gov/dobor/reportmarinedebrishawaii).

# YOUR CONCERNS

**aloaharvest Community Harvest**

**Hawai'i Fruit Seasonality Chart**

Availability can vary year-to-year depending on weather conditions.

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Avocado												
Citrus (Lemon, Lime, Tangerine)												
Dragonfruit												
Eggfruit												
Gueva												
Jackfruit												
Liliko'i (Passionfruit)												
Longan & Lychee												
Mango												
Ohi'a 'ai (Mountain Apple)												
Rambutan												
Starfruit												
Soursop												
'Ulu (Breadfruit)												

Chart above does not include other fruit that grow year-round like Bananas, Coconuts, Noni, Papaya, and Pineapple. Our team can also harvest other food like vegetables and even fish!

You can always schedule with our team in advance and decide how much you'd like to donate.

**SCHEDULE A COMMUNITY HARVEST**  
 Contact Sustainability Coordinator, Haleigh Jones  
 808-861-2754 or [haleigh@alohaharvest.org](mailto:haleigh@alohaharvest.org)

## DONATE EXCESS FRUIT TREE PRODUCTION AND VOLUNTEERS WILL HARVEST YOUR FRUIT FOR FREE

If you or your neighbors have a lot of potential fruit trees to rescue excess from, Community Harvest is here to help! Community Harvest is a gleaning program by Aloha Harvest, where volunteers will harvest your trees for free. After harvesting, you can decide how much fruit you want to donate (minimum 5 pounds) to the program. All donations of fruit are tax-deductible and given to local agencies that feed our community. Community Harvest will coordinate with you and provide all the harvesting equipment, packing supplies, staff, and volunteers.

Contact Haleigh, the sustainability coordinator, at **808-861-2754** (call/text) or [haleigh@alohaharvest.org](mailto:haleigh@alohaharvest.org).

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## NA WAHINE O KE KAI RACE

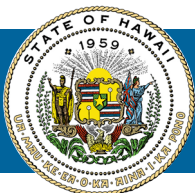
It is with the heaviest of hearts and profound sadness that Na Wahine O Ke Kai women's Molokai to Oahu canoe race announce the cancellation of the 2023 race scheduled for Sunday, September 24, 2023. The 41-mile race was slated to begin at Hale o Lono Harbor on southwest Molokai and end at Waikiki Beach in front of the Hilton Hawaiian Village Beach Resort & Spa.

Not one of us could have foretold the tragedy that has developed on our sister island of Maui, and our hearts grieve for our island community that has faced such overwhelming loss of life and community.

This decision was not made lightly as we understand that many of our crews have already made commitments to travel from international, national, and neighbor island locations. We ask for patience. If you would like more general information, visit [nawahineokekai.com](http://nawahineokekai.com).



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