

## **ELIJAH**REPRESENTATIVE

## PIERICK

| Voted | Topic  | Date               | Bill#         |
|-------|--|--------------------|---------------|
| YES   | Caregiver support services<br>(Helping Kapuna)           | 3/22/2023          | SB63 SD2 HD3  |
| YES   | Less Fireworks   | 4/11/2023          | SB821 SD1 HD2 |
| YES   | Protecting our water                                     | 4/11/2023          | SB44 SD2 HD3  |
| YES   | Helping the envornment                                   | 4/11/2023          | SB459 SD2 HD1 |
| YES   | Helps with building workforce housing on school property | 3/21/2023<br>(CPC) | SB941 SD2 HD1 |
| YES   | Caregiver support services                               | 3/16/2023          | SB1372 SD1    |
| YES   | Government Transparency                                  | 4/11/2023          | SB576 SD3 HD1 |

## **HONOLULU POLICE DEPARTMENT**



Career Day event at Kaimiloa Elementary School. Speaking to students who are interested in a future career as a police officer, explaining the tools carried on their belts. Also a time for Q & A's about policework in Hawaii.



Rep Elijah Pierick, his Office Manager, Blake Boyd, team, and the Police Officers with the District Police Department

## Rep Elijah Pierick met with the City's Deputy Director for the Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP), Jiro Sumada.

There are updates on the building permit process. According to Mr. Sumada, ongoing permit processing improvements are continuing to reduce the time it takes to issue building permits. As a comparison, during the Summer of 2022, it normally 298 days to issue residential permits. As of the end of March 2023, DPP is now taking an average of 168 days to issue residential permits (a 43% improvement).

The following are future improvements that will be launched soon by DPP:

- <u>1. Surge Teams</u> to temporarily add DPP staff on a voluntary basis using overtime resources to augment under-staffed plan review functions.
- 2. Software Upgrades to allow permit applicants and property owners to track in real time where their permit is at. This allows greater transparency of whether a permit is stuck with a government agency for review, or if the applicant's design team is making changes to their design plans to meet code requirements.
- <u>3. Small Permit Line</u> for residential permit applications under a specified dollar value.
- 4. Self-Certification Bill 6 at the City Council to allow architects and engineering design professionals to accept full liability for their design to meet current building codes, thereby bypassing DPP's building, electrical and/or plumbing code reviews.
- 5. Bill 56 at the City Council will <u>increase the types and minimum threshold amounts</u> to exempt certain improvements from having to even apply for a building permit.



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Public Servant Elijah Pierick also visited Honouliuli Middle School and visited with their principal. It is a great school with wonderful staff.



Dr. Elijah Pierick also recently met with the handicapped, hearing their stories, and advocating for them by voting "yes" on bills which would help them.