Downtown-Chinatown Neighborhood Board – September 5, 2024

Senator Karl Rhoads

Last meeting: August 1, 2024

1. Yesterday, the Dept. of Health reported 480 new Covid cases with a 7-day average of 72 cases and 8 deaths for that weekly period. The State is still seeing the impact of the recent surge in Covid cases. I encourage you to stay up to date on your Covid shots as well as your flu shots. If you are over 60, there is now a vaccine for Respiratory Sincytial (sin-SISH-uhl) Virus (RSV) which is also a good idea to get.

   A new, updated 2024-2025 Covid vaccine has been approved for use. This vaccine is not meant to prevent every Covid variant; rather, the aim is to protect against severe illness, hospitalization and death. They also restore and enhance protection from previous shots, which has declined over time.

2. My office and I are preparing Bills for next Session. If you have any Bill ideas, please let me know as soon as you can.

3. Please don't hesitate to call my office, (808) 586-6130, with questions or concerns or email me at senrhoads@capitol.hawaii.gov