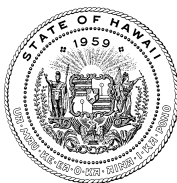


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1. Governor Green's Monthly Newsletter – Ke Ala Hou (A New Path Forward)

Read latest edition and sign up here: <https://governor.hawaii.gov/newsletter/>

2. Board member Adriel Lam wants the government to provide a maintenance schedule for how the state maintains public natural spaces like highway medians and streams. This is an extension of a question he asked in April, for which the state provided a response in May.

The Hawai'i Department of Transportation (HDOT) conducts regular maintenance (grass cutting, graffiti removal, trash pickup, etc.) of state roadways on a rotating five-week cycle. The schedule is different for each district and is often adjusted to take into account weather conditions, scheduled roadwork and other relevant factors. In addition, crews are sent out to specific locations as needed to address vegetation overgrowth of blocked sight distance areas, covered or damaged guardrails and signs, sidewalk and shoulder encroachments, debris removal, tree trimming, potholes and other issues that may pose a safety hazard.

To report a state highway/roadway problem, contact:

- *O'ahu Maintenance (Office & Complaints):*
 - Phone: (808) 831-6714
 - After hours: (808) 485-6200
 - Email: complainthighwayoahu@hawaii.gov
- *HDOT Public Affairs:*
 - Phone: (808) 586-2160
 - Email: dotpao@hawaii.gov

Regarding stream clearing, HDOT is prioritizing clearing debris from streams that can lead to flooding. In the past, the department's jurisdiction for stream maintenance was limited to the areas under state bridges. HDOT is now focused on clearing streams, from upstream to downstream, regardless of jurisdiction (state, county, federal, private), to remove debris and hazards that can cause flooding. This will allow the owners and agencies that have jurisdiction over the streams to focus on long-term maintenance plans. On O'ahu, HDOT is currently focused on the following flood-prone priority streams: Kaukonahua, Wai'āhole, Waikāne, Kalihi

and Waiawa.

This strategy was explained by HDOT's director during a House Committee on Public Safety informational briefing on 2026 Kona Lows (April 20, 2026).

Informational Briefing Video:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aozptiS2j0Y&list=PLcmtMpTZQLGrOWbp_5CHGma2cOFAfbn4c&index=1

HDOT Presentation:

https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/CommitteeFiles/HOUSE/PBS/PBSfiles/2026_Bridge_Design_Section.pdf

On a related note, the Department of Human Resources says there is a roughly 13-14% vacancy rate for groundskeepers. Here are the statistics:

Executive Branch (excluding DOE & UH)

98 positions authorized, 13 vacant = 13% vacant.

1 vacancy at DAGS (Maui)

2 vacancies at DCR (Waipahu/Aiea & Kailua)

10 vacancies at DOT

- 2 Kauai
- 6 Halawa/Kalihi
- 2 Maui

DLNR doesn't have Groundskeepers, it has Park Caretakers (87 total, 13 vacant = 14%)

- 4 Oahu
- 1 Maui
- 4 Big Island
- 4 Kauai

To apply for a job, please go to <https://linktr.ee/hawaiidhrd>.