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State Representative Kanani Souza (District 43—Makakilo & Kapolei) Completes
FBI Citizens Academy

State Representative Kanani Souza (District 43—Makakilo & Kapolei) was selected to participate in the 22nd session of the Citizens Academy at the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Honolulu Field Office, which recently completed on June 4, 2024. A graduation ceremony will be held on Tuesday, June 11, 2024. Rep. Souza’s engagement with the FBI began in law school at the University of Hawai‘i William S. Richardson School of Law, where she met FBI Honolulu’s Chief Division Counsel when he was a guest speaker in her first-year criminal law class. She subsequently interned with the Chief Division Counsel at the FBI Honolulu Field Office, where she had the opportunity to provide briefings to Special Agents regarding legal matters, including Fourth Amendment issues.

As the State Representative for Kapolei and Makakilo, having the FBI Honolulu Field Office located in her backyard in Kapolei provides Rep. Souza a welcomed opportunity to continue to build relationships with federal law enforcement as they serve our communities upholding the FBI’s motto of Fidelity, Bravery, and Integrity. Rep. Souza has learned so much from the various sessions in the FBI Citizens Academy, which has helped increase awareness and will ultimately benefit our community as we all work together to combat crime and keep our island home safe. Rep. Souza is grateful for the opportunity to participate in the FBI Citizens Academy and offers a heartfelt mahalo to Special Agent in Charge Steven Merrill, as well as all of the Special Agents, administrative staff, and the FBI Honolulu Citizens Academy Alumni Association for their time and dedication in putting forth an excellent Citizens Academy and for their strong commitment to community outreach efforts.

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