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**WARD CALLS FOR COMMUNITY MEETING ON SAFETY IN MAUNALUA BAY
WITH DLNR'S DIRECTOR THIELEN AND U.S. COAST GUARD**

Representative Gene Ward (R-Hawaii Kai-Kalama Valley) today reminded all boaters, divers, jet skiers, canoers, and kayakers (see attached flier) to attend the Town Hall Meeting On Public Safety in Maunalua Bay this Tuesday, November 3.

WHO: Rep. Gene Ward, Sen. Fred Hemmings, Dept. of Land and Natural Resources' Director Laura Thielen, Edward Underwood of DLNR's Boating Division, U.S. Coast Guard and users of Maunalua Bay, including boaters, divers, kayakers, swimmers, fisherman and jet skiers.

WHAT: The purpose of the town hall meeting is to discuss public safety concerns in Maunalua Bay in lieu of Keahi Lum's fatal accident on October 4. It will be a forum for users of Maunalua Bay to join elected officials and enforcement agencies in developing solutions to improve safety in Maunalua Bay. Rep. Ward is encouraging the community to attend and voice their opinions on "what is right and what is wrong about safety in Maunalua Bay."

WHERE: Hahaione Elementary School Cafeteria

WHEN: Tuesday, November 3 from 7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.