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**DOH APPROVES REOPENING OF LEONARD JR'S HOT MALASADAS
& EXPRESSO IN WAIKELE**

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HONOLULU — The Hawai'i Department of Health (DOH) Food Safety Branch (FSB) issued Leonard Jr's Hot Malasadas & Espresso (359 WEN) a green placard and approved its reopening after a follow-up inspection found that all critical food safety violations were corrected.

Leonard Jr's Hot Malasadas & Espresso, located at Waikele Shopping Center, had received a [red placard](#) on Oct. 28, 2025 and was immediately closed. A follow-up inspection was conducted on Oct. 29 and found all violations were resolved.

The food establishment was advised to continue monitoring their water supply and retrain workers on proper handwashing and glove use.

The DOH Food Safety Branch protects and promotes the health of Hawai'i residents and visitors through education of food industry workers and regulation of food establishments statewide. The branch conducts routine health inspections of food establishments where food products are prepared, manufactured, distributed, or sold.

The branch also investigates the sources of foodborne illnesses and potential adulteration; and is charged with mitigating the effects of these incidents to prevent any future occurrences. DOH food safety specialists strive to work with business owners, food service workers and the food industry to ensure safe food preparation practices and sanitary conditions.

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