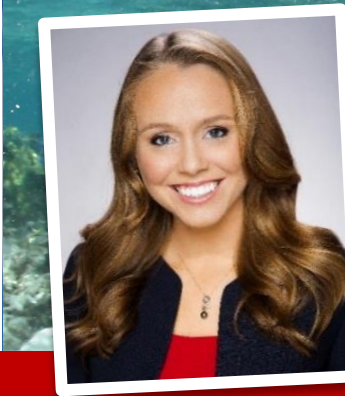


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Community Engagement

2017 Mid-Session Update



Reading the book "Grace for President" to the students of Mililani Waena Elementary.



Had a wonderful conversation with Korean War Veterans at a Veterans and Military Affairs Committee hearing.



We built several giant games, like Connect Four, to play with keiki who attended the Mililani Character Counts Fair.



Talking with the Hawaii Cycling League about the Waialua Bike Path and safe routes to school.



Sharing my priorities as co-convenor of the Hawaii Women's Legislative Caucus at our 2016 Legislative Update Breakfast.



Teaching the students of Waialua Elementary School about the legislative process at the State Capitol.

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Survey Reminder

My office sent out a **Community Input Survey** in early March to gather your opinions on issues being addressed this Legislative Session. The due date was March 31st; however, if you haven't turned your survey in yet, we'd still love to hear from you! If you have any questions or if you've lost your survey, please call or e-mail us.



Aloha Neighbors & Friends,

We are now at the midpoint of the 2017 Legislative Session! This update includes information about key measures that were introduced in the House and continue to move through the legislative process as well as some community event highlights.

The bills on the inside of this update, if passed, are likely to have a significant impact on our families and community. There is still time to participate in the legislative process through testimony and our community input survey. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact my office.

Mahalo nui loa,

Lauren Cheape Matsumoto



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Bills Moving Through the Legislature

Agriculture and Water/Land

Relating to Agricultural	HB503: Appropriates funds to support three additional inspector positions on the island of Oahu within the department of agriculture's pesticides branch.
Relating to Agricultural	HB505: Repeals provision requiring counties to adopt ordinances regulating agricultural tourism as a precondition for allowing agricultural tourism activities in an agricultural district. Allows agricultural commerce, rather than agricultural tourism, in an agricultural district
Relating to Cottage Foods	HB1174: Provides an exemption from Department of Health rules to certain cottage food products sold directly to consumers under certain conditions. Requires the Department of Health to adopt rules no later than December 31, 2017. Effective January 1, 2018.
Relating to General Excise Tax Exemptions	HB1502: Provides a general excise tax exemption for the gross proceeds or income arising from the manufacture, production, packaging, and sale of select healthy foods in the State; as well as a general excise tax exemption for locally grown or produced foods.
Relating to Kaena Point	HB502: Appropriates funds to the department of land and natural resources for additional enforcement officers and on-site educational staff for Kaena point state park and Kaena point natural area reserve to provide full-time coverage and monitoring.
Relating to Wind Energy Facilities	HB1167: Required a wind energy facility owner to be responsible for facility decommissioning and to provide evidence of financial security unless the owner has an existing lease or other agreement that provides for decommissioning. Establishes setback standards for wind energy facilities to ensure safeguards.

Health and Safety

Relating to Workforce Health	HB1503: Establishes a requirement that all workers who handle restricted use pesticides are to undergo mandatory medical checks by the department of health.
Relating to Pesticides	HB1504: Relating to an air testing pilot program to measure pesticide drift at the Waialua High and Intermediate School on the island of Oahu, by the Department of Health.
Relating to Controlled Substances	HB666: Limits initial prescriptions for opioids and benzodiazepines to a maximum of seven consecutive days.
Relating to the Electronic Prescription Accountability System	HB1164: Enhances the electronic prescription accountability system to inform prescribers of their prescription habits compared to their peers.
Relating to Diabetes	HB1505: Establishes the Diabetes Prevention and Management Task Force. Effective July 1, 2017.

Bills Moving Through the Legislature

Cost of Living, Jobs and Transparency

Relating to Taxation	HB807: Establishes an income tax exemption on the first \$10,000 of income derived from tips received by a tipped employee to aid in cost of living.
Relating to the UH Women in Technology	HB1165: Establishes a Center for Women in Technology within the University of Hawaii, Department of Information and Computer Sciences.
Relating to Education and Computer Science	HB1166: Allows computer science to replace either one math or one science class to count towards graduation requirements for high school students.
Relating to Taxation	HB504: Establishes an income tax deduction for political contributions to encourage individual donations rather than corporate or lobbyist contributions.
Relating to Establishing an Electronic Procurement Database	HB1168: Requires the state procurement office to establish an electronic database of all government procurement contracts to ensure consistency across the 21 departments.
Relating to CIPs for the Benefit of District 45	HB1506: Authorizes the issuance of GO bonds and appropriates funds for capital improvement projects in the 45th representative district.

I would love to hear from you and learn how I can better serve you and our community. If you would like to observe hearings of my bills or other bills that you are interested in, please visit www.capitol.hawaii.gov, sign-in, and click on the orange "Hearing Notification" icon located in the center screen. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns regarding any of my bills or if you have any questions or concerns about happenings within our community, please don't hesitate to contact the office at 808-586-9490, RepMatsumoto@Capitol.Hawaii.gov, or RepMatsumoto.com. I take pleasure in serving you, the people of Hawaii.