



Mililani Neighborhood Board Legislative Report – September 2013



Representative Lauren Kealohilani Matsumoto

District 45 • Mililani, Kunia, Schofield, Wheeler, Mokulē'ia, Waialua •

Aloha Neighbors and Friends,

In my on-going efforts to enhance the flow of information and communication between us, I encourage you to visit my new website, ***RepMatsumoto.com***. Once there, you can easily let me know what you want to know (or know more) about by selecting issues that are important to you. I promise you that I won't fill up your email box, and you will always have the option to stop receiving email from me. Your participation will help with the GO GREEN initiative. By working together, we can preserve our precious natural resources by saving paper and ink, and reduce the amount of rubbish going to our landfills.

Another aspect of the website that I'm very excited about is being able to quickly gather information from you with brief survey and opinion questions. This will be especially useful to you as the 2014 Session approaches, giving you another way to make your voice heard when the pace quickens with so many things happening in a very short period of time. Please stay tuned for more information on this!

If you have questions about anything that happens either in our community or at the Capitol, you can contact me by email at RepMatsumoto@Capitol.Hawaii.gov, or by telephone at (808) 586-9490, or stopping by the Capitol in Room 303. I always look forward to seeing you and hearing from you. Until next month, take good care!

Mahalo,



Lauren Kealohilani Matsumoto

LEFT: Representative Matsumoto with staff (from left to right) Travis Fallon, Rep. Matsumoto, Cindy Vaillancourt, Daniel Soo, and intern Danicole Ramos.

CAPITOL HAPPENINGS

The Governor has called a Special Legislative Session to start on Monday, October 28, 2013. Be sure to check the official Hawaii State Legislature website at Capitol.Hawaii.gov for the most accurate and up-to-date information on the Special Session. Although the Special Session is a month away, check the site often for updates on times and locations of hearings, and instructions on giving written or oral testimony.

The Interim is a great time to visit your Capitol. Tours can be arranged for groups, and they provide a fun and informative way to learn about the unique architecture of the United States' newest Capitol. Hawaii's Capitol is the most open and most easily accessed of all the state capitols in the United States! Call my office to set up a

COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS



Rep. Matsumoto, fellow legislator colleagues, and staff learning about the origin and history of the State Civil Defense Emergency Operations Center located at Diamond Head in East Oahu.



In an actual emergency situation, this portion of the Emergency Operations Center is staffed around the clock by members of various agencies who monitor developments and information for their respective areas of responsibility. The large screens on the wall provide real-time images and information to the planners and response teams working to save lives and limit damage during emergency situations.

Visit SDC.Hawaii.gov for detailed information on actions you can take NOW so that you and your family are ready in the event of an emergency situation. Here in Hawaii, our biggest and most common threats are hurricanes, earthquakes, tsunami, and flooding. Take the time now to be ready later!