

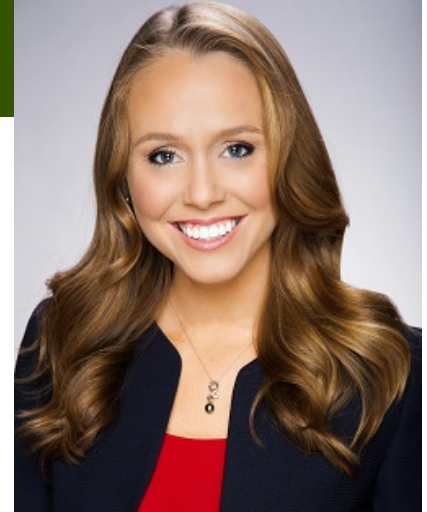


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Even though the session will be busy, please don't hesitate to reach out to my office. As always, please feel free to contact me if you have questions or concerns about happenings in our community.

Mahalo,

Lauren Cheape Matsumoto

Last month, I was honored to be sworn in to the 2017 Women In Government board in Washington D.C.



Mele Kalikimaka, Hau'oli Makahiki Hou!

The New Year just a few weeks away! As the holidays near, we find ourselves busy with shopping, gift giving for loved ones, and attending parties and events with our family and our community for the holidays.

Also around the corner is the reconvening of the Hawaii State Legislature. Next month marks the beginning of the 2017 Legislative Session. This is a great opportunity for you to get involved with choices made at the State Capitol. During the four-month period of the session, we at the House of Representatives will present bills for possible new laws to the floor for House consideration. While deciding on bills and resolutions that could potentially impact our community, we will be working to pass laws in the best interest of Hawaii's people. To do this more effectively, I want to sincerely encourage you to contact me with concerns or questions you have about occurrences in

our community. If you want to learn more about bills, resolutions, legislative timetables or processes, you can visit the www.RepMatsumoto.com and click on the Info tab for general information about the process and how to get involved.

As your local government, we have the privilege and responsibility of communicating the needs of the community and promoting the welfare of the people living in our area. There are a number of ways we can achieve these goals during this next legislative session, but not without you. A helpful tool that you can use in order to voice your opinion is the electronic submission of your testimony. This can be done by visiting www.capitol.hawaii.gov, creating an account, entering the number of the bill you desire to testify for or against, and finally-submitting your testimony. This is a quick and convenient way to ensure your voice is heard and is an available option to anyone. If you would like more details on how to submit your testimony online, you can enter the following URL into any internet search bar for instant access to documented how-to information:

<http://lrhhawaii.org/par/pub/howtotest.pdf>.

As a thriving and growing community, one of the best things we can do in order to succeed is to work together to achieve the outcome we all want to see. Each of us plays an important role in ensuring the wellbeing of our community. So, during this holiday season, let's be sure to do our part by preparing to speak up on behalf of ourselves and on behalf of those in the area we live in.

In remembrance of the 75th anniversary of Pearl Harbor I was honored to be a very small part of the wish granted to Mel, a survivor of that infamous day, to come back to Hawaii for the anniversary. One of their stops was at the Hawaii State Capitol to receive a certificate honoring all he did on December 7th.



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