## **CHARACTER COUNTS**

Earlier this month, our office participated in the Character Counts Fair at Mililani High School. We had a great time running games with students and inviting them to pledge to be kids of Character! Many thanks to our Mililani High School intern Travis Afuso and his fabulous friends who joined us to run the booth!







## **WOMEN'S LEGISLATIVE CAUCUS**

Encompassing women legislators' viewpoints from both the Senate and the House of Representatives, the Women's Legislative Caucus (WLC) of the State of Hawai'i continues to advocate for bills on behalf of the women of the state of Hawai'i. The caucus has focused on such as human trafficking, health, domestic abuse, and education.



Members of the 2018 Women's Legislative Caucus

To follow this year's bills as they go through the legislative process for consideration, follow us on Facebook at <a href="https://www.facebook.com/hawaiiwomen/">https://www.facebook.com/hawaiiwomen/</a>. Your WLC conveners are working hard to keep the public updated in a timely manner regarding hearings. Your testimony is important! Please lend your voice in support of the bills you want to see become law, and keep up with their progress online!

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Aloha Neighbors and Friends,

Our new website, <u>RepMatsumoto.com</u>, is up and running! And as promised, we want to highlight all the new features of the site geared to better serve our community.

First and foremost, one of the most exciting features is the option to Report an Issue (pictured at right). Here you can click on the icon which best associates with your observed need. If you want to report a pothole, make a food safely complaint, report graffiti, make a sidewalk service request, and more! The website will prompt you to supply relevant information for follow-up by the appropriate government department. My office will be directly tracking these items, too, so that we can stay abreast of needs in our community.

The website also provides links to a variety of ways in which you can Get Involved. Your Representatives and Senators need to know your thoughts on proposed legislation, which you can provide by submitting testimony. If you want to know more about our legislative process and how you can participate, the Public Access Room can help. And, did you know our office is looking for interns? Find out more on the website!

Additionally, we want to keep in touch with you beyond Neighborhood Board Meetings. Sign up for our e-newsletter to stay apprised of the latest from the Capitol.

I also had the wonderful opportunity to speak with high school students from Mililani at the Secondary Student Conference (SSC). The purpose of the SCC is to give students an opportunity to discuss issues and bills relating to education as determined by the Hawaii State Legislature. As a member on the House Committee on Education, I enjoyed engaging directly with the students and hearing about their legislative priorities.

The Women's Legislative Caucus also held a special meeting and press conference at the YWCA Laniākea Elizabeth Fuller Hall to present a joint package of priorities for the 2018 Legislative Session.

As always, please feel free to contact me if you have questions or concerns about any happenings in our community.

Mahalo,

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Website: Report an Issue



Discussing the legislative process with Mililani students



Women's Legislative Caucus Press Conference - YWCA





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