

Representative Lauren Cheape Matsumoto

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NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD MEETING

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Aloha Friends and Neighbors!

As a board member for Women in Government, a national organization comprised of women legislators from around the country, I attended our largest conference yet in Chicago!

I moderated a panel of legislators and facilitated discussions on advancing policy for a more inclusive workforce for people with disabilities, including our veterans, and discussed

other issues including healthcare, education, and transportation.



Highlights from the Women in Government Conference

Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Program Resolution



Rep. Matsumoto at Keiki Day at the Capitol

This year, I worked with the teacher of Talia Williams on a resolution to request the Department of Education to establish training programs to empower parents, teachers, students, and administrators on how to prevent, identify, report, and mitigate all forms of child abuse that may take place.

Talia Williams was a five-year-old child who was beaten to death by her father. More than a decade after Talia's tragic death, there have been more than 29,000 cases of child abuse and neglect in military homes. With a robust training program, we working to close gaps in failure to identify and report suspected cases of child abuse.

The more stakeholders we have trained, the more children we can save from death and abuse.

If you have reason to believe that a child you know may be suffering from abuse or neglect at home, please contact Child Welfare Services at (808) 832-5300 or the Honolulu Police Department at 911.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Fridays

Farmer's Market
Mililani Shopping Center
3:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Sundays

Farmer's Market
Mililani High School
8:00 am - 11:00 am

June 29

Open House
Kodama Koi Farm
94-840 Lanikuhana Ave
9:00 am - 11:00 am

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Pacific Roller Derby: 80s vs 90s
Kaomaaiku Neighborhood Park
95-1000 Makaunulau St
3:00 pm - 6:00 pm

June 30

PetSmart Adoption Event
PetSmart
95-660 Lanikuhana Ave
10:00 am - 1:00 pm

July 22

AYSO Region 119 Summer Camp
16 Acres
9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Women's Legislative Caucus Bills

As a co-convenor for the Hawaii Women's Legislative Caucus, I am pleased that we have three bills headed to the governor's desk for his signature. Senate Bill 1033 regarding midwives was signed by the governor earlier this year.

The Women's Legislative Caucus is a coalition of women legislators from both the Hawaii State Senate and the House of Representatives. The group was established over 20 years ago to advocate bills on behalf of women and families of the State of Hawaii. See below for the bills we passed this year.

HB 483 - Clarifies the state version of Title IX to include exemptions for same-sex scholarships and housing (same as under federal law) and extends the deadline for the Legislative Reference Bureau report on Title IX.

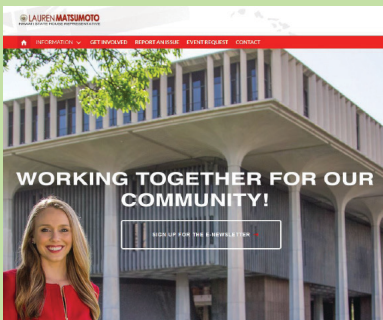
SB 1037 - Expands the definition of strangulation of a family household member to address domestic violence.

SB 1039 - Allows a person to vacate certain prostitution convictions if they have a clean record for three years following the conviction, helps those starting a new life by reducing barriers to employment and housing.

SB 1033 - Establishes licensure of midwives. Temporarily exempts birth attendants and exempts Native Hawaiian healers from licensure requirements.

For a full list of bills that passed in the Regular Session of 2019, please visit RepMatsumoto.com.

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Internship applications for interested high school and college students are also available on RepMatsumoto.com!