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Working Together For Our Community



Aloha Friends and Neighbors,

On January 18th, we started the 2023 Legislative Session. Things have been moving quickly through the process, and I want to keep you updated on what is happening at the Capitol. For quicker updates every other week, please sign up for our e-newsletter at RepMatsumoto.com. I would also like to invite you to a Town Hall for a Legislative Update on April 3, 2023. Please feel free to reach out to my office at RepMatsumoto@capitol.hawaii.gov and at (808) 586-9490. I look forward to continuing to work with you for our community!

Mahalo,

Lauren Cheape Matsumoto

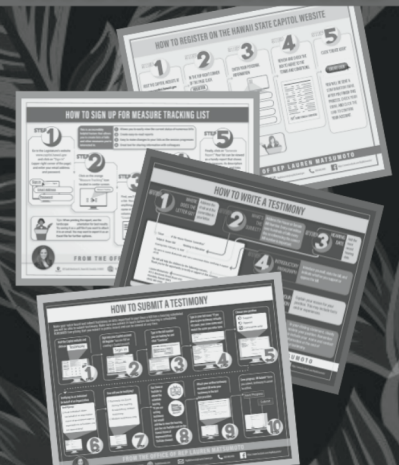
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How to Get Involved

Your voice and thoughts matter in the legislative process! There are many ways to get involved as bills move through session. In order to help you navigate the process, my office created helpful PDF instruction guides to help you create an account, track bills and more! You can download each of the PDFs on my website

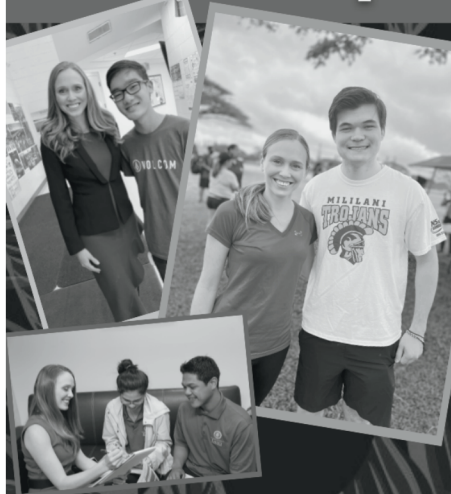
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Legislative Instructions



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Internships



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Our office offers high school and college internship opportunities! This internship provides a unique opportunity to work with legislators in the House of Representatives, giving insight into our local legislative process and how we work to improve our community, district, and state. To apply, please visit my website

RepMatsumoto.com to learn more and fill out an online application.



For the 2023 Legislative Session, I wanted to focus on combatting the high **cost of living**, assisting local families' toward **homeownership**, improving our **education** system and supporting the **rights** of the people to make decisions for themselves and their families. I also want to address the issues our state has seen in corruption among elected officials through **Government Reform**.



COST OF LIVING

HB623: Helps alleviate the high cost of living for local households by exempting food and medical services from the General Excise Tax.

HB625: Creates a State Tax Holiday that will apply to any purchases under the retail price of \$2,000.

HB1141: Eliminates income tax for low-income earners and reduces income tax on a sliding scale for middle and high income earners, allowing people to keep more of their paycheck.



HOUSING

HB939: Allows first-time home buyers to use a savings program to save for a down payment with income before taxes up to \$200,000 which will help them save up quicker for a home.

HB940: Creates a local housing market by ensuring housing built with government funds or assistance will have a deed restriction placed to keep the housing in the same area median income range pricing that it was initially offered.

HB1142: Creates a "Rent-to-Own" housing program to assist renters purchasing a home.



EDUCATION

HB938: Provides quality and reliable childcare for working families by encouraging businesses to create and promote childcare services on-site by providing a tax credit.

HB942: Gives adequate money to every public school to create a emergency response team for medical issues.

HB1144: Gives home-schooled high-school aged students an opportunity to participate individual competitive sports unaffiliated to any school.

HB1401: Requires a financial literacy credit to graduate from high school.



RIGHTS

HB1145: Requires the creation of universal changing accommodations that are in both men's and women's restrooms to help with adult changing for kupuna or those with special needs.

HB629: Allows for terminally ill patients to use and try experimental treatments and drugs.

HB631: Studies the licensing requirements for all jobs requiring a license under the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs in order to determine if there is a less restrictive path towards job qualification.



CRIME & REHABILITATION

HB635: Increases the punishment for property theft by lowering the threshold for a petty misdemeanor charge from \$750 to \$300 to deter future thefts.

HB637: Requires homeless individuals to be assigned a social worker to assess their mental health upon arrest.



GOVERNMENT REFORM

HB941: Establishes a state COO to develop and recommend policies and programs that benefit businesses and promote economic development.

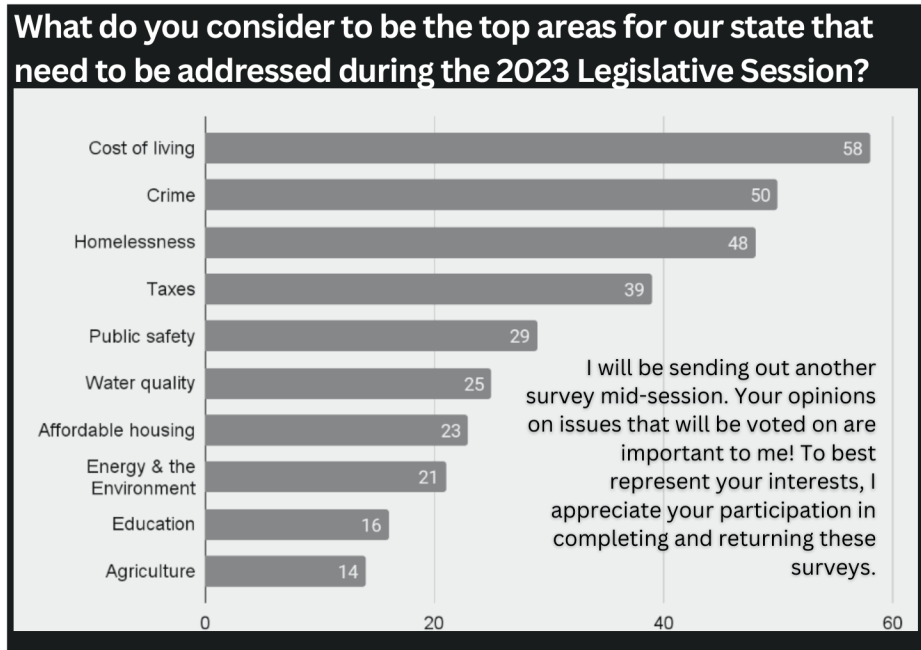
HB1399: Proposes that the Attorney General be an elected position in order to create checks and balances since the position is currently appointed by the governor.

HB1400: Provides checks and balances for emergency proclamations issued by the Governor.

HB626: Establishes 12-year term limits for elected officials in the State Legislature.

2023 Pre-Session Community Input Survey Results

Every fall I send out a survey to the residents of Mililani to see what issues are most important to you and to introduce legislation on these topics. Your voice matters and your survey responses help me introduce legislation that will benefit our community and all of Hawaii! **For all of the survey results, please visit RepMatsumoto.com and click the information tab.**



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WORKING IN THE COMMUNITY



TOWN HALL MEETING



Join us to get an update on bills moving through the legislative session and address issues facing our community.

Williani! District Park Hall

6:30-8:00 PM

Monday April 3, 2023



INVITES YOU TO ATTEND OUR WILLIANI TOWN HALL

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