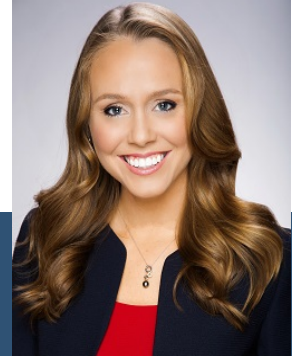


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Aloha Neighbors, Friends, and Family,

I hope that this coming year is a healthy, productive, and prosperous one for you! The 2017 Legislative Session began last week and is already in full swing! The Capitol is bustling with activity once again and committee hearings are underway.

This Session I am a member of the following House Committees:

Education (EDN), Higher Education (HED), Economic Development and Business (EDB, and Labor & Public Employment (LAB). Most of my time during Session is occupied with Committee Hearings. These hearings provide an exceptional opportunity for you to get involved in the legislative process. You can observe the hearings and provide testimony on legislation that is important to you. On the reverse side of this newsletter, I have included information on receive hearing notices. You may also visit RepMatsumoto.com for more information.

Last week, along with other members of the Women's Caucus, I held a press conference covering Opioid Abuse. In 2015, the total number of drug overdoses nationwide exceeded 55,000, of that fifty-five thousand, approximately 333,000 overdoses were a result of opioid use. According to the Hawaii State Department of Health, opioid pain relievers contributed to more than one-third of the 778 drug overdose deaths in Hawaii from 2010 through 2014. Before it's too late, it is imperative that we act swiftly to curb this problem to ensure the safety of our communities for future generations to come.

A few weeks ago I had the privilege of attending the opening of Mililani Middle School's courts. As an alumnus of MMS, it was wonderful to witness the opening of the new courts as well as visit with old teachers. I also was able to be present for the opening of the Waialua Intermediate VEX IQ Robotics Challenge, where two Mililani teams competed.

As always, please feel free to contact me if you have questions or concerns about happenings in our community. Please call me at (808) 586-9490, email RepMatsumoto@Capitol.Hawaii.gov, or visit RepMatsumoto.com.

Mahalo,

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Opening Day of the 29th Hawaii State Legislative Session! Loved being able to talk with High School student council students after session as well as greet the hundreds of well-wishers and advocates who stopped by the office!

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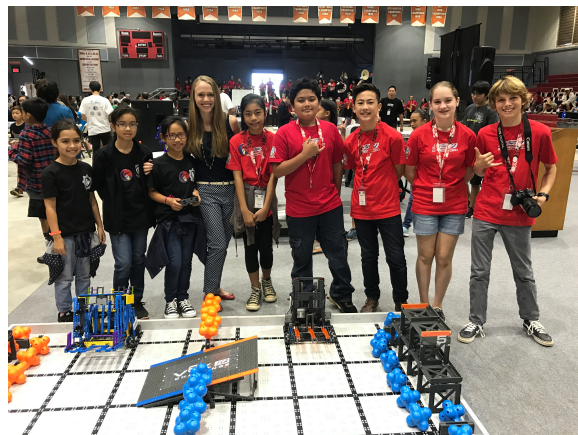


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Speaking at the press release discussing opioid abuse and actions we plan to take to prevent it.

Opening of the Waialua Intermediate VEX IQ Robotics Challenge.



Shooting hoops on the brand new Mililani Middle School courts with students of the MMS basketball team!



How to... Receive Hearing Notices by E-mail

You can ask the Hawaii State Legislature's website to alert you when a measure you are interested in gets scheduled for a hearing. It's a great way to make sure you don't miss an important opportunity to offer testimony.

1. Go to the **Legislature's website** (www.capitol.hawaii.gov) and click on "**Sign In**" (upper right-hand corner of the page) and enter your email address and password.*
2. Next, click on the **orange "Hearing Notification" icon** located in center screen.
3. **Subscribe by measure** To receive hearing notices for a specific bill or resolution, enter its number (HB123 or SB2496, for example -- no spaces, and don't include any draft numbers) in the left hand column and click "**Add.**" You can do this for any number of bills.
4. **Subscribe by committee** To receive hearing notices for specific committees, go to the right hand column and check by the name of the committees you're interested in.
5. When done, **click the "Save and Exit" button** centered near the top of the page. (It's easy to come back anytime, sign in again, and change your selections.)



The hearing notices will be sent to you by email as soon as they are issued.

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