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February Waiialua Town Hall

Aloha Friends and Neighbors!

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Waiialua Town Hall with Senator Riviere, Representative Quinlan, Councilmember Heidi Tsuneyoshi, and my office! I greatly appreciate everyone coming out and sharing their concerns and opinions. Thank you so much for engaging with us to better represent your needs!

At the Town Hall, I shared my 2019 Bill Package which I based off of the survey that members of the District 45 Community completed. Full survey results are available at RepMatsumoto.com!

My Bill Package



My cost of living bills focus on reducing taxes on your income, medical services, food, and feminine hygiene products.

My homelessness bills focus on creating more beds at for the licensed residential crisis shelter and

Based on what was shared, my office worked hard to create bills that would address the issues that are most important to you and your families. This Session, my bill package includes bills that address cost of living, homelessness, health and safety, and government transparency.



giving money to the non profits who are on the ground working with the homeless population in our state.

My health and safety bills focus on kupuna care, opioid abuse prevention and protection for health insurance coverage. My government transparency bills focus on creating databases which will make information more available and increase accountability.

Learn more about my bill package visiting RepMatsumoto.com or give my office a call at (808) 586-9490!

Public Access Room



One of the best ways for us to grow as a community is to work together. We often see this best when we run into each other. Our community is strong and comes together to help one another. One way that we can do this is through the Mililani Disaster Preparedness Team (MDPT).

The MDPT has prepared a plan for the community in case of a natural or manmade disaster. The team has identified risks and vulnerabilities and natural threats in Mililani. They have divided Mililani into sections, highlighting Rally and Distribution Points in areas that neighborhoods can easily walk to. Lastly, MDPT provided a checklist on the first steps in an emergency/Post Hurricane Checklist as they determined Mililani's biggest natural threat is a hurricane.

The MDPT will work with organizations throughout the community to implement this plan. Learn more and get involved at www.mililanidpt.com.

Community Updates



Character Counts

On February 16th, the Mililani community threw a fair at Mililani High School called Character Counts where we played games, won prizes, and celebrated having good character. This year we focused on caring for our family, friends, and community.

Ag Day at the Capitol

This year at Agriculture Day, I got to learn about organic farming and some of the amazing farms that make our state beautiful. Agriculture has been important to my family for generations. It was amazing to see this industry growing, changing, and making our communities strong!



Mental Health Awareness Day

On February 14th, I had the opportunity to participate in Mental Health Awareness Day. Mental health is an issue that affects so many of us and those that we love. I'm so grateful for the new resources and for everyone who is working on the frontlines of this issue.

Jump Rope for Heart

One of my favorite events is Jump Rope for Heart. I got to talk to students from Holy Family Academy about heart health. I am so thankful for opportunities to engage with kids on issues like this and be involved in helping them to make a change! Unfortunately, the weather did not permit us to jump rope with the kids, so we'll try again next month!



Students Toured the Capitol

This month, I got to take several groups of students around the capitol and teach them about their state government. I'm so glad that Mililani High School AP Government and SCC high school and middle school students were able to come visit!

Healthcare Hero

Dr. Sawai was honored on the floor of the state house and senate today for being one of Hawaii's Healthcare Hero's. Dr. Sawai was my Uncle Jeff's doctor when he learned he had Stage 4 colon cancer in 2015. Dr. Sawai has fought for him since then and he admits he wouldn't be here today without her. I was very honored to say a few words about her on the house floor on behalf on my family.



COMMUNITY EVENTS

Sundays

Hawaii Farmers Bureau
Mililani High School
8am-11am

Farm Fresh Fridays

Mililani Shopping
Center (East Side)
3pm-7pm

Saturday, March 9

Mililani Hongwanji Bazaar
At Mililani Hongwanji
Mission
9am-1pm

Saturday, March 9

Kupuna Aikido's Safe Falling
Presentation
Mililani Public Library
10:30am-11:30am

Thursday, March 21

Free Showing of "The Grinch"
Mililani Public Library
1pm-2:30pm

Friday, March 22

Free Showing of
"Ralph Breaks the Internet"
Mililani Public Library
1pm-3pm

Now Accepting Internship Applications!

We are currently recruiting high school and college interns for our office! This internship provides a rare opportunity to gain insight into our local legislative process and how we work to improve our community, district, and state.

The Hawaii State Legislative Session takes place between January and May every year, and students who are sophomores and above are eligible to apply. Year-round internships are also available for interested students!

Acceptance into the internship program is based upon the applicant's experience and interests. For high school students, the internship primarily consists of attending scheduled events in the community and a tailored internship based on the student's ability to come to the Capitol.

For more information, please visit RepMatsumoto.com/s/internships or call my office and ask to speak my office manager, Mark Clemente.

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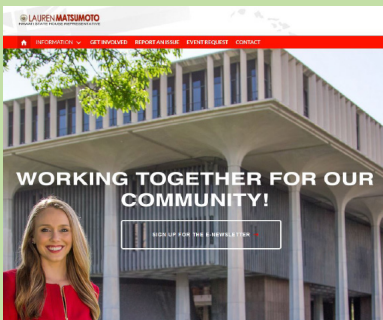
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On RepMatsumoto.com, you may use the **Report an Issue** feature to request a service or report a problem in the community. We will send you email notifications regarding the progress of the resolution of your reported issue and also inform your city councilmember and state senator.

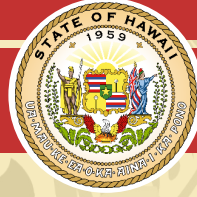
Sign up for our **e-newsletter** for periodic updates regarding legislation and happenings around the community! You may also find **helpful contacts** and **helpful links** that are useful in resolving issues.

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



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COST OF LIVING



GIVING YOU BACK MORE MONEY BY LOWERING TAXES

HB 1592 - eliminates the general excise taxes on food, medical services, and feminine hygiene products.

HB 1591 - reduces your income taxes

HB 1149 - establishes an income tax credit for employers who create on-site early childhood education facilities.

HOMELESSNESS



FINDING SOLUTIONS THROUGH MENTAL HEALTH AND NONPROFITS

HB 1594 - increases the number of residential beds available for those experiencing a mental health crisis; individuals stay in the shelter to become stabilized and connected to resources.

HB 1145 - requires the Departments of Health & Human Services to pay organizations within 90 days of the award of a grant. Late payments destabilize organizations which serve vulnerable populations.

HEALTH & SAFETY



IMPROVING YOUR WELL-BEING AND CARING FOR OUR KUPUNA

HB 1148 - prohibits health insurance companies from making changes to your policy or contract prior to your renewal date.

HB 734 - requires pharmacies to include an envelope to mail back unused opioids for proper drug disposal at no extra cost to you.

HB 736 - allows residents of care homes to have video monitoring and prevent abuse.

GOVERNMENT TRANSPARENCY



KEEPING THE STATE ACCOUNTABLE AND SHARING INFORMATION

HB 1593 - creates a financial database to be used across state agencies, so we can see how taxpayers' monies are being spent.

HB 733 - establishes the position of Chief Data Officer to manage the sharing of state data.

HB 1146 - requires past performance to be considered in future bid selection of contractors.