

# Representative Lauren Cheape Matsumoto

**FEBRUARY 2020 • NORTH SHORE  
NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD MEETING**

*District 45 - Milliani • Kunia • Schofield • Wheeler • Waialua •  
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## Waialua Town Hall Recap



### **Aloha friends & neighbors!**

Thank you to those of you who attended this month's legislative town hall at Waialua Elementary School. Passionate and engaged community members like you are an integral part of our representative government. Many of the issues that were brought up, especially Dillingham Airfield and preserving agricultural lands, will require long-term investment and advocacy.

When it comes to the future of Dillingham Airfield, it's clear that there are still many unanswered questions about the best course of action to ensure commercial activities and public access can continue uninterrupted. Many questions raised at the town hall meeting about how Department of Transportation came to their decision, and even more questions about why nobody in the public, elected officials, or stakeholders were contacted about this decision that will affect the future of many in our community.

I recently signed a resolution along with Representative Sean Quinlan, in support of continuing operations at Dillingham Airfield and urging the Department of Transportation to work with the Federal Government and the U.S. Army to continue the State's lease of the airfield. My office is also working to ensure DOT, at a minimum, delays the handover until after next legislative session so that the Legislature has a chance to find solutions for the long-term stability of airport operations.

My office, along with Senator Riviere, Representative Quinlan, and Councilmember Tsuneyoshi, is planning a follow-up town hall meeting to specifically discuss Dillingham Airfield. My office is working with Department of Transportation and the U.S. Army to ensure that they send representatives to field questions. Please call my office or visit [www.RepMatsumoto.com](http://www.RepMatsumoto.com) to receive updates about the exact date and time of that town hall.



**Mahalo!**

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### **First Crossover**

March 5<sup>th</sup> is the first major legislative deadline. During First Crossover, all the bills that passed Third Reading in the House and Senate swap to the other chamber for committee hearings and discussion.

Curious about what bills are still alive?

Go to [www.capitol.hawaii.gov](http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov), click on "Reports & Lists", ensure "Deadline Tracking" is selected on the sidebar, and then scroll to the links underneath "First Crossover".

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

**Wednesday, February 26**

Waialua Drawing Group  
Waialua Public Library  
4:30pm to 6:00pm

**Saturday, February 29**

Waialua Farmers Market  
Waialua Sugar Mill  
8:30am to 1:00pm

**Sunday, March 8**

Cacao Farm to Chocolate  
Factory Tour  
Nine Fine Mynahs Cacao  
Farm  
1:00pm to 4:00pm

**Saturday, March 14**

North Shore Triathlon  
Mokuleia Beach Park  
6:15am start

**Saturday, March 21**

Small Business Workshop  
Haleiwa Bottle Shop  
4:00pm to 6:00pm

**Sunday, March 22**

Loko Ea Fishpond Annual  
8K/15K  
Haleiwa Beach Park  
6:30am start

## Community Updates

### 2020 Agriculture Day at the Capitol

Farmers and agricultural professionals came from all over the islands to showcase the diverse agriculture industry in Hawaii. I am so proud of the local farmers in our state. Coming from an agricultural family, I had a great time meeting everyone and learning about the hard work that's being done to grow local food and educate our keiki about local agriculture.



### Bleeding Disorders Legislative Day

The National Hemophilia Foundation hosted a luncheon on the lawn of the Capitol for Bleeding Disorders Legislation Day. Through education, advocacy, and research, the NHF is finding the best care for each patient experiencing bleeding disorders. They also received a Governor's proclamation declaring March Bleeding Disorder Awareness Month!



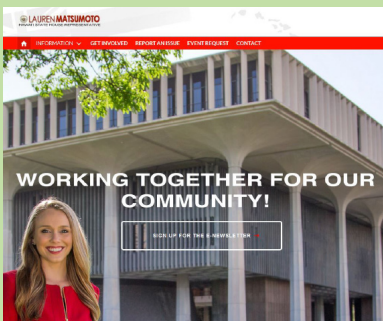
### Rally for Early Childhood Education

'Eleu's Rally for Early Childhood Education is one of my favorite events every year! It's great to get out of the committee room and see hands-on what our keiki are learning in classrooms all across Hawaii. Investing in our children's education from an early age helps lay a foundation that benefits them their entire lives.



I introduced several bills this year to increase access to early childhood education so it was great to see all the passionate community members and their families at the Capitol supporting this important issue. If you want more details about my 2020 bill package, you can view it at [www.RepMatsumoto.com](http://www.RepMatsumoto.com).

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