

HAPPY NEW YEAR



Aloha Friends and Neighbors,
I hope that you all had a wonderful holiday season to close out 2021. For most of us this past year was filled with ups and downs. As I reflect on everything that has happened I am struck by how resilient our community has been.

As we approach the 2022 legislative session I look forward to working with you. Please feel free to contact my office with any questions, comments or concerns you might have. Happy New Year from my family to yours!

Mahalo,

Lauren Cheape Matsumoto

Representative Lauren Cheape Matsumoto

NEW YEAR, NEW LAWS

With the new year comes new goals and of course, the enactment of new laws. Here is a short list of new laws that affect our communities. For a full list of new state laws, please visit www.RepMatsumoto.com.



Microchips are required for all cats and dogs in Hawaii (ACT 5). Also, dogs must be safely restrained in a manner that is not likely to cause them danger of being unable to reach food/water or tangled up (ACT182).



Criminalizes intentional or knowingly capturing or killing a shark, without a permit, in state waters with penalties ranging from \$500 to \$10,000 (ACT 51).



Moves Hawaii Farm to School program from Dept. of Ag. to Dept. of Ed. and aims for 30% of food served in public schools be grown locally by 2030 (ACT 175).



Adds eligibility for UH Hawaii State Scholars Program for students that received two or more years of special education services between grades 7 and 12 who graduate with a 3.0 grade point average or better (ACT 156).



Double-Up Food bucks program expanded to include both locally grown fruits and vegetables as well as healthy proteins that are included in the program, without the \$10 a day limit (ACT 177).



Raises the age in which guns must be secured in all homes from 16 to 18 years (ACT 148).

* These are seven of the 238 laws that have gone into effect after the 2021 legislative session. This is NOT a list of legislation introduced by Rep. Lauren Matsumoto, nor does it reflect her voting record or legislative priorities. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

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