



**Representative  
Lauren  
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Serving You in District 45**

**Aloha Friends and Neighbors!**

It's hard to believe that we're just two months away from the end of the year and the start of another Legislative Session!

Every year, I ask my constituents in District 45 their views, thoughts, and opinions about what they think are the most important issues for our district and our State. If you live in District 45, you should be receiving a 2020 Legislative Issues Survey in the next few weeks. I want to hear directly from you about what issues are important, what legislation you think we should consider, and what priorities you have regarding the dozens of issues that appear before the legislature each year.

In a representative democracy like ours, it's vital you make your views heard so I can represent you well!

If you don't get a survey before the end of November, please contact my office at [repmatsumoto@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:repmatsumoto@capitol.hawaii.gov) or by calling 808-586-9490 and we will make sure you get one!

In addition to my annual legislative survey, the 2020 U.S. Census is also coming up next year. Every ten years, the federal government conducts a population count of everyone living in the United States. Data from the census is used to determine how to spend federal funds and is used to redraw congressional and state legislative districts so that each elected official equally represents their constituents.

The U.S. Census Bureau keeps your information confidential and private. They don't share your information with anyone, even other government agencies like the FBI or police. The confidential information also isn't used to determine eligibility or participation in government programs or benefits.

Responding to the census is one of the best ways to ensure Hawaii continues to benefit from Federal Spending Programs. In just one year, Hawaii received \$3.7 billion from the federal government for things like Medicaid, SNAP, student loans, Section 8 Housing Assistance, Public Housing, and the School Breakfast Program. The information you provide to the U.S. Census ensures that Hawaii's citizens continue receiving investment from federal dollars.

Census day is April 1, 2020. For more information, FAQs, and ways to address concerns you might have, visit [2020census.gov](http://2020census.gov). And as always, please don't hesitate to contact my office if you have any questions or concerns about happenings in our community. You can reach me at (808) 586-9490 or at [repmatsumoto@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:repmatsumoto@capitol.hawaii.gov).