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**Aloha Friends and Neighbors!**

I hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday spent with loved ones, friends, and family!

I've received quite a few responses so far to my 2020 Legislative Issues Survey! But if you haven't filled it out yet, there's still time to make your voice heard. By now, each of my constituents should have received a mailer with the survey and instructions on how to complete it. Your ideas, thoughts, and concerns about the most important issues facing our state and community are vital toward my job as your state legislator.

If you still haven't received a survey or need another one for a friend or family member who lives in District 45, please contact my office at [repmatsumoto@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:repmatsumoto@capitol.hawaii.gov) or call (808) 586-9490 and we'll get you one as soon as possible!

Since the legislative session is just a little over a month away, now is a great time to brush up on the lawmaking process. One of my favorite things I do each year is host a guided tour of the Capitol where I show constituents the House chamber, the Governor's office, and share the incredible resources available at the Public Access Room.

But even with all the great resources available, it can still be difficult to keep track of everything happening during the whirlwind session. Here's a quick run-down to help you keep track of the issues you're passionate about this legislative session:

- Become familiar with the Capitol website. [capitol.hawaii.gov](http://capitol.hawaii.gov) is the best resource to find and read bills, receive hearing notices, and contact legislators.

- Sign up for hearing notices, especially for committees that are hearing your important issues. For example, if you care about environmental issues, sign up for hearing notices from the House Committee on Energy and Environmental Protection ("EEP").

- Create a custom report in measure tracking. If you know the specific bills you want to track, you can generate your own report to follow them throughout session.

- Write, submit, and testify! Legislators want to hear what's important to you, especially if a bill we're considering personally affects you.

- Visit the Public Access Room. The PAR is a free resource for everyone on the 4th floor of the capitol. It is the best resource for the public during session. They are open Monday through Friday and have helpful staff ready to answer your questions, find legislation,

and help you write and submit testimony.

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).