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Aloha friends and neighbors!

Thank you to everyone who attended our town hall at the beginning of the month. I appreciated the opportunity to share about my bill package and to hear from you about important issues like Dillingham Airfield and preserving agricultural lands. Our office, along with Senator Riviere, Representative Quinlan, and Councilmember Tsuneyoshi are putting together a meeting in March at Waialua Elementary School to specifically address the future of Dillingham Airfield. We are also requesting that members from the Department of Transportation and the US Army are there to answer your questions. If you would like to be kept informed about the exact date and time of that meeting, please sign up for my e-newsletter at www.RepMatsumoto.com.

One of the bills that I shared about at the town-hall that I'm most excited about this session is moving on to its final committee before crossover. HB 2624 would create a brand-new Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) website. Anyone who's tried to find information about upcoming projects, determine when the public comment period opens and closes, or submit testimony knows how frustrating it is to find this basic information. You shouldn't have to be an attorney, lobbyist, or industry professional to find information and voice your opinion about some of the largest projects that shape our communities for years to come.

If you support transparency and accountability in State government, sign up to receive updates, submit testimony, and track the progress of HB 2624 by going to capitol.hawaii.gov and entering "HB 2624" in the "Bill Status/Measure Status" box on the left side of the screen.

In addition to representing our community in the Legislature, I'm also a co-convenor of the Women's Legislative Caucus (WLC). We're a bipartisan group of legislators made up of Hawaii's women Representatives and Senators. This year, the WLC dedicated our 2020 bill package to the Women's Suffrage Movement. Because of the hard work and sacrifice of suffragettes over 100 years ago, we can now celebrate the 100th anniversary of ratification of the 19th amendment, which gave women the right to vote.

Although we celebrate Women's History Month every March, this year is special because we remember the monumental accomplishments and leadership of the women who fought for voting equality. And as an executive board member of the national

organization Women in Government (WIG), I love to see women fight for lasting change that benefits our communities. Let's celebrate all the women in our lives and encourage them to continue using their voice in honoring and productive ways that makes a positive difference for Hawaii!

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.