



**Representative
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Aloha Friends and Neighbors!

Join me for the Waialua Virtual Town Hall meeting on March 31, 2021 at 6:30pm. I will be joined by Senator Gil Riviere, Representative Sean Quinlan, and Councilwoman Heidi Tsuneyoshi to discuss district updates and talk story.

We are well into the 2021 Legislative Session, and I wanted to provide a few updates. The bills that have been introduced are marking their way through their respective committees, and in a few days, they will crossover to the Senate for their review. At that point, the House of Representatives will also receive the Senate bills to review.

March is also National Women's History Month. This serves to honor and remember the achievements and contributions of women in history. As a co-convenor of the Women's Legislative Caucus at the Hawaii State Capitol, I am deeply honored to support other women in the Legislature, as we serve our communities regardless of party affiliation. It is important to recognize historical milestones as we look to the future where young people can become anything if they dream big enough and are willing to work hard.

Every year Hawai'i's Women's Legislative Caucus hosts an Easter Basket Drive for donations to outstanding organizations that help women and children in need. As a co-convenor of this caucus I am always excited to participate in charitable work with incredible organizations such as Domestic Violence Action Center, Institute for Human Services, Parents and Children Together and Salvation Army Hawaii. Please consider donating to one of these outstanding organizations either virtually through their website or by assembling an Easter Basket with new household or hygiene items and bringing it to the Capitol March 31 by 1:30pm.

I also wanted to take this opportunity and share some exciting educational and professional development opportunities being offered through my office. We provide year-round high school and college internship opportunities for students who are interested in engaging their communities through the legislative process. While we are still navigating the new normal brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic, we are proud to still offer our internship program and give students an insight into the functions of public servants. This program offers a unique insight into our local legislative process and how we work to improve our community, district,

and state and is a great way to improve upon your communication, organizational, and teamwork skills, all of which builds confidence and a sense of accomplishment that future employers will be excited to see.

As always, please feel free to contact me if you have questions or concerns about any happenings in our community. Call me at (808) 586-9490, email RepMatsumoto@capitol.Hawaii.gov, or visit RepMatsumoto.com