



**Representative
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Serving You in District 45**

Aloha Friends and Neighbors!

We are at the midpoint of the 2019 Legislative Session and the First Crossover, when bills originally introduced in the House moved to the Senate, and the Senate Bills entered the House.

The House of Representatives passed over 497 bills to the senate for their consideration. The bills include measures on election reform, climate change and the environment, minimum wage, education, public safety, crime, taxes, and other important issues. You can find these bills and keep track of the ones that you are passionate about by visiting the Hawaii Legislature online at www.capitol.hawaii.gov and I've also placed a link on RepMatsumoto.com for your convenience.

My office will also be sending out a legislative survey to residents from District 45. If you live in my district and have not received the blue survey in the mail by the end of the month, please contact my office and we will gladly assist you! It is important to hear your thoughts and opinions on issues that may be voted on in upcoming hearings and floor sessions.

As we head into the second portion of the legislative session after the First Crossover, please continue to stay engaged with current measures going through the process. Submit testimony for measures important to you, complete the community participation survey, and ensure your voice is heard. As always, if you have any strong feelings for or against any of these bills moving forward, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

This year, we also supported the National Hemophilia Foundation – Hawaii Chapter by introducing a resolution to designate March 2019 as Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month. A common bleeding disorder is hemophilia, which affects one in every 4,000 live male births. The National Hemophilia Foundation – Hawaii Chapter is dedicated to finding better treatments and cures for inheritable bleeding disorders and to preventing the complications of these disorders through education, advocacy, and research. This resolution was spearheaded by North Shore resident and Board Chair for Advocacy, Mike Pieklo and Executive Director, Ziggy Douglas, who are strong advocates for bleeding disorder awareness and education. For more information, please visit hawaiinhf.org.

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