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Aloha Friends and Neighbors!

It's hard to believe that it's almost Fall again! As your keiki are back in the swing of school and your family is starting to look toward some of the year's biggest holidays, I want to take this opportunity to invite you to one of my favorite annual Capitol events.

Each year, I host the Capitol Talk & Tour. It's a great, family-friendly event to learn more about government with your whole family! Bring your keiki and kupuna!

It will be during Fall Break on October 10th from 10:00am to 12:00pm.

You and your family will get the inside scoop of one of Hawaii's most important buildings, learn about 50th State history, and see exactly where the laws get made that affect everything from schools to scooters and watermelon to watersheds.

Did you know that the famous "I'm Just a Bill" video from Schoolhouse Rock! came out 43 years ago? This family-friendly event is the perfect opportunity to revisit some of those invaluable civic lessons about our democracy, the branches of government, and more! We'll learn why the Capitol has a statue of Father Damien, why the House and Senate chambers sport vibrant red and blue, spot a unique feature of the distinctive rotunda mosaic, stand in awe of the Executive Chamber's koa wood, and so much more!

After the tour, we'll end the day with light refreshments and talk story. It's your chance to ask the questions you've always had about the legislative process and maybe your kids will even be inspired to become legislators, community organizers, or policymakers! Staff from the House of Representatives will also be there to give a special inside look into how laws get made and how the public voice is vital in the legislative process. We'll also give you tips and tricks to making sure your priorities and concerns get heard by your legislators.

Did I mention that this event is completely free? The only thing we need from you is to RSVP at RepMatsumoto.com. The event page on my website also has additional details about the day such as locations and prices for parking downtown.

You're going to want to be there for this event. Don't delay – RSVP today!

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