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COMMUNITY NEWS

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OPENING DAY 2024!

Aloha, District 32! The 2024 legislative session has now begun. *Your State House of Representatives convened on Wednesday, January 18, 2024.* I am honored to serve our district for another year and I am looking forward to collaborating with my colleagues here at the State Capitol . The following pages contain the results of the community survey conducted at the end of 2023. This has helped me identify areas of concern and will assist me in advocating for issues that align with our community. I have also featured a few new bills being introduced by the House Majority and for the first time ever, a set of bipartisan bills that came out of the House Lahaina Wildfire Interim Working Groups.

Pictured to the left: Haumana (students) from Kamehameha Schools Kapālama visited the Capitol for Opening Day 2024.



Pictured: Students from Hickam Elementary School with the 'Ōlelo Youth Capitol Commentary. Visit olelo.org/ycc for the broadcast schedule.

COMMUNITY SURVEY RESULTS

Q: Please rank these concerns from the following list of issues in Hawai'i. Results are listed in order of ranking #1 (most important) to #8 (least important) according to this survey's results.

1. Affordable Housing
2. Community Safety
3. Education Quality
4. Government Transparency
5. Environmental Conservation
6. Public Transportation
7. Historical Site Preservation
8. Cultural Preservation

Q: The state has been exploring creative ways to increase tax revenue in Hawai'i to fully fund public services. Which of the following options do you find most appealing. Results are listed in order of ranking according to this survey.

1. Implement a tourism tax for visitors.
2. Impose a tax on high-end luxury goods and services.
3. Legalize and tax recreational marijuana.
4. Tax sugary beverages.
5. Tax vacant or underutilized properties.
6. Implement a carbon tax to address environmental concerns.
7. Other ideas
8. Tax online sales and digital services.
9. Introduce a congestion pricing system in busy areas.

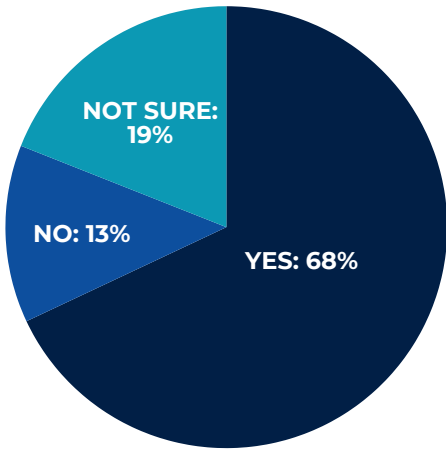
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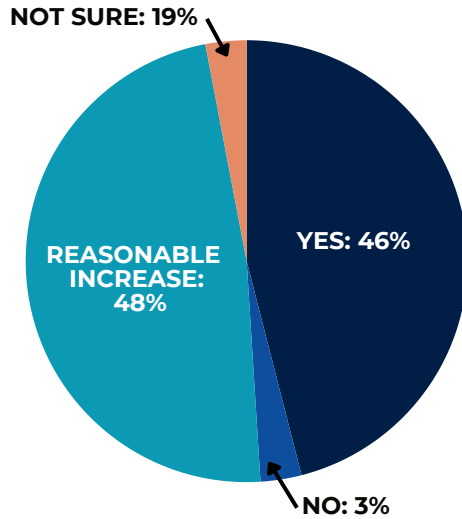
2024 SESSION TEAM

Meet the team! Representative Micah P.K. Aiu, Joy (Office Manager), Kaimi (Legislative Aid), Rayna (Committee Clerk), and Shanztyn (Media Assistant).

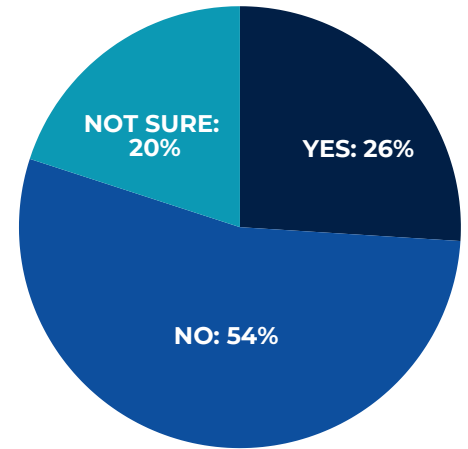
Q: Should there be strict regulations and guidelines in place to ensure environmentally friendly development practices, even if it means slowing down the pace of expansion?



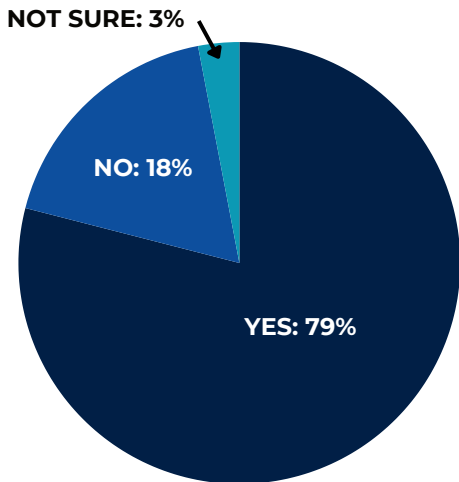
Q: Do you believe in increasing teacher's salaries, even if it requires additional funding, to attract and retain high-quality educators?



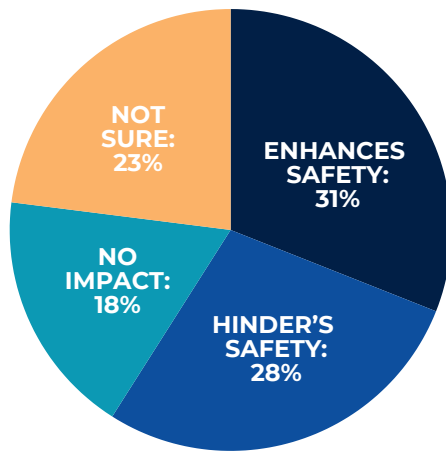
Q: Do you support having school resource officers (SROs) armed with guns on school campuses in Hawai'i?



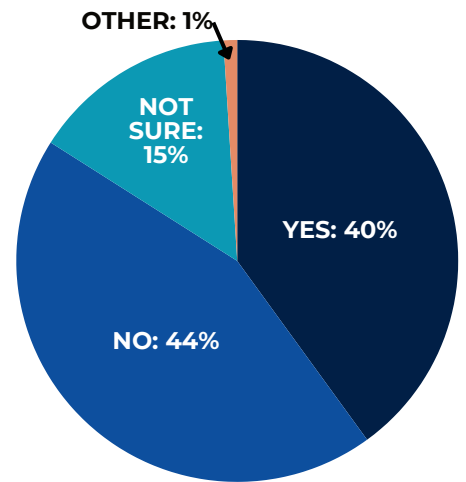
Q: Should there be restrictions on the sale of high-capacity magazines and certain types of semi-automatic firearms in Hawai'i?



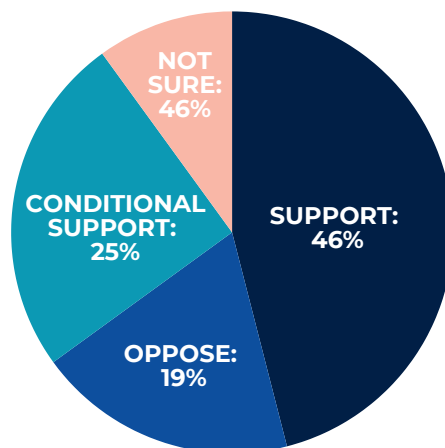
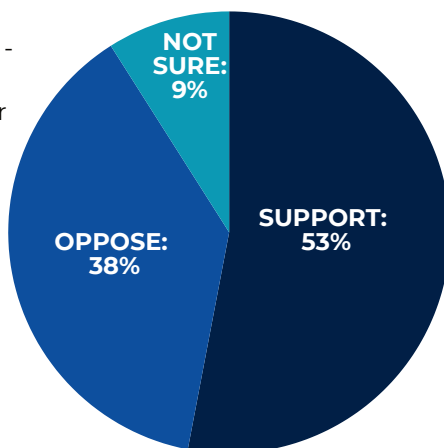
Q: Do you believe the presence of armed school resource offices enhances or hinders the overall safety and well-being of students on school campuses?



Q: Scenario-Based Question (Legalizing Gambling): A. Imagine a scenario where legalizing gambling could boost the economy but might lead to social issues. Would you support it?

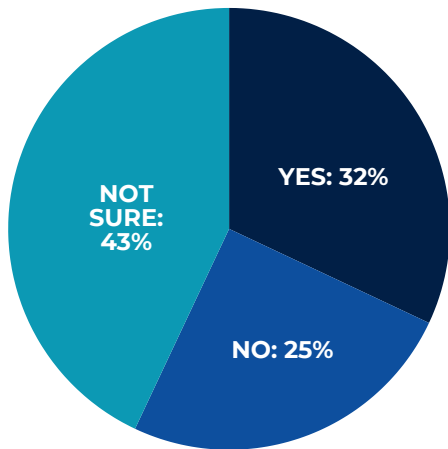


Q: Legalizing Marijuana - How do you feel about legalizing marijuana for recreational use in Hawai'i?

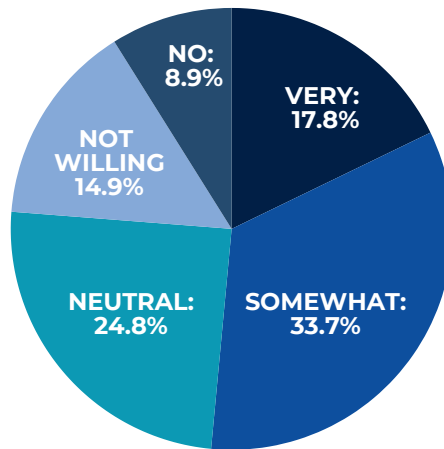


Q: What are your thoughts on the redevelopment of Aloha Stadium?

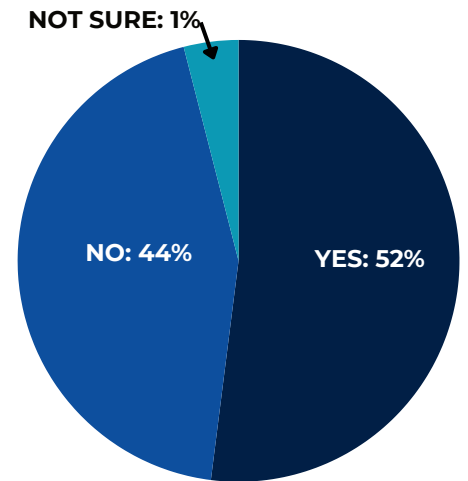
Q: As your State Representative, do you feel I engage enough with you and/or community?



Q: How willing are you to accept tax increases if they are directly tied to improving specific public services such as education, healthcare, or infrastructure?



Q: Do you believe the benefits of the military's presence in Hawai'i outweigh the drawbacks?



PROPOSED BILLS | HOUSE MAJORITY BILL PACKAGE

HOUSING & HOMELESSNESS

HB 1630

Stops county zoning laws from preventing residential lots in urban districts from having four or more residential units

HB 1834

Provides more money to increase the Department of Human Services' homeless programs office budget.

HB 1833

Provides more money for the Rental Housing Revolving Fund, which helps pay for mixed income rental projects or units in mixed-income rental projects for qualifying individuals and families.

RECRUITMENT & RETENTION OF PUBLIC WORKERS

HB 1832

Allows state departments, agencies, or divisions, other than the Department of Human Resources Development, to conduct minimum qualifications reviews of applicants for vacant positions within that respected state department, agency, or division.

HB 1947

Reduces the minimum number of years of service from ten to five years that State and County employees, who became members of the employee's retirement system after June 30, 2012, must have to be eligible for benefit status for retirement allowance purposes.

MENTAL HEALTH

HB 1831

Creates and provides money for the behavioral health crisis center pilot program.

HB 1830

Establishes provisional or associate level licensure requirements for marriage and family therapists, mental health counselors, and psychologists and allows insurance reimbursements in some circumstances.

HEALTHCARE DELIVERY

HB 1827

Provides money to the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations and Department of Education to support the public school healthcare workforce certificate program and glidepath program for nurse aides, and renovate certain public school classrooms to be used for healthcare training.

PROPOSED BILLS | BIPARTISAN MAUI WILDFIRE WORKING GROUP RECOMMENDATIONS

FOOD & SUPPLIES

HB 1836

Allows pharmacists, during states of emergency, to refill prescriptions of up to thirty-day supplies of dangerous drugs or devices if the prescriber cannot be contacted for authorization and the pharmacist believes the patient's well-being will be significantly threatened without the prescription.

SHELTERS

HB 1838

Allows counties to create zoning laws that phase out nonconforming single-family transient vacation rental units over a reasonable period of time.

HCR NO.3

Urges all Counties to establish an emergency zoning code that would allow for the establishment of temporary shelters and prefab housing, and work with the State Land Use Commission to identify appropriate lands in urban growth areas.

ENVIRONMENTAL REMEDIATION

HB 1839

Provides money for the long-term monitoring of air and water quality for communities impacted by the Maui wildfires, as well as supports research to better understand the environmental concerns linked to urban fires.

HB 1840

Provides money for the Department of Land and Natural Resources to support long-term water quality monitoring and pollution source detection.

WILDFIRE PREVENTION

HB 1841

Provides money to the Department of Land and Natural Resources for operating expenses, equipment, the establishment of positions, and capital improvement projects to support wildfire emergency response.

HB 1842

Increases the maximum fine for violations of fire protection laws, specifies that each day a violation of the fire law exists constitutes a separate offense, and raises the criminal penalty for the offense of arson if the violation is closely associated to an area a red flag warning is in effect.

HB 1843

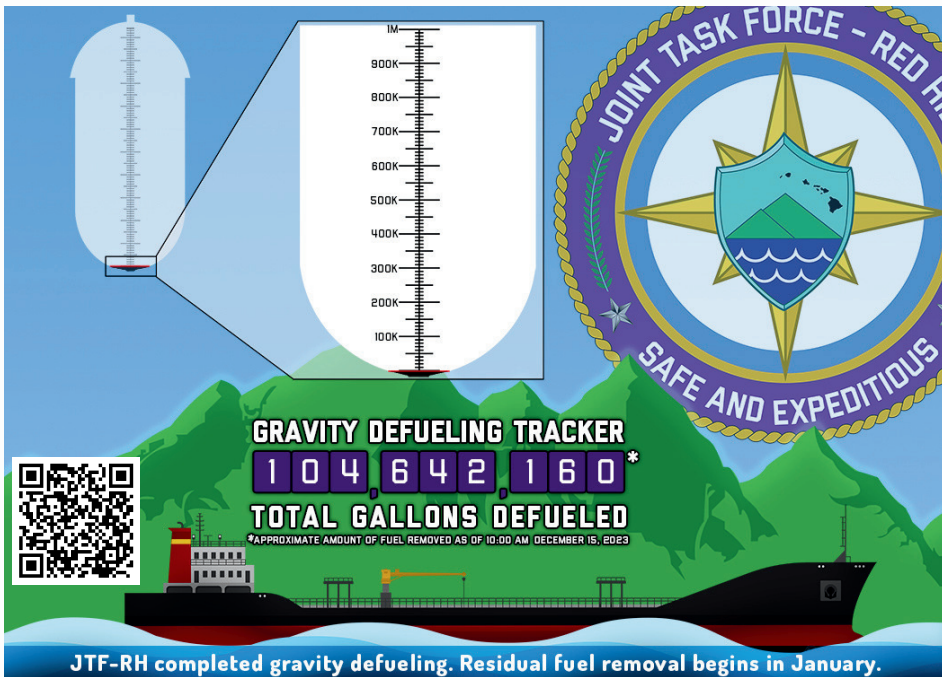
Provides money and establishes the Office of the State Fire Marshal to direct fire protection efforts statewide.



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UPDATE ON RED HILL DEFUELING



<https://www.pacom.mil/JTF-Red-Hill/Joint-Task-Force-Red-Hill/>

NEW
ALOHA STADIUM
ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICT

UPDATES ON ALOHA STADIUM!




<https://nased.hawaii.gov/>



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808-768-2530 | Public Assistance Line
808-643-1643 |
| Park Maintenance:
808-768-3003 | Child Abuse:
808-832-5300 | Potholes:
808-768-7777 | Landlord-Tenant Hotline
808-564-2634 |
| | | Sidewalk Concerns:
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