

COMMUNITY UPDATE

2024 Legislative Update

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House District 35

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on Corrections, Military, and
Veterans

Member, House Committee on
Water and Land

Member, House Committee on
Finance

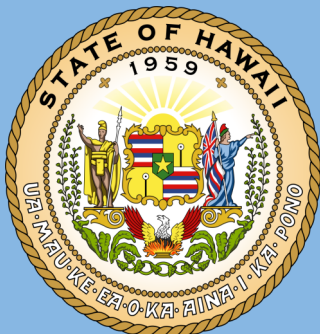
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Aloha Friends and Neighbors,

January 17th marked the opening day of the 2024 legislative session and the second year of the 32nd legislative biennium. I am excited to start my second year as your State Representative and want to share some of the issues that I hope to work on of the next four months. In addition to some priorities that are still active from last year, I have some new ideas that I think will benefit our community and will outline some of them here.

I encourage you to look through what I will be working on and please take some time to view my capitol website, which has an archive of my previous community reports and other updates.

<https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/legislature/memberpage.aspx?member=252&year=2023>



Please call my office, (808) 586-6170, or send an email to: repchun@capitol.hawaii.gov to provide your suggestion or if you have any questions or concerns.

Mahalo,

Important Legislative Dates

January 17: Opening Day	January 22: State of the State
March 7: First Crossover	April 11: Second Crossover
April 25: Final Decking	May 3: Adjournment Sine Die

For a complete list of legislative deadlines and more information on what it all means, please visit the Legislative Reference Bureau's Public Access Room website: <https://lrb.hawaii.gov/par/>



2024 Legislative Priorities

With Representative Chun's background in health care advocacy, he is working for more funding directed towards cancer research and to develop additional dementia training programs for law enforcement, and would like to see a "Silver Alerts" type of program set up, to help reunite the cognitively impaired with their families, when they get lost.

He also had some time to learn more about the issues within our communities and will work to address some safety concerns for both neighborhoods and schools.

Finally, the abrupt cancelation of several school bus routes was a big deal at the beginning of the school year, this past Fall. Representative Chun has worked with the Department of Education to find creative solutions to help better recruit and retain qualified school bus drivers.



EnhanceFitness, a low-cost, evidence based group exercise program for maintaining balance and stability, designed with older adults in mind, invited Representative Chun to their new program at the Pearl City Community Church. Representative Chun also participated in of EnhanceFitness's classes.

2024 Kupuna Caucus Priorities

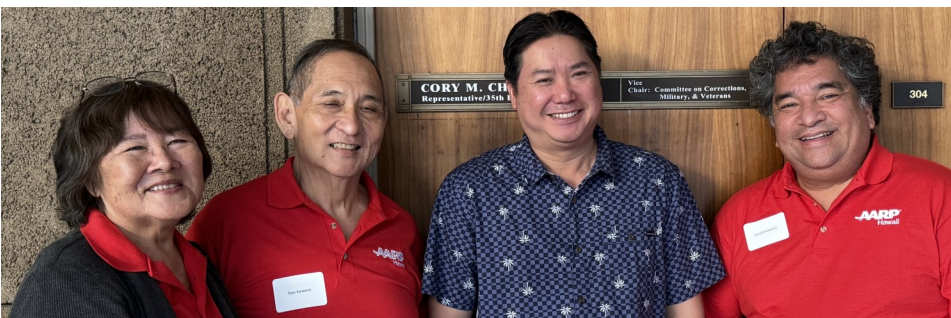
Representative Chun has taken on additional responsibility within the State Legislature's Kupuna Caucus, one of the legislature's most active and well regarded caucuses, and spent the last several months working with caucus members to formalize a bill package, which was voted on and finalized in December. The priorities they settled on are:

Paid Family Leave — a program to allow workers to take time off to care for their or their family's serious health needs and still receive an income

Caregiver tax credit — this tax credit would allow family caregivers to offset some of the expenses they incur

Raising the Personal Needs Allowance (PNA) — currently, the PNA is a \$50 stipend for Medicaid recipients who live in a long term care facility. This would raise that stipend to \$75

Fall Prevention — Hawaii Healthy Aging Partnership Program and the Department of Health's Kupuna Fall Prevention Campaign would both receive additional funding to help kupuna and their caregivers protect against falling.



AARP advocates visited Rep. Chun to discuss their legislative priorities for 2024, which includes both the paid family leave and caregiver tax credit bills which are part of the Kupuna Caucus's bill package.

Committee Assignments

In addition to his own legislative priorities, Representative Chun will also be working on policies of the subject matter committees that he is assigned to:

- House Committee on Corrections, Military, & Veterans (CMV) - Vice Chair
- House Committee on Water and Land (WAL) - Member
- House Committee on Finance (FIN) - Member



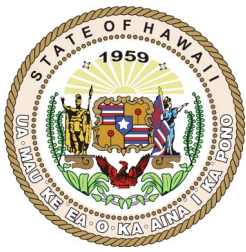
In preparation for the legislative session, the House Finance Committee has been holding public budget briefings with all of the State's Executive Departments. The above photo was taken when Lieutenant Governor Sylvia Luke presented her 2024 priorities. These briefings took place from January 3rd until January 18 and recordings can be found on the Hawaii House of Representatives YouTube Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/@hawaiihouseofrepresentatives>



Along with several Finance Committee site visits that Representative Chun also participated in Corrections, Military, & Veterans (CMV) and Water & Land visits as well. **(Left)** He joined Chair Hashem and members Takayama and Ichiyama on a CMV visit the YWCA Fernhurst Facility, which provides transitional housing and a furlough program for women transitioning out of corrections. CEO Noriko Namiki, also pictured, help facilitate the site visit tour.

(Below) WAL hosted a visit to the Waihee Water Tunnel where Native Hawaiian practitioner, Mahealani Cypher (far left), and Board of Water Supply Chief Engineer Ernie Lau (second from right) guided Representative Takenouchi, Chair Ichiyama, Representatives Kitagawa and La Chica, Vice Speaker Ilagan, and Representative Chun.





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Councilmember Okimoto, Senator Aquino, and Representative Chun all attended Manana Elementary's Winter Festival and were treated to various performances from the students.