



STATE REPRESENTATIVE

# Andrew Takuya Garrett

District 22 (Mānoa/Tantalus/McCully-Mō'ili'ili)



Aloha Friends and Neighbors,

Happy New Year and Kung Hee Fat Choy! Mahalo for the privilege of representing you in the Hawaii State House of Representatives. I look forward to working with you to improve our community as we enter the 2023 Legislative Session.

This term, I am serving as the Vice Chair of the Committee on Labor & Government Operations, as well as a member of the Committee on Finance and Committee on Culture, Arts & International Affairs.

If we can ever be of assistance, please don't hesitate to reach out to us at [repgarrett@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:repgarrett@capitol.hawaii.gov) or (808) 586-8475.

My best wishes to you and your family for a healthy, happy new year!



Rep. Garrett with his family during Opening Day on January 18

## Bill Introduction Highlights

We've introduced 16 bills as the primary introducer, and signed on as co-sponsor for dozens of others, including bills that would set up a paid family leave program ([HB235](#)), protect reproductive rights ([HB553](#)), establish an illegal fireworks task force ([HB216](#)), ban flavored vape products ([HB551](#)) and expand mental health resources ([HB282](#)), to name a few. In addition, the bills below were introduced to benefit the 22nd District:

[HB258](#) Appropriates moneys to the University of Hawaii for the acquisition of the St. Francis School Campus.

[HB1282](#) Appropriates funds for the Department of Land and Natural Resources in conjunction with the City and County of Honolulu, to perform maintenance activities to benefit Manoa stream.

[HB1283](#) Request funds for capital improvement projects at Manoa Elementary, Noelani Elementary and Hokulani Elementary.

## Introducing our 2023 Legislative Staff!



From left to right, Kelli is our committee clerk, Melanie is our legislative office manager and Hector is our legislative aide. Please stop by and say hi to our awesome team!

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## Upcoming Community Calendar

### Manoa Neighborhood Board #7—February 1 at 7pm

(Remote participation only)

<https://cchnl.webex.com/cchnl/j.php?MTID=m9106c242743bd9278b12e4590ce45e1c>

### McCully/Moiliili Board #8—February 2 at 6:30pm

(In person at McCully District Park and remote participation)

<https://cchnl.webex.com/cchnl/j.php?MTID=mc6df65708c6fa15406a09cde8965d9e>

### Makiki-Tantalus Neighborhood Board #10—February 16 at 6:00pm

(Remote participation only)

<https://cchnl.webex.com/cchnl/j.php?MTID=mcf31c6dc97b431c6bceffd4039fc13cf>

## *Lin Yee Chung Association files Draft Environmental Assessment for Manoa Banyan Court*

In late December, the Lin Yee Chung Association filed a draft environmental assessment for Manoa Banyan Court, it's proposed 288-unit affordable senior housing project to be situated on land makai of the Manoa Chinese Cemetery.

The public comment period closed on January 23, 2023, and now the applicant will be responsible for responding to each comment that was submitted.

While the City Council is the final approving body for this project, we will work closely with Council member Calvin Say and Senator Carol Fukunaga to ensure that the community has a voice at the table.



*On January 10, Rep. Garrett was recognized by the Hawaii Anti-Tobacco Action Fund for signing a pledge not to accept campaign donations from Big Tobacco*

## District 22 Community Concerns

*If you have any concerns to share, please contact Hector in our office ([garrett1@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:garrett1@capitol.hawaii.gov)). The following are some issues we've worked since taking office:*

### Wilder/Dole H-1 Freeway Off Ramp Safety

Currently working with DOT on speeding mitigation measures as vehicles exit the freeway.

### Illegal Parking on Ferdinand Avenue and Aleo Street

Worked in conjunction with CM Say's office to address illegal parking around the mosque. Mahalo to the 7th Day Adventist Church for offering use of their parking lot to members of the mosque attending Friday prayer service.

### Manoa District Park Pool Evening Closure

The Manoa District Park Complex Manager advised that the pool's evening closure is due to faulty wiring and outdated retrofitting. They are currently unable to open during the evening due to electrical safety concerns.

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