



State Representative

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2023 Summer Newsletter

Aloha e Friends and Neighbors,

How time flies! It's unbelievable how fast the 2023 legislative session flew by; it feels like just yesterday I was being sworn into office as your freshman state representative.

As I reflect back on my first session, my proudest accomplishment was utilizing my service on the House Finance Committee to secure several million dollars for repair and maintenance projects for our DOE elementary schools and to support the work of several worthy nonprofits throughout our district. I'm pleased to share the full list of such funding allocations on page 3.

Over the interim, I look forward to listening to your thoughts and concerns on issues that are most important to you and your family. I hope you'll consider completing our community survey (QR code to the right), as it will guide our work in preparation for the next legislative session. While we may not agree 100% of the time, please know that I will always be accessible and upfront with you on where I stand on any particular issue.

In closing, mahalo for the honor and privilege of serving on your behalf in the State House of Representatives. Working together, I know we can build upon the lessons and successes of this past year.

With gratitude,

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Please scan the QR code below with your smartphone to access our community survey. If you prefer a hard copy, please call our office and we'll mail one to you right away.



We look forward to sharing the results later this year!



The State House of Representatives honors Ernie Lau of the Board of Water Supply for his leadership during the ongoing Red Hill water crisis

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Notable bills/resolutions passed by the 2023 Legislature

The Legislature passed a total of 274 bills this past session. Gov. Green has until July 11 to decide whether to sign, veto or let these bills become law without his signature.

SB1230 SD2 HD1 CD1—Relating to Firearms

Prohibits firearms in certain locations and premises. Requires possession and disclosure of a license to carry. Prohibits leaving an unsecured firearm in a vehicle unattended. (Signed as Act 52)

SB1 SD2—Relating to Health Care

Clarifies that the State shall not deny or interfere with a pregnant person's right to choose to (1) obtain an abortion or (2) if necessary to protect the life or health of the patient terminate the pregnancy. (Signed as Act 2)

HB650 HD2 SD1—Relating to Health

Authorizes advanced practice registered nurses to practice medical-aid-in-dying. Reduces from twenty to five days, the mandatory waiting period between the two oral requests required for a qualified patient to obtain a prescription for medication.

SB975 SD2 HD3 CD1—Relating to Health

Includes electronic smoking devices and e-liquids under the definition of "tobacco products" for purposes of the cigarette tax and tobacco tax law.

SB941 SD2 HD1 CD1—Relating to the School Facilities Authority

Authorizes the School Facilities Authority to develop housing on or off campus for teachers, educators, and staff and develop classrooms.

HCR78—Maintenance of Mānoa Stream

Urges the City and County of Honolulu to conduct an assessment and prepare and execute a plan to maintain Mānoa Stream.



Rep. Garrett at the bill signing ceremony for SB1 SD2 (Act 2)

Rep. Garrett Secures Millions in Funding for Our Community!

NOELANI ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

\$2,000,000 for plans, design and construction of covered walkway, reroofing, structural repairs and expansion.

HŌKŪLANI ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

\$2,000,000 to repaint 6 buildings and repave the parking lot.

MĀNOA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

\$500,000 for plans and construction to convert Boy Scout Hut for multiple usage.

EAST-WEST CENTER

\$2,550,000 to address safety and ADA compliance of buildings accessible to the public.

MĀNOA HERITAGE CENTER

\$300,000 for renovations to Kūali'i (pictured below), the former Mānoa Valley residence of late founders Sam and Mary Cooke.



KAPI'OLANI HEALTH FOUNDATION

\$200,000 for the Medical Center's Child Life Services Program that provides a comprehensive and holistic approach to the best care to hospitalized children.

HAWAIIAN HUMANE SOCIETY

\$350,000 to expand free and low-fee spay and neuter services to the West Oahu campus and fill 2 additional veterinarian positions and add support staff.

JAPANESE CULTURAL CENTER

\$40,000 for the Ho'ohana Cohort Program for recruiting, training and board of directors fellowship, partnering with local nonprofit boards of directors.

MŌ'ILI'ILI COMMUNITY CENTER

\$400,000 to support the Children & Families Program, Japanese Language School, Senior Center Program and Kupuna Support Program.

Rep. Garrett in the Community



Clockwise, from top left:

1. Participating with wife Patti at Mānoa Lions Christmas Parade
2. Being recognized by the Hawaii Tobacco-Free Kids Action Fund
3. Joining Gov. Josh Green and colleagues to sign the Pledge to our Keiki
4. Talk story with Mānoa Cub Scouts Pk 33
5. Honoring Hōkūlani Elementary School for being named a Blue Ribbon School
6. With Rep. Jenna Takenouchi and Roosevelt HS Music Director Gregg Abe after RHS Aloha Concert
7. Providing legislative updates at the March 2023 Mānoa Town Hall
8. Participating in Leading with Love event with Lt. Gov. Sylvia Luke and House colleagues





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Rep. Garrett with freshmen colleagues on the final day of the 2023 session

Hurricane season is upon us. Are you two weeks ready?

BUILD KITS

Have smaller kits for work, for every family member, and pets. Have a vehicle safety kit too.

PLAN TO BE ON YOUR OWN FOR AT LEAST 2 WEEKS

Water (1 gal. per person/day)	Flashlight	Pet Supplies
Food (Non-perishable)	Can Opener	Fire Extinguisher
First Aid Kit	Tools	Glasses/Eye Care
Face Masks/Sanitizer	Warm Clothes	Cash
Medications	Sturdy Shoes	Identification
NOAA Alert Radio Extra	Personal Hygiene Items	Important Documents
Batteries	Toilet Paper	Comfort/Entertainment

The central Pacific hurricane season begins **June 1** and ends on **November 30**. NOAA's Central Pacific Hurricane Center is predicting a **50% chance of above-normal activity** due to the expected arrival of El Nino this summer, which will result in warmer ocean temperatures in the Pacific. We can expect between **4 and 7 tropical cyclones** over the course of the season.

We have been fortunate that the last few seasons have been fairly quiet, but that's no reason to let our guard down. **Please review your emergency plan and supply kit now.**

To learn more, please visit:

www.dod.hawaii.gov/hiema/get-ready/prepare-your-family/