



Representative Jackson D. Sayama

March 2024 Community Report

District 21—St. Louis Heights, Pālolo Valley, Maunalani Heights, Wilhelmina Rise, Kaimukī

Mid-Session Highlights

Aloha Neighbors!

As Vice-Chair of the Consumer Protection and Commerce Committee, we heard important bills relating to condominium governance, property insurance, and medical licensure. As bills cross over between the Senate and House, I will continue to advocate for priority bills and funding for our district.



Rep. Sayama meeting with Moms Demand Action, a grassroots organization fighting for public safety measures that protect people from gun violence.

Working with the Emergency Management Authority, we are ensuring that the Pālolo Valley emergency siren will be repaired. Thanks to advocacy from the Pālolo Neighborhood Board and others, HIEMA notified us the siren will be repaired in 2025. We appreciate your patience and will keep you updated. If you have concerns in the community or questions about how to submit your testimony, please reach out to my office.

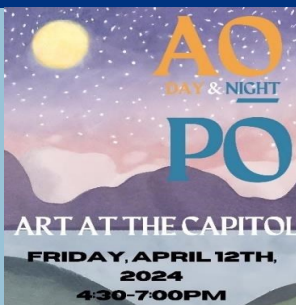
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UPCOMING NEIGHBORHOOD BOARDS

April 11th	Diamond Head, St. Louis Heights, Kapahulu Neighborhood Board Meeting 6:00 pm, Ala Wai Clubhouse 2nd Floor
April 10th	Pālolo Neighborhood Board Meeting 7:00 pm, Pālolo Elementary School and online via Webex
April 17th	Kaimukī Neighborhood Board Meeting 6:30 pm, Kaimukī Public Library Meeting Room and online via Zoom

Art at the Capitol



Come visit the Hawai'i State Capitol on Friday, April 12th from 4:00-7:00pm and see some very cool art! You'll be able to wander through legislative offices and listen to enchanting music from the Honolulu Youth Symphony.

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Community Updates

Kaimuki Christian School Visit

Representative Sayama hosted students from Kaimuki Christian School at the Capitol. He discussed the various functions and challenges of legislating and urged students to be engaged with the civic process. Representative Sayama answered questions about his experience of running for office as the youngest candidate. Please reach out to us if you're interested in a tour of the Capitol.



Rep. Sayama explaining the legislative process to students from Kaimuki Christian School.



Rep. Sayama with Urasenke Grand Tea Master Dr. Sen at a honorary ceremony for the UH Manoa Tea House.

Honoring Dr. Sen & Urasenke

Together with Representative Garrett from Mānoa, Representative Sayama honored Urasenke Grand Tea Master Dr. Sen and UH Mānoa's Jakuan Tea Center. A graduate of UH, Dr. Sen established Jakuan in hopes to build a relationship of peace between Japan and the U.S. after World War II. As Dr. Sen celebrates his 102nd birthday, the legislature is honored to have his continued support.

Discussing Invasive Species

Representative Sayama had the privilege of meeting with the dedicated manager of the O'ahu Invasive Species Committee to discuss urgent matters concerning invasive species in our community. From tackling the threat of rhinoceros beetles and little red fire ants to addressing the proliferation of albizia trees, our conversation focused on collaborative strategies to safeguard our environment and protect our communities.



Rep. Sayama with Nate Dube, Manager of the O'ahu Invasive Species Committee.

Legislative Session Update

HB1630 HD1—Increasing Housing with Additional Dwelling Units

Although I support the intent to increase Hawaii's housing supply in urban areas, we continue to see the Department of Planning and Permitting struggle with illegal home developments across Oahu. Given the DPP's inability to enforce current zoning ordinances, I do not believe they will be capable of successfully managing the new mandates applied to counties' zoning laws.

Voted
"NO"



Voted
"YES"

HB1775 HD1— Free School Meals

This bill requires the Department of Education to provide free breakfast and lunch to all students in department schools. This bill will substantially improve learning conditions for keiki and improve learning outcomes.

SB3234 SD1– Addressing Increasing Property Insurance Costs

To minimize the increasing costs of property insurance, this bill increases the State's capacity as a last resort for hurricane insurance policies for condominium properties. While it cannot prevent increases in premiums, it will keep deteriorating condominiums insurable while they make necessary repairs.

Voted
"YES"

SB3335 SD2 HD1—Adult Use Cannabis

To address existing, widespread illegal marijuana use, the bill established a robust regulatory framework for adult use recreational cannabis in Hawaii. As the bill moves through Session, I am concerned with socio-economic impacts of the bill as well as its fiscal and administrative burdens to the State.

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Community Resource Guide

Here is a list of phone numbers to access community services that are frequently requested:

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| * Tax Aide Services by Catholic Charities Free tax services, appointment required. | (808) 319-7681 |
| * Legal Aid Society of Hawai'i Provides low-cost legal services. | (808) 536-4302 |
| * Hawaiian Humane Society To report a lost or found pet. | (808) 356-2200 |
| * Statewide Pest Hotline Hotline to report invasive species. | (808) 643-7378 |
| * Public Utilities Commission Register a complaint regarding your utility services. | (808) 586-2020 |
| * DCCA-Cable Television Resolve an issue with your cable provider. | (808) 586-2620 |
| * Department of Health (Noise) File a noise complaint. | (808) 586-4700 |
| * Bulky Item Pickup for Refuse Schedule a bulky item pickup. | (808) 768-3200 |
| * C&C Building Division To report a damaged sidewalk. | (808) 768-8120 |
| * Sandwich Isle Pest Solutions Feral chicken disposal or cages. | (808) 456-7716 |
| * Pothole Hotline Report potholes. | (808) 768-7777 |
| * C&C Senior Division Helpline Call for senior citizen information and services. | (808) 768-7700 |

