



Representative Jackson D. Sayama

February 2025 Community Report

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

Ready to Serve You

Wishing you and your family a Happy New Year! I am honored to continue representing our community in the State House, and my staff and I stand ready to serve you. This year, the House will prioritize addressing issues of affordable housing, illegal fireworks, and cost of living. As Chair of the Labor Committee, I will focus on filling vacancies across departments, developing paid family leave, and growing our local workforce.



Office Staff: (L-R) Christine Fuller (Legislative Aide), Evelyn Hee (Office Manager), Representative Jackson Sayama & So Myung (Sam) Kim (Committee Clerk).

In response to community concerns over the interim, I will introduce legislation on moped driver responsibility, paid family leave, and squatting laws. In addition to my work in the Capitol, I look forward to organizing community events like townhalls, park cleanups, and holiday celebrations. I encourage you to submit testimony during Session and reach out to me on legislation that interests you. I look forward to working with you to better our community and State.

Mahalo,

Jackson Sayama

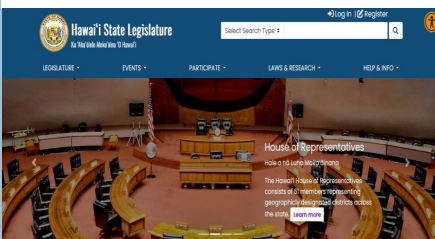


UPCOMING NEIGHBORHOOD BOARDS

Feb 12th	Pālolo Neighborhood Board Meeting 7:00 pm, Palolo Elementary School and online via Webex
Feb 13th	Diamond Head, St. Louis Heights, Kapahulu Neighborhood Board Meeting 6:00 pm, Ala Wai Golf Course Clubhouse Ballroom online via Webex
Feb 21st	Kaimukī Neighborhood Board Meeting 6:30 pm, Kaimukī Public Library Meeting Room and online via Zoom

New Office Location & Refreshed Website

Please visit our new office at Room 443 and visit the State's new and refreshed Legislative Website at www.capitol.hawaii.gov. Find information about pending legislation, hearings, submit testimony and more.



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Looking Back at 2024

Councilmember Say's Retirement

Rep. Sayama joined former Councilmember Calvin Say to commemorate the restoration of a welcome sign that had fallen into disrepair. This moment also served as an opportunity to honor Say's incredible legacy of public service. With 48 years of dedication as a city council member, his tireless work has left an indelible mark on our community. We thank him for his commitment and celebrate his well-deserved retirement!



Rep. Sayama with retired Councilmember Calvin Say & workers from the Dept. of Facility Maintenance.



Rep. Sayama with Governor Green, Hiroshima's Governor Yuzaki, and the Delegation of Hawai'i.

Japan Sister State Delegation

To reaffirm Hawai'i's commitment to international collaboration, Rep. Sayama joined Governor Green and the Hawai'i delegation to Japan, visiting cities like Tokyo and Hiroshima. Highlights included Hawai'i's small businesses participating at the Tokyo Gift Show and the MOU with the Fukuoka Prefecture, solidifying cooperation under the One Health policy. This underscores Hawai'i's dedication to maintaining strong connections abroad.

Supporting Education

Rep. Sayama joined an afterschool sign-waving event at the Capitol with Jarrett Middle School students, showcasing his commitment to supporting education funding and afterschool programs. As Rep. Sayama is a member of both the Education (EDN) and Higher Education (HED) Committees, he understands these initiatives provide students with opportunities to engage in extracurricular activities within a safe environment, fostering personal growth & character development.



Rep. Sayama sign-waving with Jarrett Middle Schoolers in support of the After-School All-Stars Program.

Bills and Resolutions for 2025

Here are some legislative proposals I'm working on in the 2025 Legislative Session.

Pharmacy Workforce Development

To develop workforce development initiatives for local pharmacists, this bill will establish a special fund for the University of Hawai'i's School of Pharmacy. Similar funds have proven effective for UH's medical and nursing schools in their efforts to attract and retain local talent for these specialties.

Mandatory Moped Insurance

The legislation to mandate moped insurance and helmet use aims to protect riders and reduce the risk of severe injuries. By requiring insurance, we can provide financial protection for all parties involved in accidents. Enforcing helmet safety will significantly decrease the likelihood of life-threatening head injuries.



Celebrating Councilmember Calvin Say's retirement with an Honorary Certificate ceremony on Dec. 11, 2024.

Paid Family Leave

The Paid Family Leave legislation aims to create a state program that provides partial wage replacement for employees caring for family members. This initiative is crucial for families facing medical or caregiving challenges, ensuring they don't have to choose between their job and their loved ones. Recognizing the high cost of living in Hawai'i, Rep. Sayama is committed to working with employers and employees to ensure this program provides meaningful support for all working families.

Addressing Squatting

Addressing the issue of squatters is vital for the well-being of our community. The first bill establishes a collaborative group representing various agencies to streamline the eviction process of squatters, ensuring a more efficient and coordinated approach. The second bill aims to hold squatters accountable for any home damages and utility costs incurred during their occupancy.

Feral Chicken Removal

Following the recommendations of a State and City and County of Honolulu Working Group, this bill would appropriate funds to the City to implement a feral chicken removal service. This will address concerns from neighbors regarding noise, health hazards, and threats to native species.

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FREE GARDENS!

Free rain garden, trees, or rain barrel installations are available to O'ahu residents for a limited time (**applications close March 31**). The non-profit *Hawai'i Green Growth* helps identify rain saving opportunities.

- **What is the purpose?** This project is to recharge our aquifers and to mitigate flooding and brown water runoff flowing into nearshore marine habitats. Rain gardens and other "green stormwater infrastructure" (GSI) are effective ways of achieving this by keeping rainwater where it falls.
- Rainwater capture projects are a cost-effective way for residents to protect O'ahu's precious groundwater, mitigate stormwater pollution in streams and the ocean, and potentially soak up savings on water bills!
- Book your free assessments & learn more at www.hawaiigreengrowth.org/FollowTheDrop or text, call 808.225.0768, or use the QR Code.



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