



HAWAII STATE HOUSE DISTRICT 9

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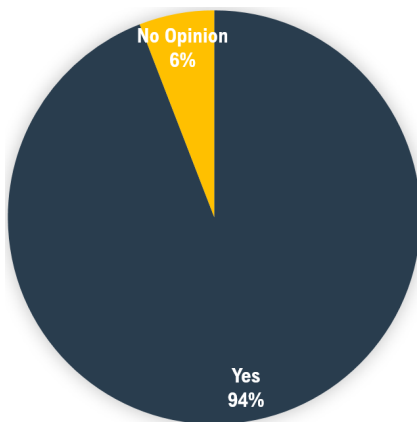
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COMMUNITY SURVEY RESULTS

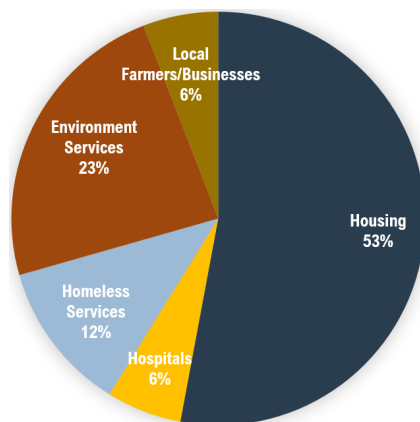
Thank you to everyone who took the time to participate in our survey- your feedback is deeply appreciated. The majority of those who responded agree that the State Legislature should increase the minimum wage. During this session, **HB2510 HD2 SD1 CD1**, relating to income, passed through the Legislature and is being transmitted to the Governor for final approval. This measure incrementally increases our State's minimum wage and tip credit. You may read more about this measure on the next page.

Regarding our District 9 community, many of you expressed the need for affordable housing. There were several measures passed out of the Legislature this session to assist with alleviating this prominent issue. We highlighted three important measures relating to housing that you can find on the next page. To look at all of the bills introduced and passed this session, visit www.capitol.hawaii.gov.

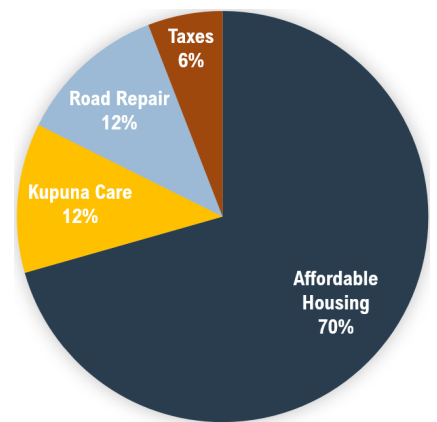
Should the State Legislature increase minimum wage?



What does our community need most?



What is the biggest concern in our community?



KAHULUI CIVIC CENTER MIXED-USE COMPLEX



Left: The proposed location for the Kahului Civic Center Mixed-Use Complex from Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation's website dedicated to the project.

The Kahului Civic Center Mixed-Use Complex is a proposed project consisting of approximately 300 affordable and market-rate multi-family housing units, a civic center with about 38,000 to 43,000 square feet of state office space, approximately 7,000 square feet for adult school and supporting space for the Department of Education, and roughly 16,000 square feet for the new Kahului Public Library. The project is managed in collaboration with the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation and the Department of Accounting and General Services. For more information, please scan the QR code.



PU'UNENE ROAD WIDENING

Great news! We checked in with the Hawaii Department of Transportation and Maui Metropolitan Planning Organization, and we are happy to inform you that we are still on track to advertise the Pu'unene Avenue Widening project in July 2022. We are excited to see this much-needed improvement in our community!



(L-R) Majority Leader Belatti, Rep. Hashimoto, Vice Chair Kapela, Chair Woodson, Rep. Clark, and Rep. Ganaden at a House Committee on Education informational briefing (4/5/22)

MAUI COUNTY UPDATES

Maka'ala Maui County Emergency Alert System

Hurricane season in Hawai'i occurs during the months of June through November. The Maka'ala Maui County Emergency Alert System through Everbridge is a free service you may sign up for to receive official emergency notifications as they are issued by the National Weather Services. This service allows agencies dealing with emergency response to send out accurate information and helps residents stay safe during this period. You are also able to customize the types of alerts you receive. For more information, please scan the QR code:



CONGRATS, GRADS!

I would like to extend a heartfelt congratulations to our 2022 graduates! You have completed a challenging milestone in your life during a challenging moment in history. Despite all of the obstacles, and more so because of them, you have become stronger and your perseverance is admirable. I am proud of each and every one of you for moving on to a new chapter of your life. You are all capable of doing great things, and I wish you luck in all of your future endeavors.

EDUCATION WEEK



Rep. Woodson giving his floor remarks during the first day of Education Week (3/14/22-3/18/22)

The Hawai'i State Legislature annually hosts Education Week to honor our State's exceptional educators, students, support staff, principals and schools for their contribution to educational excellence. During the 2022 Education Week, our Maui County community distinguishes **Lisa Yamada** of Wailuku Elementary and **William Tatro IV** of Lahainaluna High as our Maui District Complex Teachers of the Year along with

Diane Mokuau of Molokai High School as the 2021 School Librarian of the Year. Our community is proud of you!

Federal Funding for Qualified Maui Health Centers

Hawai'i's fourteen federally qualified health centers are set to receive more than \$23 million in federal funding to support care for underserved communities. The federal funding is derived from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Four of those fourteen health centers are located in Maui County:

- \$1,496,879 for the Community Clinic of Maui
- \$1,460,219 for the Lāna'i Community Health Center
- \$1,233,746 for Hāna Health
- \$1,005,059 for Moloka'i 'Ohana Health Care

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS



Rep. Woodson defending an education bill during floor session

This section contains some of the prominent measures passed during this legislative session. Next to a few of the measures, you will find a QR code to scan. The QR code will take you to a video where Rep. Woodson discusses the bill. Alternatively, the QR code to the right will take you to the full-length video.



MINIMUM WAGE

HB2510 HD2 SD1 CD1 RELATING TO INCOME

Makes the state earned income tax credit refundable and permanent. Provides for carryforward of nonrefundable credits previously claimed. Incrementally increases the minimum wage and tip credit beginning on 10/1/2022. (CD1)





HOUSING

HB1752 HD3 SD1 CD1 RELATING TO HOUSING

Establishes the housing choice voucher landlord incentive program. Requires HPHA to adopt rules without regard to chapter 91, HRS, to establish specified incentives for landlords who participate in the tenant-based assistance housing choice voucher program under section 8 of the United States Housing Act of 1937. Requires HPHA to adopt or amend rules no later than 7/1/2023 to establish a maximum of fifteen days after receipt of an owner's or landlord's inspection request as a reasonable time within which to inspect a dwelling unit for lease under the section 8 housing choice voucher program. Appropriates funds. (CD1)

SB3048 SD2 HD1 CD2 RELATING TO STATE FUNDS

Authorizes the transfer of excess funds from the Rental Housing Revolving Fund to the Dwelling Unit Revolving Fund. Appropriates funds into and out of the Rental Housing Revolving Fund. Provides that the Rental Housing Revolving Fund may be used for the HHFDC's housing finance programs. Establishes two full-time equivalent (2.0 FTE) housing finance specialist positions. Appropriates funds to the HHFDC for computer software and hardware; information technology improvements; videoconferencing improvements; and scanning and digitization equipment, services, and warranties. (CD1)



SB2370 SD2 HD1 CD1 RELATING TO HOMELESSNESS

Establishes the Office on Homelessness and Housing Solutions within the Department of Human Services to be headed by the Governor's Coordinator on Homelessness. Appropriates funds for the administration of the Office on Homelessness and Housing Solutions. Establishes five full-time equivalent (5.0 FTE) positions. (CD1)



(L-R) Vice Chair Kapela, Chair Woodson, Rep. Costales, and Rep. Clark during a House Committee on Education informational briefing (4/5/22)



EDUCATION

SB2819 SD2 HD2 CD1 RELATING TO TEACHER COMPENSATION

Helps with teacher recruitment by allowing higher salaries for teachers to be negotiated.



RETIREMENT

SB3289 SD2 HD2 CD1 RELATING TO HAWAII RETIREMENT SAVINGS

Establishes the Hawai'i Retirement Savings Program, administered by the Hawai'i Retirement Savings Board, in consultation with the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations and Department of Budget and Finance, to provide a state-facilitated payroll-deduction individual retirement savings plan to private sector employees who do not have access to employer-sponsored retirement savings plans beginning on an implementation date to be determined by the board. Authorizes an implementation and evaluation study, followed by an implementation strategy and timetable, prior to implementation of the program. Provides a state match of up to \$500 to the accounts of the first 50,000 covered employees who participate in the program for twelve consecutive months after initial enrollment. (CD1)



ENVIRONMENT

HB1800 HD2 SD2 CD2 RELATING TO CLIMATE MITIGATION

Establishes a goal for the statewide greenhouse gas emissions limit to be at least fifty per cent below 2005 levels by 2030. Requires the Hawai'i state energy office to conduct a study to determine Hawaii's pathway to decarbonization and identify challenges, opportunities, and actions that will be needed to achieve those goals. Appropriates funds out of the energy security special fund for the study. (CD1)



(L-R) Rep. Clark, Rep. Wildberger, Rep. Hashimoto, Rep. Yamashita, Rep. McKelvey, Sen. Baker, Sen. Keith-Agaran, Sen. DeCoite and Rep. Woodson on Sine Die (5/5/22).



FILIPINO CAUCUS

HOUSE RESOLUTION 50 & HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 56

Requesting the Department of Education to implement a Filipino history, culture, and identity social studies course for high school students.

Note: You may locate these bills online at capitol.hawaii.gov to find the complete language and the most up-to-date actions. These bills have passed final reading and are being/have been transmitted to the Governor. Please be advised that the status of these measures may have evolved since printing.

Aloha,

I am appreciative to you for giving me the honor to serve you and our community. The 2022 legislative session has now adjourned. Despite the unconventional operation of the legislative session and navigating our way to normalcy, the Hawai'i State Legislature successfully adjourned the first in-person session since the pandemic.

I also want to take this opportunity to report the results of the community survey from the mid-session mailer, update you of the great things to come to our community, and inform you of key measures that have passed out of the legislature this session.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to my office. We are always happy to assist!

Mahalo nui loa,



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Rep. Woodson delivering his invocation during floor session (4/14/22)



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