

Representative **Kyle Yamashita**

Aloha Neighbors,

On January 22, we ushered in the Year of the Water Rabbit. We look to 2023 for a successful legislative transition. We have 18 new House members and I am looking forward to working with them and all returning members as we try to address our state's challenges. The 32nd legislature began on Wednesday, January 18th at 10:00 a.m. Please see page 3 for a description of the legislative calendar.

Our work this year began with departmental informational briefings from January 4-20. State departments addressed the Finance Committee with their budget requirements and needs. After January 18th, the House and Senate committees will begin their hearings to make sure that deadlines are met for bills to move forward.

Many of you have reached out to me and contacted my staff this past year. I encourage you to continue to reach out and share your thoughts about any issues that are of concern to you.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Please assist us in our initiative to "Go Green," and send us your email address to receive newsletters by email. Call (808) 586-6330 or email: repyamashita@capitol.hawaii.gov



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TOWN & UPCOUNTRY UPDATE

January 2023

New Design of Legislature's Website

The Legislature's web design team worked hard to launch a modernized look and navigation of the website while maintaining it's functionality. This updated version is the foundation of an ongoing multi-year project and was launched on November 14, 2022.

Highlights of the new design are:

- •A home page encouraging public participation and engagement;
- A new tab style layout with drop-down menus to improve navigation;
- A new mobile-friendly version with improved functionality when on a cell phone or tablet;
- · A consolidated search bar at the top of every page with options to search;

• The Public Access Room has a comprehensive guide to the new site. Anyone who visits the normal (www.capitol.hawaii.gov) URL will be directed to this new version of the site.



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2023 SESSION CALENDAR

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Makawao Elementary School received \$5 million in funding to finance design and construction for school improvements which include a new water system and ADA Improvements.

Kalama Middle School received \$13 million in funding for construction of a new administration building.