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NEWS AND UPDATES FROM Representative Scot Z. Matayoshi

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Aloha! I want to thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as your State Representative for the 49th District, encompassing parts of Kāneʻohe and Kailua. It was a privilege to meet many of you last year and I look forward to working together for the benefit of our district. I will serve as Vice-Chair of Housing and as a member of the Finance and Transportation committees.

As a freshman legislator, I know there is much to learn. I encourage you to share your concerns and questions with me at any time by e-mail at repmatayoshi@capitol.hawaii.gov or phone at 586-8470. If you would to receive email updates and district information, please email matayoshi1@capitol.hawaii.gov.

Rep. Scot Z. Matayoshi
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Stop by our office in room 331 to say hello!



Scot with new House colleagues, (L-R) Stacelynn Eli, Troy Hashimoto, Rida Cabanilla, Speaker Scott Saiki, David Tarnas, Dale Kobayashi, Tina Wildberger and Lisa Kitagawa. Missing: Amy Perruso and Val Okimoto



Visit to the Waikalua Loko Fish Pond with Herb Lee.

Koʻolaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club members Clifford and Teri Loo hold the 2018 Pualeilani Award for "Outstanding Civic Club Ohana." With them are: Maui Councilwoman Keani Rawlins-Fernandez, Senator Jarrett Keohokalole and Representative Scot Z. Matayoshi.



Collecting donations at the Kāneʻohe Higashi Hongwanji concert with Rep. Kitagawa.

2019 Legislative Priorities

This session, my main priorities are housing and education. To that end, I will introduce legislation that increases affordable housing, raises pay for classroom teachers, and establishes a pilot program for low- or no-cost daycare for children of working parents.

Other issues I plan to focus on include kupuna care, homelessness and illegal goods entering through our harbors (like fireworks). We need better training for those supporting our elderly, as well as subsidies for more affordable home services. I will continue to support efforts made by civic groups, and state and city agencies to ameliorate homelessness in our community. The recent display of illegal fireworks is a marked example of the need to increase security checks at our harbors and place stiffer fines for violators.



With Aunty Alice at the Ko'olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club's Scholarship Lunch

House announces committees

House Speaker Scott K. Saiki announced in early November the committee line-up and the committee chairs for the Thirtieth Legislature.

COMMITTEE

AGRICULTURE
 CONSUMER PROTECTION & COMMERCE
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 EDUCATION
 ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
 FINANCE
 HEALTH
 HOUSING
 HUMAN SERVICES & HOMELESSNESS
 INTRASTATE COMMERCE
 JUDICIARY
 LABOR & PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT
 LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT
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Preview of Legislation

Teacher Salary – Raises HIDOE teachers' salaries at hard-to-fill schools to at least the current national average of a teacher with equivalent experience, factoring in cost of living.

Curbing Foreign Housing Purchases– Penalizes foreign investors with an increased conveyance tax if they sell residential property within 5 years of purchase. Our homes need to go to local families.

Early Childhood Day Care – Creates a state-run low to no-cost day care for working parents of children 0-3 years of age to allow parents of young children to remain in the workforce.

Vocational Training – Seeks to increase vocational training programs in DOE high schools. Determines where and what schools can host such programs (facilities, resources, etc.).

Gift Cards – Requires vendors to give cash for gift cards with under \$5 in remaining value.



Windward Community College's new Ke Kula Kamali'i 'o Hānaiaulu Hawaiian Language Immersion Childcare Center with Rep. Lisa Kitagawa.