



STATE REPRESENTATIVE

**Andrew Takuya Garrett**



District 22—Mānoa, Tantalus, McCully-Mō‘ili‘ili

## **2023 MID-SESSION REPORT**

*Aloha e Friends & Neighbors-*

Mahalo for electing me to serve as your representative in the Hawaii State House! It’s the honor and privilege of a lifetime to serve in this capacity on your behalf.

We are fast approaching the halfway point of the 2023 Legislative Session. This report provides a glimpse of some of the things we’ve been working on for the 22nd District.

If we can ever be of assistance, or have thoughts to share with us on any of the hundreds of bills moving through the process, please don’t hesitate to reach out to us. Please know that I’m committed to responding to all correspondence we receive from our constituents.

We look forward to hearing from you!



*Rep. Garrett with Gov. Josh Green, MD, First Lady Jaime Green and colleagues after the Governor’s State of the State Address*

### ***UPCOMING COMMUNITY CALENDAR***

#### **Mānoa Neighborhood Board #7**

1st Wednesday of the Month at 7pm  
*(Remote participation only)*

<https://cchnl.webex.com/cchnl/j.php?MTID=m9106c242743bd9278b12e4590ce45e1c>

#### **McCully/Mō‘ili‘ili Neighborhood Board #8**

1st Thursday of the Month at 630pm  
*(In person at McCully District Park and remote participation)*

<https://cchnl.webex.com/cchnl/j.php?MTID=mc6df65708c6fa15406a09ccde8965d9e>

#### **Makiki-Tantalus Neighborhood Board #10**

3rd Thursday of the Month at 6pm  
*(Remote participation only)*

<https://cchnl.webex.com/cchnl/j.php?MTID=mcf31c6dc97b431c6bceffdd039fc13cf>

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## Bills Introduced during the 2023 Legislature

As of late February, the following bills introduced or co-sponsored by Rep. Garrett are still moving through the legislative process:

### **HB1282—RELATING TO MANOA STREAM**

Appropriates funds for the city and county of Honolulu to perform maintenance activities to benefit Manoa stream.

### **HB258—RELATING TO THE ACQUISITION OF ST. FRANCIS SCHOOL FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII**

Appropriates moneys to the University of Hawaii for the acquisition of the Saint Francis School campus.

### **HB838—RELATING TO LONG-TERM CARE**

Reestablishes the long-term care commission within the University of Hawaii college of social sciences social science research institute to identify further needed reforms of Hawaii's long-term care system.

### **HB1204—RELATING TO PUBLIC EDUCATION**

Establishes the public school education scholarship program within the University of Hawaii to provide students with school tuition in return for a service commitment to teach in a public school classroom of the department of education or Hawaii public charter school.

### **HB551—RELATING TO HEALTH**

Prohibits the sale of flavored tobacco products and the mislabeling of e-liquids as nicotine free. Authorizes the department of health to appoint, commission, or contract for services of inspectors.

### **HB390—RELATING TO THE HAWAII PROMISE PROGRAM**

Provides scholarships for the unmet direct cost needs of qualified students at any four-year University of Hawaii campus who meet certain eligibility criteria.

### **HB650- RELATING TO HEALTH**

Authorizes advanced practice registered nurses to practice medical aid in dying or provide counseling to a qualified patient. Amends the mandatory waiting period between oral requests and the provision of a prescription. Provides an expedited pathway for terminally ill qualified patients who are not expected to survive the mandatory waiting period.

### **HB1283—RELATING TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE 22ND DISTRICT**

Appropriates funds for capital improvement projects in the twenty-second representative district.

## COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

This session, I've been assigned to serve on the following three committees:

- Labor and Government Operations (Vice Chair)
- Finance (member)
- Culture, Arts and International Affairs (member)



*(Above)*

*Rep. Garrett with Rep. Scot Matayoshi during a recent hearing of the House Committee on Labor and Government Operations*

*(Below)*

*Rep. Garrett with long-time Manoa residents Thalya DeMott, Dr. Jeremy Lam and Linda LeGrande on Opening Day*



# REP. GARRETT HONORED BY TOBACCO- FREE KIDS ACTION FUND

On January 10, 2023, Rep. Garrett was among two dozen legislators who were honored by the Tobacco-Free Kids Action Fund for signing a pledge not to accept campaign contributions from Big Tobacco.

He was proud to co-sponsor H.B. 551, which bans flavored vaping products to address the teenage vaping epidemic. In a recent survey, 30% of high school students acknowledged vaping within the last 30 days.

Rep. Garrett believes that we must not let Big Tobacco use the same playbook from yesteryear and hook the next generation on nicotine through such products.



## Meet our 2023 legislative staff!



I'm excited to introduce our team! From left to right, **Kelli** is our committee clerk, **Melanie** is our office manager (our lone permanent staff) and Mānoa resident **Hector** is our legislative aide.

## PROTECTING REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS

As part of Women's Health Day, Rep. Garrett met with OB/GYNs of the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology to discuss the importance of protecting reproductive freedom.

As a husband and father of two daughters, he is committed to codifying *Roe* and believes that politicians have no business interfering between a patient and their healthcare provider over healthcare decisions.





*Rep. Garrett with his family on Opening Day (Jan. 18, 2023)*

**Questions? Concerns?  
We'd love to hear from you!**

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