



GARNER SHIMIZU

STATE HOUSE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 32

Aloha Friends,

I recently mailed out a survey and appreciate those of you who have already participated in sharing your concerns with me. I truly value your input and suggestions on issues before the House. Understanding your thoughts is vital for me to effectively fulfill my duties.

Please fill out the survey online, email a photo of the completed sheet to my email at repshimizu@capitol.hawaii.gov, or mail it in to my office to make your voice heard. Your feedback will help me decide which bills I will fight for, or against in the 2025 Legislative Session. I will be finalizing survey results in mid-February and sharing in next month's newsletter.

I'm here for you! Please contact my office if you have any questions or concerns about happenings in our community.

Blessed to serve you,

Representative Garner Shimizu

February 2025 Newsletter

2025 OPENING DAY

Thank you to our family, friends, and community for your unwavering support as we kicked off the 2025 Legislative Session at the Opening Day Ceremony. Let's continue working together toward a brighter and stronger future for our community.

STAY CONNECTED!

I'd love to hear from you! Please share questions, concerns, or ideas you may have. You can reach me at **(808) 586-9470** or RepShimizu@capitol.hawaii.gov. For regular and time-sensitive updates about legislation and issues that impact our community visit RepShimizu.com and sign up for my e-newsletters.

SCAN TO TAKE SURVEY OR GO TO WWW.REPSHIMIZU.COM





2025 LEGISLATIVE SESSION REPRESENTATIVE SHIMIZU BILLS INTRODUCED OR SIGNED ON

See the full list of first primary bills introduced by Representative Shimizu: <https://bit.ly/3WE1G5u>

This Legislative Session, Representative Shimizu signed a total of 67 bills with a focus on cost of living, crime and public safety, Red Hill and water, education and parental rights, and government reform. The bills highlighted below are a combination of some of the bills introduced and signed on by Representative Shimizu.

COST OF LIVING

HB1339	RELATING TO GENERAL EXCISE TAX Exempts food and groceries from the general excise tax. Expands a 2024 session law exempting certain medical and dental services to include all medical and dental services.
HB1341	RELATING TO INSURANCE Establishes tax credits for insurers providing full property coverage to owners and associations of condominiums in the amount equal to twenty percent of the insurance premium. Provides additional ten percent tax credit to insurers incorporated in the State.
HB567	RELATING TO TAXATION Provides an income tax deduction for tips received by tipped employees.
HB853	RELATING TO TAXATION Establishes a refundable Family Caregiver Tax Credit for nonpaid family caregivers.
HB283	RELATING TO INCOME TAX Eliminates the state individual income tax.

CRIME AND PUBLIC SAFETY

HB1338	RELATING TO HOMELESSNESS Establishes a 2-year homelessness sanctuary pilot programs, to be administered by the Governor's Coordinator on Homelessness in coordination with the Department of Human Services and the City and County of Honolulu.
HB1340	RELATING TO CRIMES AGAINST ELDERS Establishes strict liability for crimes against elders with respect to the attendant circumstance that the victim was sixty years of age or older.
HB1483	RELATING TO FIREWORKS Establishes an adjudication system and procedures to process fireworks infractions. Amends multiple definitions and penalties for firework offenses, including heightened penalties if another person suffers substantial bodily injury, serious bodily injury, or death as a result of firework offenses. Establishes various criminal offenses and penalties related to fireworks or articles pyrotechnics.



RED HILL AND WATER

HB505	RELATING TO RED HILL Establishes a Water Alliance Initiative (WAI) Policy Coordinator for coordination of Red Hill WAI initiatives. Creates the Red Hill Remediation Special Fund.
HB748	RELATING TO WASTE OR DISPOSAL FACILITIES Prohibits the construction, modification, or expansion of any waste or disposal facility on land that is near or above a significant aquifer as determined by the Department of Health. Reduces the required buffer zone around waste or disposal facilities.

EDUCATION AND PARENTAL RIGHTS

HB1195	RELATING TO EDUCATION Requires the Department of Education to prohibit cell phone use during the instructional day, prohibit student access to social media through the school's internet, and implement a social media education campaign. Creates exemptions for students requiring accommodations, emergency situations, and teacher authorizations.
HB1196	RELATING TO EDUCATION Establishes a high school law enforcement curriculum-to-career pipeline initiative. Appropriates funds to develop and implement the program.
HB566	RELATING TO PROTECTION OF MINORS Protects minors from addictive content by imposing special requirements for operators regarding consent, notifications, and age verification. Protects minors from having their online personal data processed without parental consent.
HB569	RELATING TO EDUCATION Requires all department schools to offer community policing programs including DARE, LEEP, and PAL. Authorizes the Department of Education to work with the Department of Law Enforcement and local police departments to implement the programs. Requires a faculty liaison.
HB1397	RELATING TO PARENTAL RIGHTS Prohibits the State and counties from adopting or ordaining any rules, regulations, or ordinances that infringe upon a parent's right to direct the upbringing, education, care, and welfare of the parent's child, except in certain narrowly tailored circumstances.
HB288	RELATING TO SCHOOL BUS SERVICES Authorizes the Department of Education to use alternative vehicles for student transportation under certain conditions and appropriates funds for the purchase of alternative vehicles and individuals to obtain CDL licensure. Allows department schools to initiate staggered start times.

GOVERNMENT REFORM

HB568	RELATING TO OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE ANALYST Requires the office of legislative analyst to produce fiscal notes on all fiscal bills. Prohibits a committee from making a decision on a fiscal bill without a fiscal note. Mandates that fiscal notes be made available to the public.
HB570	PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE III, SECTION 4 Proposes a constitutional amendment to limit the terms of members of the legislature to a maximum of twelve years in the House of Representatives or Senate, or both, for terms beginning on or after the general election of 2026.
HB297	RELATING TO ELECTIONS Requires that each county council district feature at least one voter service center for elections. Provides further, that each county council district must have one voter service center open on election day.



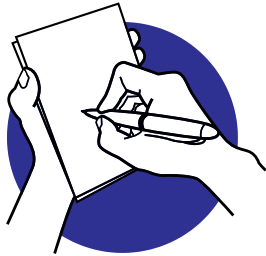
ENGAGE IN THIS LEGISLATIVE SESSION

TESTIFY ON A BILL

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Go to <https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/>

- Login or Sign Up for an Account
- Click "Submit Testimony" or hover over "Participate" and select "Submit Testimony"



02

Enter the bill number and click "Continue"

03

Fill out the required fields and add written testimony by attaching a file or typing your testimony in the box provided. Review & Submit!

SUBMIT YOUR TESTIMONY

Written Testimony

Submit your testimony 24 hours prior to the hearing, the discretion of the committee chair will determine the acceptance of late submissions.

Testify Remotely

You can register online to receive a Zoom link for the hearing and participate remotely on the day of the hearing.

In-Person Testimony

Attend the hearing at the Hawaii State Capitol.

TRACK BILLS

Go to <https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/>.

Click on the "Reports and Links" tab at the top of the web page.

Click on the "Subject Search" bar.

Enter the exact word or phrase you want to find in the search bar.



Questions? Contact Representative Shimizu at RepShimizu@capitol.hawaii.gov

At the Capitol



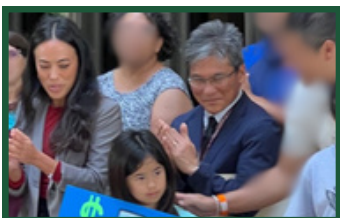
GOVERNOR GREEN'S STATE OF THE STATE

Governor Green's State of the State address highlighted the top initiatives, including affordability, public safety, and homelessness. Read the full press release online at: <https://governor.hawaii.gov/newsroom>



MARCH FOR LIFE

Representative Shimizu attended the March For Life event. March For Life is a rally dedicated to upholding the sacredness of all human life from conception to natural death.



KEIKI CAUCUS

Pictured to the left is from the Keiki Caucus Press Conference. Representative Shimizu's Caucus memberships include Working Families Caucus, Filipino Caucus, Kupuna Caucus, Small Business Caucus, Keiki Caucus, Good Government Caucus, Environmental Legislative Caucus, and Maritime Caucus. He signed a total of 8 Caucus bills.

In the Community



2025 OHA INVESTITURE CEREMONY

Representative Shimizu attended the 2025 OHA Investiture Ceremony. Four trustees were formally inducted into their terms of office during the ceremony at Central Union Church in Honolulu. Representative Shimizu is pictured with Kai Kahele who was elected chair by the board in December.



PORT OF HONOLULU SITE VISIT

Representative Shimizu also toured the Port of Honolulu at the beginning of the month. The Port of Honolulu, also known as Honolulu Harbor, is the principal seaport of Honolulu. One of the projects scheduled to be completed this year, in Fall 2025, is the Kapalama Container Terminal.



KALAELOA AIRPORT AND HARBOR VISIT

Representative Shimizu toured the Kalaeloa Airport to view airport facilities, current projects, and future plans. Upcoming capital improvement projects include plans of Pier Cargo Yard expansion and pier improvements. He also toured the Kalaeloa Harbor to see harbor operations, infrastructure, and ongoing improvements.



MOANALUA BOY SCOUT TROOP 9 EAGLE SCOUT COURT OF HONOR

Representative Shimizu joined Councilmember Radiant Cordero for Moanalua Boy Scout Troop 9's Eagle Scout Court of Honor. Nicholas Lin, John Kai Demarco, and Brandon Samiano were all honored as Eagle Scouts.



ANNUAL RED MASS

Representative Shimizu enjoyed attending the annual Red Mass at Our Lady of Peace Cathedral, an event that marks the opening of the Hawai'i State Legislature. Led by Bishop Larry Silva, this year's theme, "Blessed are the Peacemakers: Reflections on Servant Leadership," served as a reminder of the values of humility, wisdom, and service.



LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST WITH FILIPINO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF HAWAII

The Filipino Chamber of Commerce of Hawai'i (FCCH) hosted its annual Legislative Breakfast at the Filipino Community Center. Representative Shimizu joined other legislators, business leaders, and community advocates to discuss 2025 key priorities. Some important priorities discussed included economic growth, education, and workforce development.

Resources

- **Red Hill Updates:** <https://redhillcri.my.canva.site/>
- **Aloha Stadium Redevelopment:** <https://nased.hawaii.gov/about-the-nased-project/>
- **OCCC Relocation:** <https://hcsoc.hawaii.gov/>



Resources Continued

REPORT SAFETY HAZARDS AROUND ELECTRIC UTILITY POLES AND POWER LINES

Non-Emergency Contact Information:

- Hawaiian Electric
 - For vegetation concerns or questions regarding tree trimming and inspection, please contact:
 - O'ahu: 808-543-7836
 - Or visit: [Hawaiian Electric Tree Trimming Safety](#).

Emergency Contact Information:

- Hawaiian Electric
 - O'ahu: 1-855-304-1212

ALOHA MAKENA ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

Applications are open for the Aloha Mākena Endowed Scholarship, offering \$1,000 annually to University of Hawai'i students. Priority is given to those with ties to Mākena or Mākena Golf & Beach Club employees. Applicants must have a 2.5+ GPA and demonstrate financial need. Apply by March 1, 2025, via the UH campus website or [UH Foundation portal](#).

HAWAII DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SURVEY

The Hawai'i Department of Health is conducting a survey to understand the health needs of individuals, families, and communities across the islands. Your feedback will help set priorities for women, infants, children, youth, and families with special health needs. It takes just 5-15 minutes to complete. Start the survey [here](#).

PREVENT MEDICARE FRAUD

SMP Hawai'i is dedicated to equipping communities with the tools and knowledge needed to combat fraud. By taking simple actions—such as protecting personal information, reviewing healthcare statements, and reporting suspicious activity—you can help make a big difference. To learn more and get involved, explore the full [January 2025 Kukui Gram newsletter](#). Visit [SMP Hawai'i](#) for additional details and volunteer opportunities.

Upcoming Events

ALOHA STADIUM

- 2/17 - Great Aloha Run (More information at: <https://register.chronotrack.com/r/79779>)
- 2/23 | 9:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. - Chinese New Year Celebration

SALT LAKE-MOANALUA LIBRARY

- Through 2/28 - The Nisei Soldiers of World War II Exhibit
- 2/8 1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m. - Valentine Melodies by Sarah Lambert Connelly and Sadee Xu
- 2/26; 3/5; 3/12 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. - AARP Foundation Tax-Aide (Call 805-222-0024 to make an apt.)
- 3/22 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. - Movies & Mele: Singing in the Rain

AIEA LIBRARY

- 2/8 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. - Design your own button
- 2/20 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. - Origami box
- 2/22 2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. - Coloring for adults
- 2/27 5:00 p.m. & 3/1 2:00 p.m. - Wild Robot Movie (Join in for a Wild Robot theme craft 1 hr. before)
- 2/12; 2/19; 2/26 at 10:00 a.m. - Preschool Story Time

E-WASTE RECYCLING

- 3/15 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. FREE E-Waste Recycling at Mohs Parking Lot (Fire Station) to benefit the Moanalua Athletic Booster Club

