



GARNER SHIMIZU

STATE HOUSE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 32

Aloha Friends,

Mahalo for your continued engagement in this Legislative session through submitting testimonies, attending hearings, and completing my recent survey (survey results on page 2).

As we move forward, I am committed to prioritizing your concerns and representing your voice. Together, we can continue to make our community a better place. I encourage you to stay involved and reach out with your thoughts and concerns. Your participation is essential in this process.

Thank you for your continued trust and support. Please contact my office if you have any questions or concerns about happenings in our community.

Blessed to serve you,

Representative Garner Shimizu

March 2025 Newsletter

IN THE COMMUNITY



Aloha Freedom Coalition Event with my granddaughter



PAL Pinto Basketball Game with Dennis Arakaki



2025 Moanalua Middle School chapter of the National Junior Honor Society (NJHS)



Moanalua High School's 19th Annual Kina'ole Awards Banquet

SEE SURVEY → RESULTS ON PG. 2

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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.



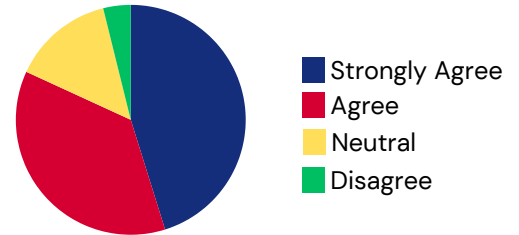
Survey Results & Mid-Session Updates

MAHALO EVERYONE FOR PARTICIPATING IN MY SURVEY!

WHAT ARE THE TOP 3 ISSUES FACING OUR STATE?



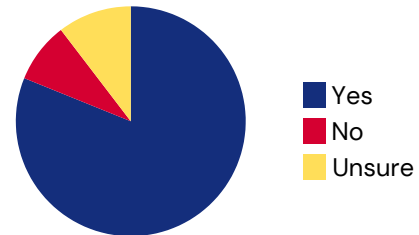
HAWAII'S COST OF LIVING HAS ALTERED MY WAY OF LIFE.



WHAT AREA ATTRIBUTES THE MOST TO YOUR COST OF LIVING?



ARE YOU EXPERIENCING INCREASED INSURANCE COSTS?



WHAT IS ONE ISSUE IN THE COMMUNITY YOU WOULD LIKE TO SOLVE?

“Cost of Living”	“Crimes and Homelessness”	“Water Quality”	“Illegal Fireworks”
<p>HB701 - Establishes a Family Caregiver Tax Credit for nonpaid family caregivers.*</p> <p>HB692 - Expands the Preschool Open Door Program’s eligibility criteria.</p> <p>HB702 - Appr. funds to increase funding for Medicaid in-home services.</p>	<p>HB697 - Appr. funds to the DOT to establish and implement the Automated Speed Enforcement System Program.</p> <p>HB958 - Prohibits certain actions while operating an E-bike.</p> <p>See HCR22 intro. by Rep. Shimizu below.*</p>	<p>HB505 - Establishes a WAI Policy Coordinator for coordination of Red Hill WAI initiatives. Creates the Red Hill Remediation Special Fund.*</p> <p>HB969 - Prohibits the construction, modification, or expansion of any waste or disposal facility on land that is near or above a significant aquifer.</p>	<p>HB1483 - Establishes various criminal offenses.*</p> <p>HB806 - Appropriates funds for the DLE to enforce fireworks laws.</p> <p>HB508 - Appropriates funds for illegal fireworks task force.</p>

*Representative Shimizu introduced/signed on.

HOUSE RESOLUTIONS INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE SHIMIZU

- **HCR18** - Requesting a study on the feasibility of establishing an environmental protection agency-certified laboratory in Hawai’i to test drinking water samples for toxic chemicals and other contaminants.
- **HCR19** - Urging the Governor to create a task force on Military partnership to develop and strengthen the public-military relationship in Hawai’i.
- **HCR20** - Requesting the auditor of the C&C of Honolulu to review and audit the current permitting, inspection, and penalty process for monster homes.
- **HCR21** - Urging the C&C of Honolulu to revise real property procedures for Kupuna.
- **HCR22** - Requesting the promotion and expansion of the C&C of Honolulu Neighborhood Security Watch Program.

- **HB1118** - Prohibits new non-medical immunization exemptions for school-aged children (includes public and private schools).
- **HB1308** - Legalizing gambling and sports wagering.
- **HB1077** - Increases transient accommodations tax.
- **HB476** - Increases capital gains tax.
- **HB1246** - Legalization of marijuana.

“COMMITTED TO FIGHTING FOR OUR PEOPLE’S VOICE.”

These bills would take away parental rights, increase crime and debt, and put more burden on our community.

Questions or comments? Stay engaged by emailing repshimizu@capitol.hawaii.gov

At the Capitol



WORKING FAMILIES CAUCUS

Representative Shimizu is pictured at the Working Families Press Conference. Members of the Legislature’s Hawaii Working Families Caucus presented their 2025 Legislative Package, which addresses the child tax credit, supplemental nutrition assistance program, rent increase restrictions, family and medical leave, and early education.



INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS FOR THE HOMELESS

One of the bills introduced by Representative Shimizu is HB1338, which was created by him this year. HB1338 establishes a 2-year homelessness sanctuary pilot program, 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.



Representative Shimizu met with John Mizuno, Governor Green’s Homeless Coordinator at the time, to discuss his bill and review any questions or concerns that should be addressed to implement this model plan. Representative Shimizu also met with Mike Lambert, Director of State Department of Law Enforcement to discuss HB1338. Director Lambert is a former HPD Veteran who worked closely on the City’s HONU project.



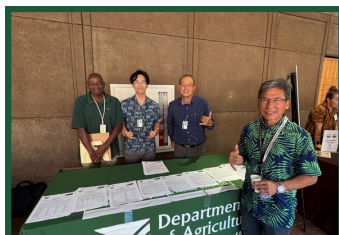
RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA BILL DIES IN THE HOUSE

HB1246, the recreational marijuana bill, died before having the second reading floor vote on it, as it was recommitted back to its original committee. Representative Shimizu voted “no” on February 4 during the Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs (JHA) Committee hearing. He is committed to representing the community’s voice, and keeping our communities safe.



HONORING DR. AMEFIL “AMY” AGBAYANI

On February 12, the House honored Dr. Amefil “Amy” Agbayani. Dr. Agbayani has fought for social justice, education, and immigrant rights since coming to Hawaii in the 1960s. Dr. Agbayani was the founding chair of Hawaii Civil Rights Commission, created Operation Manong in 1972 to tutor Filipinos at UH, and recently helped establish the Filipino Community Center’s “Filcom Cares.”



AG DAY AT THE CAPITOL

Agriculture Day at the Capitol was sponsored by the Hawaii Farm Bureau, and was co-hosted by Representatives Kristin Kahaloa and Matthias Kusch, and Senators Mike Gabbard and Tim Richards. This annual event brings awareness to Hawaii’s diverse agriculture industry.



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/>

FREE TAX FILING SERVICES

There are free ways to file taxes both online and in person, and several federal and state tax credits are available. More information is available through Hawaii Children's Action Network Speaks. Visit their website [here](#).

MAYOR BLANGIARDI TOWN HALLS

Mayor Blangiardi is holding multiple Towns Halls across the island this year. The nearest one for our district will be held on Thursday, May 22, at 6:30 p.m. at Radford High School Cafeteria. For more information, please visit his [website](#).

MALAMA LOKO EA HIGH SCHOOL SPRING BREAK PROGRAM

Learn about loko i'a and environmental resilience through Malama Loko Ea Fishpond's HS Spring Break program from March 19-21, 2025. Priority registration is for Waialua, Hale'iwa, Wahiawa, Mililani, and Kahuku residents, but all are welcome to apply. Submit your application by March 2 for priority consideration. Visit [here](#) to register.

20TH ANNUAL NCPW CONSUMER FAIR

The 20th Annual NCPW Consumer Fair, hosted by the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (DCCA), will take place on March 6, 2025, at the Hawaii State Capitol. This event highlights consumer rights and fraud prevention, bringing together government agencies and organizations to share valuable resources. Community leaders and advocates are encouraged to participate, connect with attendees, and help spread awareness on these important issues.

HAWAII ENERGY WEST HONOLULU APPLIANCE TRADE-UP

Trade in your old, working refrigerator and/or freezer by filling out an application online [here](#). Application and payment must be received by 3/31/25.

Upcoming Events

SALT LAKE WATERWAY CLEANUP

- 3/8 1:00 PM Help make 1,000 Genki balls to clean the Salt Lake waterway.

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.

PEARL HARBOR BIKE PATH CLEANUP

- 4/19 8:00 AM-10:30 AM Volunteers are needed to help clean up the Pearl Harbor Bike path.

MOANALUA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- 3/10-3/14 7:15 AM-8:00 AM Recycling Drive for 3rd Grade's Big Island Trip.

AIEA LIBRARY

- 3/8 10:00 AM-11:00 AM DIY I Spy Craft
- 3/12 12:00 PM-2:00 PM Craft Session for Teens and Adults
- 3/20 3:30 PM-4:00 PM; 3/22 12:30 PM-1:00 PM Venom Corner Bookmark
- 3/20 4:30 PM-6:30 PM; 3/22 1:30 PM-3:30 PM Venom: The Last Dance Movie Night
- 3/12 & 3/19 at 10:00 AM Preschool Story Time
- 3/27 4:30 PM-6:30 PM Zen Watercolor for Adults
- 3/29 9:00 AM-2:00 PM Friends of Aiea Library Used Book/DVD/CD Sale

