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(808) 531-3771
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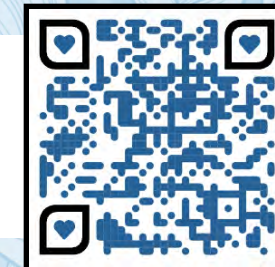
Check or Update Your Voter Registration: <https://olvr.hawaii.gov>

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Oahu Mediation Center (Landlord/Tenant Disputes): <https://www.mediatehawaii.org>



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ALOHA NEIGHBOR,

A little more than a year ago, I embarked on this incredible journey as your State Representative. It's been a time of immense learning, growth, and, most importantly, the opportunity to serve this beautiful community I care deeply about.

Together, we've accomplished a lot in this first year. We tackled public safety, school bus services, homelessness, and wildfire prevention. These wouldn't have been possible without your support, feedback, and active participation. I'm incredibly grateful for your trust and engagement. But there's still more to do!

As we look ahead, I'm excited to advocate for policies that directly impact education, childcare, cost of living, healthcare, businesses, and our workforce. Your input is crucial as we navigate these critical issues. Please don't hesitate to share your thoughts and ideas with me or my office.

As we celebrate this first year, I'm filled with gratitude for your unwavering support and I'm excited for what we can accomplish together.

In service,

Trish

Representative Trish La Chica



Rep. La Chica celebrated her work anniversary with a cake from her staff.

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It's hard to learn when you're hungry. Rep. La Chica was moved by testimony from students sharing their experiences of being denied a meal at the lunch line when they couldn't afford it. Universal free school meals passed out of the Education committee.



Happy birthday Emperor Naruhito! Rep. La Chica celebrated with Gov. Green and Consul General of Japan Yoshinori Kodama at the Consulate.



Rep. La Chica met with Hawaii Inline Hockey advocates to make further improvements to the Mililani Hockey Rink. (L to R: Bryan Gooden, Attila Gooden, Rep. La Chica, Kimo Chun, & Bo Chhoun)



TLC's 2024 Legislative Package

I'm proud to share with you my **community-driven 2024 package**, reflecting our priorities. Several key measures are still actively making their way through the legislative process. Thank you to all who have been sending in testimony - your voices are helping to drive these bills forward!

Learn how to submit testimony here: <https://lrb.hawaii.gov/par/engagement-101/>



School Bus Standards HB2082 (SB2303)

This measure would establish comprehensive standards for the Department of Education to follow when modifying school bus services. The measure also requires communication with affected families, prioritizes equity, and establishes an appeals process for families who feel unfairly impacted by school bus service changes.

School Bus Alternatives HB1767 (SB2515)

This bill addresses the school bus driver shortage issue by allowing the DOE to purchase and operate small vehicles such as motorcoaches, minibuses, and vans to transport students to and from school.

Homeless Encampment Task Force HB2084 (SB2854)

Establishes a task force to identify parcels of land that require intergovernmental coordination to clean up vacated homeless encampments located on lands managed by government agencies.



Local School Meals HB2083 (SB2365)

Authorizes the DOE to establish a recognition program to incentivize schools to submit a plan for the school to reach the local farm to school meal goal of sourcing 30% of school meals from local farms by 2030. The measure also establishes a plant-based meal pilot program at Mililani high school. Rep. La Chica is proud to partner with Mililani HS environmental science students on this bill.

Senior Priority Lanes HB2087 (SB2852)

This bill creates a two-year pilot program with the Executive Office on Aging to improve services and reduce wait times for seniors seeking public services. The program will work with State and county offices to create priority lanes, priority online scheduling, or priority phone lines for those 65 and older.

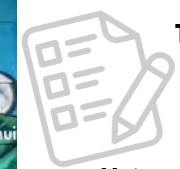


Deepfakes in Elections HB1766 (SB2396)

Deepfakes are fake videos or images that use artificial intelligence (AI) technologies to alter a person's face, voice, or body, often to spread misinformation. This measure aims to curb the dissemination of deceptive deepfakes in the critical period leading up to the primary and general elections.

Teacher Loan Forgiveness HB2572 (SB3232)

This measure would establish a teacher forgiveness loan program to incentivize individuals to become teachers in hard-to-fill positions at DOE schools. It will allow for student loan forgiveness for those who become licensed educators in Hawaii as well as those who will commit to teaching for three years at a DOE or public charter school.



Tenant Screening Fees HB2085 (SB2127)

This bill would prohibit landlords and their agents from charging application fees for criminal background or credit checks so long as the applicant provides certified copies of these documents. This would protect applicants from being subjected to paying multiple fees on each rental application.

Universal Health Care Access HB2728 (SB2876)

This measure would establish the Hui Hoomana task force which would work to identify priorities and financial resources to offer Hawaii residents with universal access to healthcare and health insurance that is both affordable and of high quality.

Neighborhood Watch Program HB2573 (SB2586)

This bill requires planned community associations to either develop and adopt rules for a neighborhood watch program or allocate a portion of the association's regular assessments to fund a neighborhood security watch program.



Abusive Litigation HB1965 (SB2604)

As part of the Women's Legislative Caucus's 2024 package, this measure would establish a court's authority to issue orders that would restrict abusive litigation, which is the misuse of the legal system by abusers to harass, intimidate, and control victims of domestic violence, stalking, and assault.

Xylazine HB2086 (SB2749)

This measure intends to address the growing threat of xylazine, popularly known as "tranq" or "zombie drug", a non-opioid sedative. The measure requires that xylazine be scheduled on an emergency basis as a Schedule III controlled substance.

Legal Protections for Condominium Renters HB2088 (SB2336)

Accessible Housing HB2571 (SB3201)

Construction Trades Workforce Program HB2575 (SB3271)

Community Spotlight Mo'olelo Ahupua'a Mural

The Mo'olelo Ahupua'a Mural at Mililani High School is a beautiful and important addition to the Mililani High School campus. Designed by Kehaulani Souza Kupihea, (MHS '90), along with her husband Kupihea, a native Hawaiian artist, they gathered the mo'olelo (history & stories) of Waipi'o ("curved waters,") and created this visual depiction of the storied landscape of Waipi'o, also known as Mililani (meaning to "praise or celebrate"). The mural also highlights the cultural and historical significance of our area, such as the three Heiau (temple structures) and two loko i'a (fishponds) that were documented in Waipi'o.

This mural will be a beautiful reminder of the rich history and culture of Mililani and serve as an educational resource for students and the community for many years to come. This project would not have been possible without the help of the Mililani High School students, staff, and alumni (listed below). A heartfelt mahalo to you all.

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| Kehaulani Kupihea
(MHS '90) | Craig Abeer
(MHS '89) | Pops Ambrosio's sons
(MHS '84, '87, '88) |
| Jenny Hoof Kuwahara
(MHS '00) | Evile Ierico
(MHS '87) | Christy Hashimoto
(MHS '90) |
| Ciera Senas Santos
(MHS '05) | Craig Lumanlan
(MHS '90) | Ann Yoshida
(MHS '95) |

