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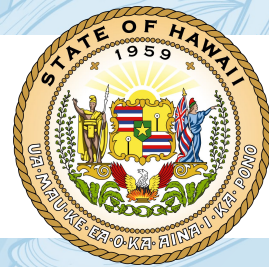


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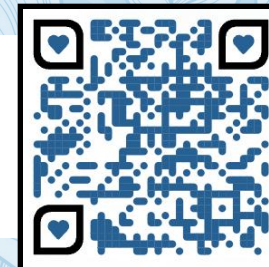


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SCAN ME



ALOHA NEIGHBOR,

Last month, I featured my daughter. So for this month, I am proudly sharing a photo of my son proudly displaying his own handmade sign that reads, "Choose Kindness". In a world often filled with divisiveness, this simple yet powerful message resonates deeply.

Emotions can run high in this final stretch of the legislative session, where bills enter conference for their final negotiations. Many times, I've felt disheartened and let down when the bills I care about hit roadblocks. Yet, in these moments, I try to remember the power of my son's heartfelt message, and the choice to embrace kindness despite the setbacks. It's a reminder that each bill represents an opportunity to enact positive change and what matters is the commitment to keep trying, to keep advocating, and to approach challenges with grace and resilience, always striving for a better future for our community.

As your representative, I am deeply honored to serve this beautiful community. May this month be a reminder for all of us to "Choose Kindness" in our daily interactions wherever we go, because through kindness, we become stronger, more resilient, and more united as a community.

Love, *Trish*
 Representative Trish La Chica



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IMPORTANT NUMBERS
 * THESE ARE 808 NUMBERS

- Abandoned Vehicles:** 768-2530
- Homeless:** 745-7880
(text or call for service)
- Adult Abuse:** 832-5115
- Bilingual Access Line:** 526-9724
- Child Abuse:** 832-5300
- City Trees:** 971-7151
- Dead Animals:** 768-9766
- Domestic Violence Action Center:**
 808-531-3771
 605-956-5680 (text, 24/7)
- Feral Chickens:** 768-4381
- Hina Mauka:** 236-2600
(alcohol/drug services)
- Landlord-Tenant Hotline:** 586-2634
- Park Maintenance:** 677-8849
- Potholes:** 768-7777
- Public Assistance Line:** 855-643-1643
- Sidewalk Concerns:** 768-8118

INVITED SPEAKERS

- QUEENS HEALTH SYSTEMS**
- HAWAIIAN ELECTRIC COMPANY**
- HONOLULU POLICE DEPARTMENT**

APRIL 30 5:30PM
TUESDAY REGISTRATION
MILLILANI UKA ELEM
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KEEPING OUR COMMUNITY INFORMED:
 Power Outages, Healthcare Updates to Wahawa General Hospital & Keeping Our Community Safe (drugs, e-bikes, and other concerns)

REGISTER HERE

FREE EVENT

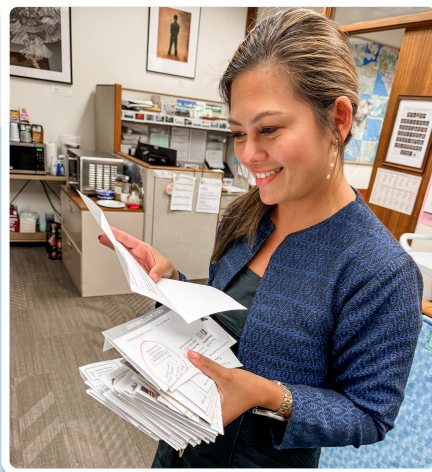
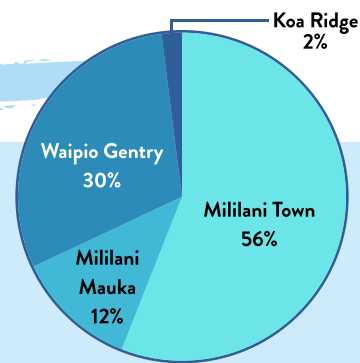
REP. TLC'S COMMUNITY TALK STORY

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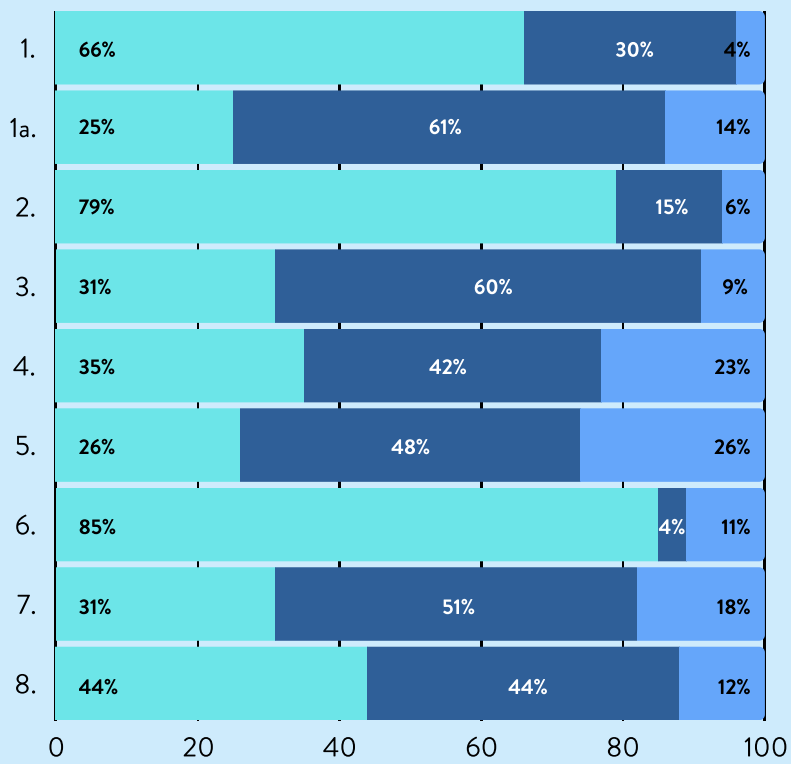
March Legislative Survey Results

Mahalo to all our community members who shared their position on key issues we're watching at the Legislature. I enjoyed reading your feedback and I'm currently in the process of responding back to each of you.



Total Respondents: 226
Collection period: March 24 - April 15

Support Oppose Undecided



1. Expand Hawaii's assault weapons ban (SB3196)

1a. Only ban 50-caliber sniper rifles and magazines with over 20 rounds

TLC's NOTE

This Senate bill did not receive a hearing in the House, so while I was not able to vote on this measure, I do believe in comprehensive gun legislation that prioritizes public safety while respecting Second Amendment rights.

2. Prohibit the sale of ammunition to any person under 21 (SB2845)

TLC's NOTE

This bill is still alive and headed to conference. I supported this measure.

3. Legalize adult use recreational marijuana (SB3335)

TLC's NOTE

This bill passed the Senate, but failed to receive a hearing in the House Finance committee. While significant work was done to move this bill, I voted no because I don't feel that Hawaii is ready for legalization and also to prioritize public health, protect our youth, and ensure public safety.

4. Relax the in-person requirements for drugs prescribed as part of gender-affirming care and extend the protections of Hawaii's "shield" law—which guards abortion patients, providers, and anyone who helps someone get an abortion from out-of-state legal action—to gender-affirming care providers and parents or guardians of minors receiving gender-affirming care. (HB2079)

TLC's NOTE

This bill passed the House, but failed to receive a hearing in the Senate. While I continue to support access to gender-affirming care when medically necessary, I voted no because the bill would remove the required, in-person appointment to prescribe a federally-controlled substance, which is needed to avoid misuse. While I received some criticism on my vote, I did meet with a fair amount of constituents and healthcare groups that opposed this bill.

5. Lapse funds appropriated to redevelop Aloha Stadium and direct funds for a new stadium on the UH Manoa Campus (HB2664)

TLC's NOTE

This bill passed the House, but failed to receive a hearing in the Senate. I voted no on this bill to support the Aloha Stadium and honor the prior commitment made by the legislature, ensuring its continued development and benefit to the community.

6. Expand school bus transportation options by allowing the use of minibuses, motorcoaches, and vans for DOE schools. (HB1767)

TLC's NOTE

This bill passed the House and failed to receive a hearing in the Senate. I introduced this bill in response to the school bus driver shortage issue and cancellation of services, and while the bill died, we did manage to include \$18.3M in the House budget for school bus services.

7. Allow homeowners to build more housing in smaller lots while preserving existing county regulations on building size and infrastructure capacity. (HB1630/SB3202)

TLC's NOTE

HB1630 is dead, but SB3202 is still alive and headed to conference. I voted yes because I believe that we are not doing enough to keep local working families in Hawaii and this bill would have helped to keep family members together, including aging grandparents by allowing families to create their own affordable housing within a family's own home/lot.

8. Allow pedestrians to jaywalk if they reasonably determine that there is no immediate danger of a collision with a moving vehicle. (SB2630)

TLC's NOTE

This bill is still alive and headed to conference. I voted yes with reservations because not all roads, especially on neighbor islands, have marked crosswalks or stop lights. While high-traffic areas need these safety measures, I support giving pedestrians autonomy to decide when it's safe to cross where infrastructure is lacking.

Show Aloha Sign Waving Success!

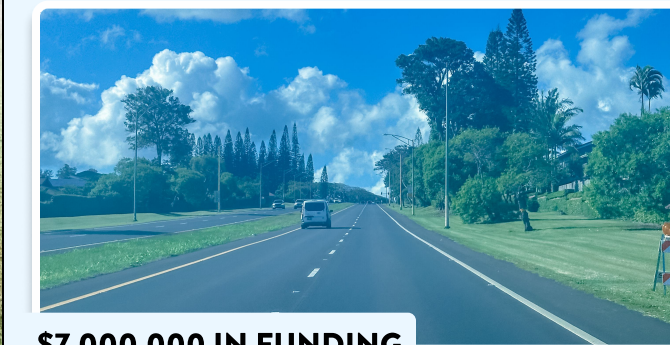


On March 29th, we had over 30 residents, students, police officers, public safety advocates, and my family members and office staff greet our morning commuters with high energy and aloha vibes as we waved signs for neighborhood safety!

It was community spirit at its best and together, we showed up for love, unity, and aloha! ❤️

Exciting New Road Improvements

KAMEHAMEHA HWY SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS



\$7,000,000 IN FUNDING

for the design and construction of safety improvements along Kamehameha Highway from Kuahelani Avenue to Lanikuhana Avenue.

Phase 1: Full replacement of the existing traffic signal system, installing a missing crosswalk at the Kuahelani intersection. Construction is anticipated to start at the end of the year.

Phase 2: Add sidewalks on each side of Kamehameha Highway for pedestrians between Meheula Parkway to Lanikuhana Avenue.

LANIKUHANA PEDESTRIAN GATEWAY TREATMENT



In January this year, a new gateway was installed by the City along Lanikuhana Avenue and Makaimoimo St. behind Walmart to help slow down drivers and protect pedestrians in this uncontrolled crosswalk. The poles are made of plastic, with retractable springs that are made to be hit and pop back up. **Please watch out for pedestrians and drive safely!**

WE ARE HERE TO HELP

For requests and feedback on road safety improvements, please send my office an email: replachica@capitol.hawaii.gov