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REP. TLC'S PERFORMANCE FEEDBACK SURVEY

Thank you for taking the time to provide feedback on my performance as your State Representative. Your input is invaluable as I strive to effectively serve our community.

Please answer the following questions on a scale of 1 to 5:

5 = Exceeds Expectations, 4 = Above Expectations, 3 = Meets Expectations,
2 = Below Expectations, 1 = Well Below Expectations

1. How would you rate my overall performance as your State Representative?

Well Below Expectations 1 2 3 4 5 Exceeds Expectations

2. How would you rate my communication with constituents?

Well Below Expectations 1 2 3 4 5 Exceeds Expectations

3. How responsive do you find my office in following up on constituent inquiries or concerns?

Well Below Expectations 1 2 3 4 5 Exceeds Expectations

4. How would you rate the community events organized by my office?

Well Below Expectations 1 2 3 4 5 Exceeds Expectations

5. How informative do you find the monthly newsletter sent out by my office?

Well Below Expectations 1 2 3 4 5 Exceeds Expectations

6. How effective do you believe my advocacy efforts have been for our community?

Well Below Expectations 1 2 3 4 5 Exceeds Expectations

7. Please provide any additional feedback, suggestions, or comments you have regarding my performance as your State Representative:

NAME

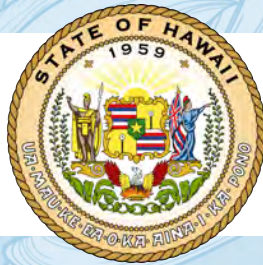
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NEIGHBORHOOD

- ☐ Mililani Town
☐ Mililani Mauka
☐ Waipio Gentry
☐ Koa Ridge



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SCAN ME



ALOHA NEIGHBOR,

The 2024 Legislative Session adjourned on May 3, and while there were 2,678 bills on the table, we passed about 10%, or 262 bills this session. It was a busy year - especially as my first year to serve as Vice Chair of the House Committee on Education.

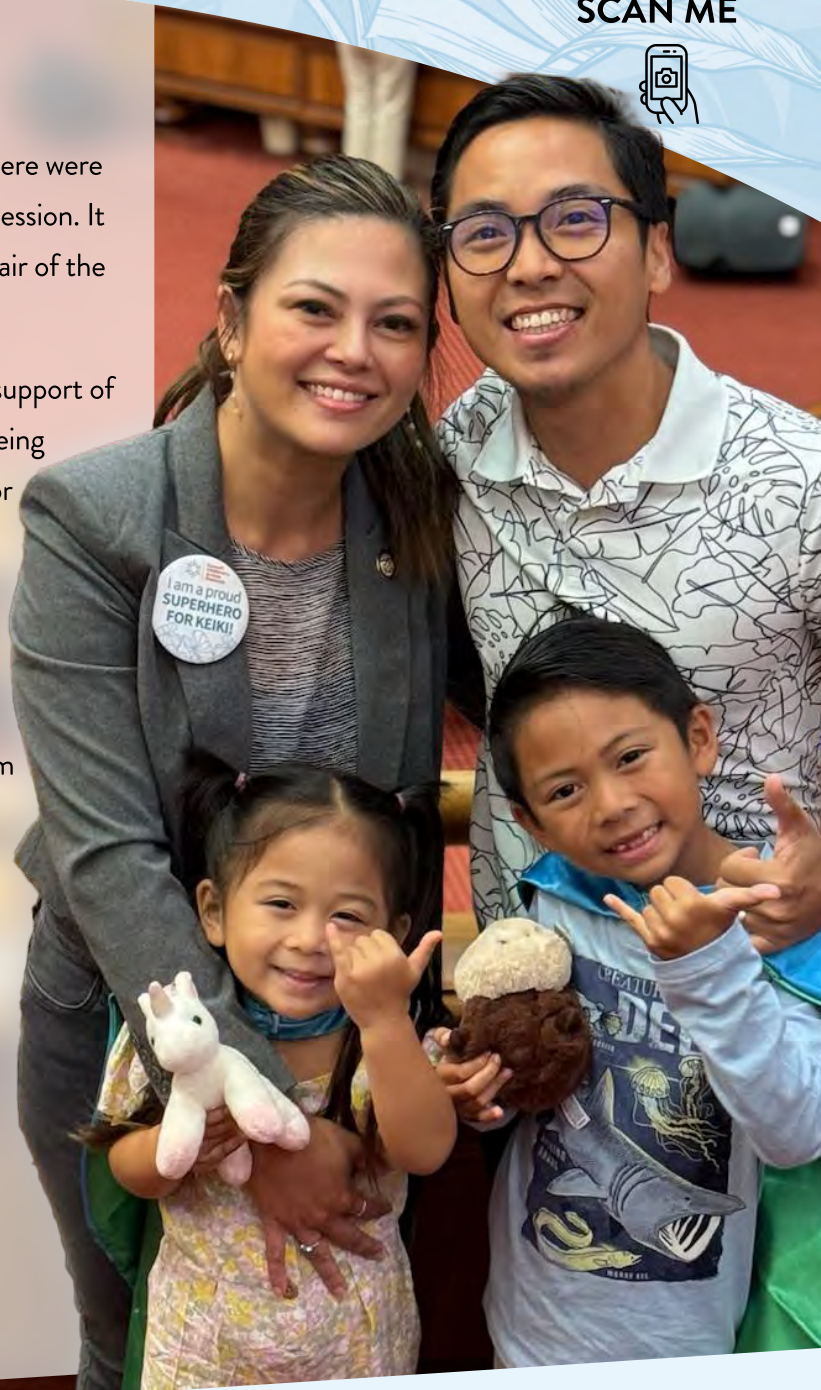
Doing this work would not be possible without the unwavering support of my amazing family, pictured here visiting me at the Capitol. Seeing their faces reminds me every day why I'm here - to advocate for a better future in Hawaii where all of our kids can thrive.

In this newsletter, I'm excited to share some of this session's highlights, particularly the funding I secured for our district. We'll also be shining a light on an outstanding graduating senior from our community. But most importantly, I want to hear from you! Filling out the included survey is a great way to give me feedback on how I'm doing as your State Representative. Your voice truly matters.

Finally, I would like to wish a big Happy Father's Day to all the dads out there - your dedication to your families is truly inspiring. And to our incredible teachers, staff, and students - enjoy a well-deserved summer break!

In Service,

Trish
Representative Trish La Chica



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2024 Legislative Session Highlights

HB2404: Largest Tax Cut for Working Families in Hawaii’s History

Reforms Hawaii’s tax code by doubling the standard deduction that state taxpayers can claim beginning next year, and adjusts income tax brackets and standard deductions upward in a series of steps in later years as Hawaii’s minimum wage increases. Working families will see their take-home pay increase by several thousand dollars a year.

How Much Money Will Hawaii’s Families Save?

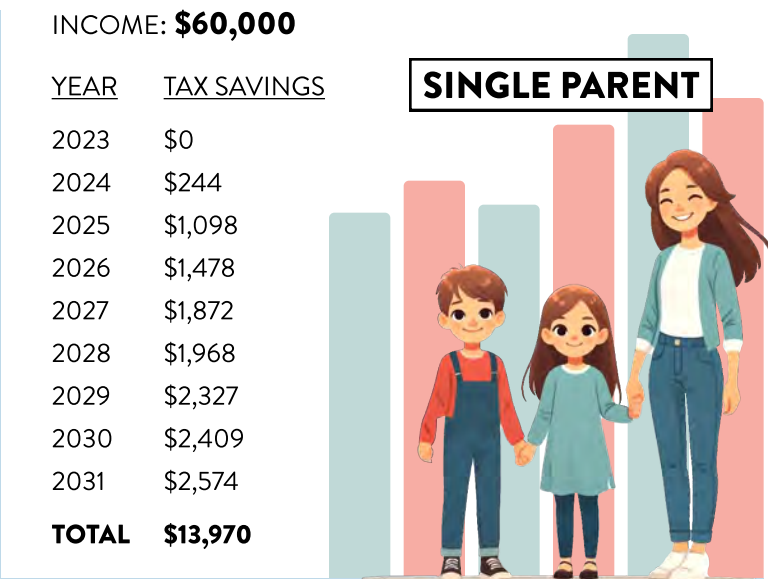
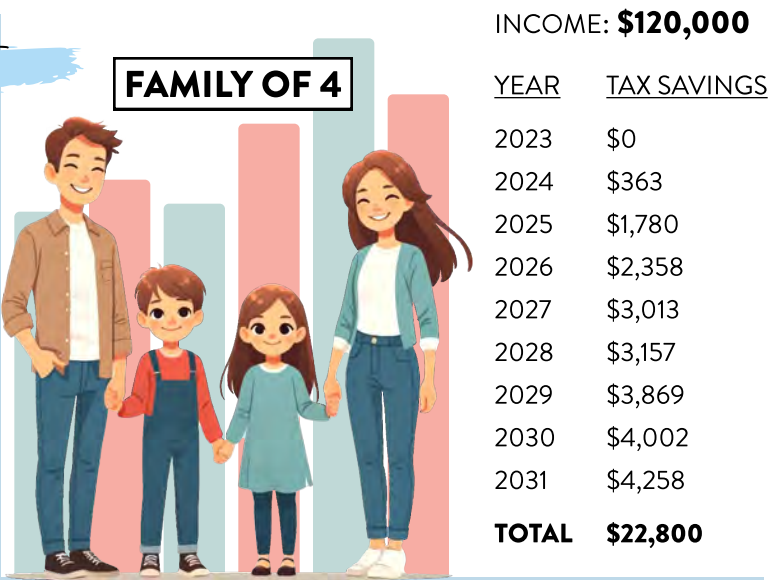
A **family of four** making \$120,000 (100% AMI) will see their take-home pay increase \$4,258 and save a total of nearly \$23,000 by year 2031.

A **single parent** making \$60,000 will see their take-home pay increase \$2,574 and save a total of nearly \$14,000 by year 2031.

WE HAVE A BILL!



Rep. La Chica and Senator Rhoads led the effort to pass SB2687, which would address the spread of deceptive and fraudulent deep fakes during election periods. Deep fakes are manipulated media (image, audio, or video) that often misrepresent individuals, showing them saying or doing things they never did.



District 37 Funding Highlights

Rep. La Chica is delighted to report on the funding we have secured for capital improvement projects in our district and surrounding areas:

- **\$1,500,000** for Mililani Uka Elementary for telecommunication systems upgrades and improvements
- **\$6,000,000** for Mililani High School for a multipurpose covered play court
- **\$750,000** for Mililani Middle School for play court surfacing replacement and waterproofing of retaining wall
- **\$150,000** for Kanoelani Elementary for campus-wide security lighting improvements
- **\$500,000** for Kanoelani Elementary for restroom facilities for special education students
- **\$5,000,000** for the University of Hawaii West Oahu for the installation of photovoltaic (solar) carports to increase energy efficiency campus-wide
- **\$400,000** in GIA funding for replacement of light poles, AC unit and thermostat, and wall partition for the Hawaii Okinawa Center

Senior Spotlight

Congratulations Quincy Coullahan!



This year my office was honored to host Quincy Coullahan, a standout senior and graduating valedictorian from Mililani High School, as one of our legislative interns. In her time at MHS, Quincy played a pivotal role in **registering over 100 18-year-old students to vote**. She’s also the President of the Mililani Model UN club and a talented performer - our team got to see her in “The Lightning Thief - The Percy Jackson Musical.”



And this year, she took her advocacy to new heights by **testifying on HB2083**, a bill I introduced aimed at meeting the local farm-to-school meal goal of 30% by 2030 while also offering students a meatless option. Quincy organized hundreds of high school students to submit testimony for the bill which helped the bill move along the legislative process. It's inspiring to see young leaders like Quincy stepping up and making their voices heard. Quincy will soon begin her studies in political science at Tufts University in Boston. **We’re so proud of you Quincy** and can't wait to see all the amazing things you'll accomplish in the future!

Taking Action

CONSTITUENT SERVICES

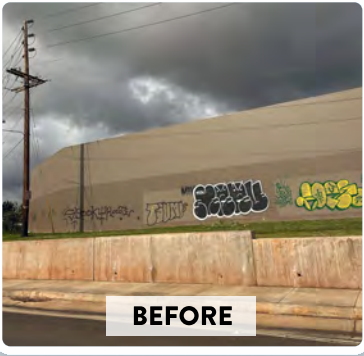


MAKAIMOIMO HEDGE



On February 29, we received news that a **constituent fell and sustained injuries** from a severely uplifted sidewalk due to root damage from an overgrown hedge. Our office submitted a 311 request for repair and on April 10, the Dept. of Planning and Permitting informed us that a notice of violation was issued to the homeowner and that if the hedges were not removed in 60 days that the homeowners would get an invoice and be billed for the work, which was estimated at thousands of dollars. **Rep. La Chica took action as this would be an unacceptable** burden to the homeowners and worked with the homeowners to get it removed. The hedge was finally cleared on May 19!

KAM HIGHWAY GRAFFITI CLEANUP



On February 22, Rep. La Chica informed Castle and Cook about increasing graffiti on the corner wall of the Koa Ridge entrance. On April 3 the painting contractor provided two 5-gallon containers of matching paint, and after coordinating with Alexander and Baldwin, which manages the property that owns the wall, the graffiti was painted over on April 28!



WE ARE HERE TO HELP

Erin Conway, is our Office Manager and handles constituent services.

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