

NEIGHBORHOOD COMMUNITY REPORT

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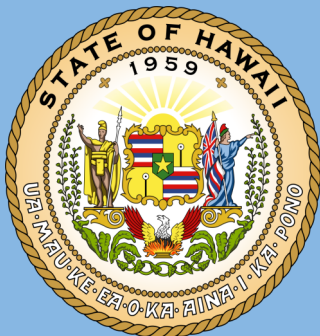
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Aloha Neighbors,

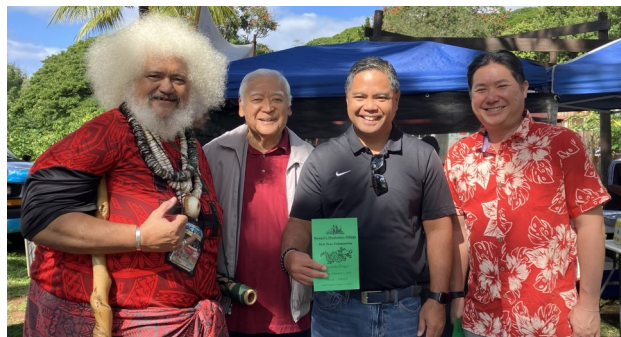
Kung Hee Fat Choy and Happy Lunar New Year! As a proud Chinese American legislator, I am excited to support an effort to official recognize the Lunar New Year as a holiday in the state.

HB1555, if passed, would officially recognize the Lunar New Year as a holiday without adding any new days off to state workers. While limited in its practical affect, I think it is important to acknowledge Asian cultures that recognize the lunar new year because of their significate impact on the development of Hawaii and their continued influence on our culture today.

For more information on this bill, other measures moving through the legislature, or any other question or concern you might have, please call my office, (808) 586-6170, or send an email to: repchun@capitol.hawaii.gov.

Mahalo,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cory".



Representative Chun participated in several Lunar New Year events on Saturday, February 3. (Left) Representative Chun joined Senator Aquino at Hawaii Plantation Village's New Year Celebration.

(Right) Later in the afternoon Representative Chun and colleague, Representative Takenouchi marched along in a Chinatown parade that started near the State Capitol.





Several Waipahu schools had the opportunity to be recognized at the state capitol. (top) On 02/01 Waipahu High School students were among several groups and organizations advocating during Language Access Lobby Day. These students are working to join the over 400 Waipahu High School graduates since 2019 graduates who have received a Seal of Biliteracy, acknowledging language proficiency in over 70 languages in addition to English.



(bottom) On 02/08 Students from Waipahu High School and Waipahu Intermediate that participated in the National Future Farmers of America (FFA) were honored for their achievement at 2023 National Future Farmers of America Agriscience Fair where they competed with over 90,000 of their peers nation-wide and were declared champions.



Representative Takayama, Senator Elefante, Senator Aquino, and Representative Chun helped to acknowledge the newly inducted Pearl City Community Association (PCCA) officers during their 02/03 installation event. These volunteer officers will help the non-profit PCCA in its mission to promote the health and welfare of the Pearl City area. PCCA has been active for over 60 years and has support from the Pearl City District Complex Schools in its efforts to make Pearl City a great community to live and prosper.