

# Neighborhood Community Update

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Aloha Friends and Neighbors,

January 21st marked the Opening Day of the 2026 Legislative Session and the start of the 33rd Legislative biennium. We are now a little over a month into the session, and much has happened that I would like to discuss and share, including my priorities for this year, community events, and my role as the Chair of the House Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems (AGR).

With my new assignment as a Chair this year, many of my duties are focused on agricultural concerns, such as invasive species and food security. I am also serving as a member on the Energy & Environmental Protection (EEP) and Consumer Protection & Commerce (CPC) House Committees.

Regardless of how busy I will be this session in my new role as Chair of the AGR House Committee, I would like to assure everyone that I will continue to focus on my work as part of the Legislative Kūpuna Caucus and serving the people in my community.

Please call my office, (808) 586-6170, or send an email to: [repchun@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:repchun@capitol.hawaii.gov) to provide your suggestion or if you have any questions or concerns.



Scan the QR code to visit the State Capitol website for information and resources.

Mahalo,

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## Important Legislative Dates

January 21: Opening Day

January 26: State of the State

March 12: First Crossover

April 16: Second Crossover

April 29: Final Decking

May 8: Adjournment Sine Die

## Kūpuna Caucus Priorities

The 2026 Kūpuna Caucus Bill Package includes many measures that seek to improve individual care, provide more support to programs, and expand available services.

**HB 1972:** Establishes a tax credit for nonpaid family caregivers.

**HB 1973:** Creates a program to provide in-home care for participants that do not qualify for government assistance.

**HB 1974:** Funds a State plan for hearing loss.

**HB 1975:** Changes the status of the State Rent Supplement Program for Kūpuna from temporary to permanent.

**HB 1976:** Requires dementia-specific training for emergency response personnel.



In addition to outlining and preparing several bills for the Kūpuna Caucus, Representative Chun has also had his focus on important matters, such as promoting safety on the roads, advocating for cancer screening programs, and elevating the support for agriculture-related entities in Hawai'i.

Representative Chun has also been participating in meaningful events in his district and meeting with many groups and organizations.

On 1/8/26, he spent the morning at a sign waving in Pearl City to raise awareness for traffic safety. On 2/2/26, Waipahu Intermediate and High School students visited the Capitol to get to know their representatives and senators.

For more details on his **Legislative Priorities**, check out the next page!



### Pack 9 Cub Scouts Meeting 2/6/2026

As a former Eagle Scout in his youth, Representative Chun was invited to be the keynote speaker for the Pack 9 Cub Scouts Meeting. He shared his experiences, talking about the ways that being a Scout contributed to his development into a caring and mindful individual who is dedicated to serving his community.

"Cub Scouts are One in a Minion" was the theme for the Cub Scouts Pack Meeting held during the first week of February. Senator Kim and Representative Chun attended, taking the opportunity to participate in activities and engage in the community with the Scouts, parents, and committee members. He encouraged them to persevere in their scouting duties because of the meaningful impact that being an Eagle Scout had on his life.

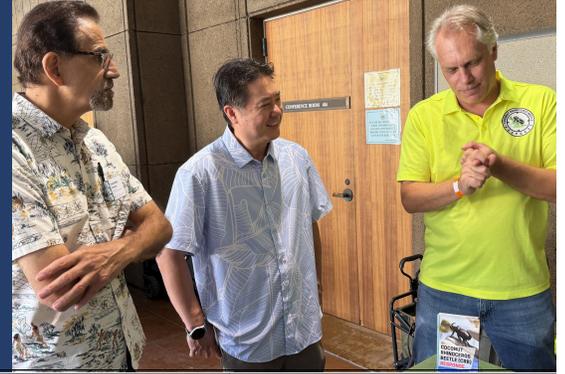


## Agriculture & Food Systems Events and Highlights

### UH Research Day and CRB Response Team 2/4/2026

College of Tropical Agriculture & Human Resilience (CTAHR) Dean and Director Parwinder Grewal, Representative Chun, and the Coconut Rhinoceros Beetle Response's Project Director Michael Melzer discuss the issue of Coconut Rhinoceros Beetles in Hawai'i and the Response Team's initiatives to further mitigate the damages caused by the pest.

HB 1601 and HB 1951 aim to provide fiscal support to the efforts to combat the invasive species on the islands.



### Hawai'i Youth Food Council Meets Rep. Chun 1/21/2026

One of the advocacy groups that visited Representative Chun on Opening Day was the Hawai'i Youth Food Council. Coordinator Kawika Kahiapo and several members pose for a memorable moment.

Representative Chun works with many organizations, taking their causes to heart. This year, as the Chair of the AGR Committee, a large portion of his proposed bills were geared towards providing further support to departments surrounding Hawai'i's agricultural matters.

Chair Chun and Vice Chair Kusch were all smiles after the AGR House Committee's first hearing on 1/30/26.

Check out the Hawai'i House of Representatives **YouTube channel** for recordings of the hearing.

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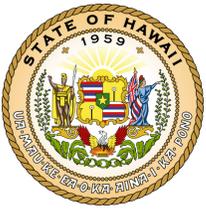


## Community Legislative Priorities

As the Chair of the AGR House Committee, Representative Chun has prioritized strengthening the response against invasive species, protecting agricultural parks and lands, developing food security, and securing funding for departments and organizations that support Hawai'i's efforts to become more self-sufficient.

Beyond the measures previously mentioned, Representative Chun has also continued his healthcare advocacy. HB 1969 seeks to develop a state-funded colorectal screening program consistent with the Affordable Care Act, and HB 1970 allocates funds to the University of Hawai'i Cancer Center to continue their cancer surveillance program.

Representative Chun recognizes the importance of taking care of our keiki and kūpuna, our lands, and our own health. This Legislative Session will be a busy one, but he will remain steadfast and diligent in his efforts to make positive changes for his community and the people of Hawai'i.



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Senator Elefante, Representative Chun, Senator Lamosao, and Representative Hartsfield, along with many community advocates, showed their support for the 2026 Keiki Caucus Bill Package at the State Capitol on January 28, 2026.

### **2026 Keiki Caucus Package Five Priority Bills:**

- HB 1561: Free School Meals in Charter Schools
- HB 1562: Mental Health Digital Platforms
- HB 1563: Banning Flavored Nicotine
- HB 1564: E-Bike Regulations
- HB 1565: Legal Counsel for Foster Youth

