



Rep. Andrew Takuya Garrett

District 22 (Mānoa/Tantalus/McCully-Mō'ili'ili)

February 2023 Newsletter



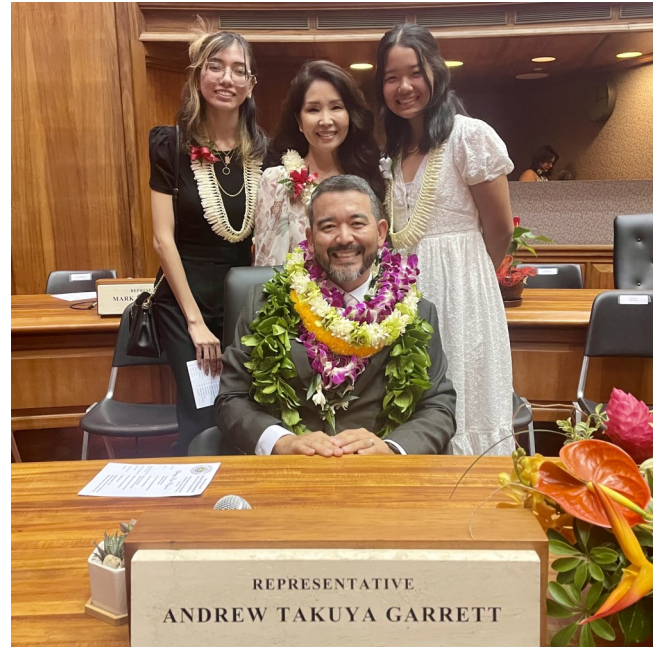
Aloha Friends and Neighbors,

Mahalo for the privilege of representing you in the Hawaii State House of Representatives. I look forward to working with you to improve our community as we enter the 2023 Legislative Session.

This term, I am serving as the Vice Chair of the Committee on Labor & Government Operations, as well as a member of the Committee on Finance and Committee on Culture, Arts & International Affairs.

If we can ever be of assistance, please don't hesitate to reach out to us at repgarrett@capitol.hawaii.gov or (808) 586-8475.

My best wishes to you and your family for a healthy, happy new year!



Rep. Garrett with his family during Opening Day on January 18, 2023

Bill Introduction Highlights

We've introduced 16 bills as the primary introducer, and signed on as co-sponsor for dozens of others, including bills that would set up a paid family leave program ([HB235](#)), protect reproductive rights ([HB553](#)), establish an illegal fireworks task force ([HB216](#)), ban flavored vape products ([HB551](#)) and expand mental health resources ([HB282](#)), to name a few. In addition, the bills below were introduced to benefit the 22nd District:

[HB258](#) Appropriates moneys to the University of Hawaii for the acquisition of the St. Francis School Campus.

[HB1282](#) Appropriates funds for the Department of Land and Natural Resources in conjunction with the City and County of Honolulu, to perform maintenance activities to benefit Manoa stream.

[HB1283](#) Request funds for capital improvement projects at Manoa Elementary, Noelani Elementary and Hokulani Elementary.



Introducing our 2023 Legislative Staff!

From left to right, Kelli is our committee clerk, Melanie is our legislative office manager and Hector is our legislative aide. Please stop by and say hi to our awesome team!

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Upcoming Community Calendar

Manoa Neighborhood Board #7—March 1 at 7pm

(Remote participation only)

<https://cchnl.webex.com/cchnl/j.php?MTID=m9106c242743bd9278b12e4590ce45e1c>

McCully/Moiliili Board #8—March 2 at 6:30pm

(In person at McCully District Park and remote participation)

<https://cchnl.webex.com/cchnl/j.php?MTID=mc6df65708c6fa15406a9ccde8965d9e>

Makiki-Tantalus Neighborhood Board #10—March 16 at 6:00pm

(Remote participation only)

<https://cchnl.webex.com/cchnl/j.php?MTID=mcf31c6dc97b431c6bceffd039fc13cf>

Cesspool Conversion Working Group

The Cesspool Conversion Working Group was created pursuant to Act 132, Session Laws of Hawaii 2018, to develop a long-range, comprehensive plan for the safe, environmentally responsible conversion of all cesspools statewide by 2050.

The House Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection and Committee on Agriculture and Environment held an informational briefing on January 4 to discuss their findings and recommendations. Link to video on briefing:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9EIH1Cfbmls&list=PLcmtMpTZQLGpaCTDXWSpbUaJazsz7ZVtk&index=7>

A comprehensive map provided by the working group showed an estimate of **125 total cesspools** within District 22, with the bulk being in Makiki Heights.

Following are bills moving through the House to address cesspool management and prioritization.

HB 181, HD1—Implements the recommendation of the cesspool conversion working group to accelerate the dates for required upgrades, to be upgraded, converted, or connected before 1/1/2030, and priority level 2 cesspools to be upgraded, converted, or connected before 1/1/2035, rather than before 1/1/2050.

HB440, HD1— Establishes an income tax credit for the cost of upgrading or converting a qualified cesspool to a director of health-approved wastewater system or connecting to a sewerage system. It also requires certain information regarding cesspools on real property to be included in seller mandatory disclosures on real property transactions.



On January 10, Rep. Garrett was recognized by the Hawaii Anti-Tobacco Action Fund for signing a pledge not to accept campaign donations from Big Tobacco

District 22 Community Concerns

If you have any concerns to share, please contact Hector in our office (garrett1@capitol.hawaii.gov). The following are some issues we've worked since taking office:

Wilder/Dole H-1 Freeway Off Ramp Safety

Currently working with DOT on speeding mitigation measures as vehicles exit the freeway.

Illegal Parking on Ferdinand Avenue and Aleo Street

Worked in conjunction with CM Say's office to address illegal parking around the mosque. Mahalo to the 7th Day Adventist Church for offering use of their parking lot to members of the mosque attending Friday prayer service.

Manoa District Park Pool Evening Closure

The Manoa District Park Complex Manager advised that the pool's evening closure is due to faulty wiring and outdated retrofitting. They are currently unable to open during the evening due to electrical safety concerns.

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