

State Representative

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

May 2023 Newsletter

Aloha e Friends and Neighbors,

As the legislature comes to a close on May 4th, we are preparing for final votes on over 200 bills that made it to the finish line.

My proudest accomplishment this session was leveraging my service on the House Finance committee to secure several million dollars for repair and maintenance projects for our public elementary schools and to support the work of several nonprofit organizations throughout our district. A full list of such funding is listed in the next column.

Over the interim, I look forward to visiting with you and listening to your concerns and ideas to understand how I can better serve you and our community.



Rep. Garrett with Rep. Jenna Takenouchi and Roosevelt HS Music Director Mr. Gregg Abe after the school's 2023 Aloha Concert

Rep. Garrett Secures Millions in Funding for Our Community!

HOKULANI ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

\$2,000,000 for general repair and maintenance, including repainting (6) buildings & repaving parking lot.

MĀNOA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

\$500,000 for plans and construction to convert Boy Scout Hut for multiple usage.

NOELANI ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

\$2,000,000 for plans, design and construction of covered walkway, reroofing, structural repairs and expansion.

EAST-WEST CENTER

\$2,550,000 to address safety and ADA compliance of buildings accessible to the public.

MĀNOA HERITAGE CENTER

\$300,000 for renovations to Kualii, the former Mānoa Valley residence of late founders Sam and Mary Cooke.

HAWAIIAN HUMANE SOCIETY

\$350,000 to expand free and low-fee spay/neuter services to the West O'ahu campus and start animal behavior training and education. Fill 2 additional veterinarian positions and add support staff.

KAPIOLANI HEALTH FOUNDATION

\$200,000 for the Medical Center's Child Life Services Program that provides a comprehensive and holistic approach to the best possible care to hospitalized children.

JAPANESE CULTURAL CENTER

\$40,000 for the Hoʻohana Cohort Program for recruiting, training and board of directors fellowship, partnering with local non profit board of directors.

MŌʻILIʻILI COMMUNITY CENTER

\$400,000 to support the Children & Families Program, Japanese Language School, Senior Center Program and Kupuna Support Program.

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Detention Basin at Mānoa Valley District Park off the table as part of Ala Wai Flood Control Project

We're happy to report that the US Army Corps of Engineers is no longer considering building a detention basin at Mānoa Valley District Park as part of its Ala Wai Watershed Flood Control Project.

In lieu of the basins, flood walls may be constructed along portions of Mānoa Stream near Woodlawn Bridge and Koali Road to mitigate the risk of a major flood. Over the next few months, the study team will host several virtual public meetings, and one in-person public workshop.

NEXT VIRTUAL MEETING

Monday—May 15, 2023 12:00 noon to 1:00 pm.

To attend their virtual meetings, go to https://usace1.webex.com/meet/AlaWai.

Audio-only access is also available at: 1 (844) 800-2712.

For further information you can visit USACE website: https://www.honolulu.gov/AlaWai.

COMMENT PERIOD EXTENDED UNTIL May 8, 2023

The US Army Corps of Engineers and the City invite and encourage public input and participation in the Ala Wai Canal Floor Risk Management General Reevaluation Study.

The intent of this comment period is to collect community input on the decision to conduct a more rigorous Environment Impact Statement.

Comments on the EIS proposal can be submitted:

Online: https://www.honolulu.gov/alawai/contact.html

Email: alawai@honolulu.gov.

Mail: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Honolulu District, 230 Otake St. (Attn: POH-PPC, Ala Wai), Fort Shafter, HI 96858-5440



Rep. Garrett's Resolutions for District 22

The following House Resolutions have been adopted by the House and Senate and enrolled for final reading.

Thank you to those that submitted testimony in support of the resolutions and our community.

HCR19 Urging the Dept of Transportation Services of the C&C of Honolulu to conduct a feasibility study of widening the portion of University Avenue between Maile Way and Oahu Avenue.

HCR78 Urging the Department of Facility Maintenance of the C&C of Honolulu to conduct and assessment and prepare and execute a plan to maintain Mānoa Stream.





Free Community Emergency Response Training

Learn how to help your community in the event of a disaster. Topics include search and rescue, medical triage, fire safety and suppression and communications.

Wednesday Evenings

May 3, 10, 17—Classroom May 24—Practical Exercise 5:30pm-8:30pm

Mānoa Japanese 7th Day Adventist Church 2655 Mānoa Road

RSVP via email to info@bereadymanoa.org