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Community Newsletter

House District 32: Fort Shafter, Moanalua, Āliamanu, Foster Village, 'Aiea, and Hālawā



**Representative
Micah P.K. Aiu**

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CONGRATULATIONS TO MARINA HIGA

Marina Higa was selected as the 2024 Teacher of the Year for the Oahu District 'Aiea-Moanalua-Radford Complex



THE HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE VISITS HAWAII ISLAND, MAUI, AND KAUAI



KONA HOSPITAL

**UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII
- PALAMANUI**



**LAHAINA FIRE
DEVASTATION**



Celebrating Grandparents' Day with Moanalua Seniors



COMMUNITY SURVEY

1. Please rank these concerns from the following list of issues in Hawai'i.
(1 most important, 10 least important)

- Affordable Housing
- Education Quality
- Environmental Conservation
- Healthcare Access
- Economic Stability and Job Opportunities
- Public Transportation
- Community Safety
- Historical Site Preservation
- Government Transparency
- Cultural Preservation



2. Should there be strict regulations and guidelines in place to ensure environmentally friendly development practices, even if it means slowing down the pace of expansion?

- Yes, strict regulations are necessary to protect the environment.
- No, regulations should be flexible to encourage faster development, even if it impacts the environment.
- Not sure. I need more information before forming an opinion.

3. Do you believe in increasing teachers' salaries, even if it requires additional funding, to attract and retain high-quality educators?

- Yes, I believe in paying teachers more, regardless of the cost, to ensure quality education.
- No, I do not believe in increasing teachers' salaries if it leads to significant budgetary strain.
- I support paying teachers more, but within a reasonable budget without compromising other essential services.
- Not sure. I need more information before forming an opinion.

4. Do you support having school resource officers (SROs) armed with guns on school campuses in Hawaii?

- Yes, I support having armed school resource officers on campuses.
- No, I do not support having armed school resource officers on campuses.
- Not sure. I need more information before forming an opinion.

5. Do you believe the presence of armed school resource officers enhances or hinders the overall safety and well-being of students on school campuses?

- Enhances safety
- Hinders safety.
- Has no significant impact
- Not sure. I need more information before forming an opinion.

6. Should there be restrictions on the sale of high-capacity magazines and certain types of semi-automatic firearms in Hawai'i?

- Yes, there should be restrictions on high-capacity magazines and certain semiautomatic firearms.
- No, there should not be restrictions on these items.
- Not sure. I need more information before forming an opinion.

7. Scenario-Based Question (Legalizing Gambling): A. Imagine a scenario where legalizing gambling could boost the economy but might lead to social issues. Would you support it?

- Yes, I support it for economic benefits
- No, I oppose it due to potential social issues
- Not sure. I need more information before forming an opinion

8. Legalizing Marijuana - how do you feel about legalizing marijuana for recreational use in Hawaii?

- Support Legalization
- Oppose Legalization
- Not sure. I need more information before forming an opinion.

9. What are your thoughts on the redevelopment of Aloha Stadium?

Please select the option that best represents your opinion.

- Support the redevelopment to modernize and enhance facilities for sporting events and concerts.
- Oppose the redevelopment due to concerns about rising cost and validity of the project.
- Support redevelopment with specific conditions or changes (please specify).
- Not sure. I need more information before forming an opinion.

10. Do you believe the benefits of the military's presence in Hawai'i outweigh the drawbacks?

- Yes, the benefits outweigh the drawbacks.
- No, the military could do more to engage and contribute positively.
- I'm not sure.

11. The state has been exploring creative ways to increase tax revenue in Hawai'i to fully fund public services. Which of the following options do you find most appealing? Please select all that apply.

Check all that apply.

- Implement a tourism tax for visitors
- Legalize and tax recreational marijuana
- Tax sugary beverages
- Increase property taxes for higher-valued homes
- Impose a luxury tax on high-end goods and services
- Implement a carbon tax to address environmental concerns
- Tax vacant or underutilized properties
- Introduce a congestion pricing system in busy areas
- Tax online sales and digital services
- Other:



12. How willing are you to accept tax increases if they are directly tied to improving specific public services, such as education, healthcare, or infrastructure?

- Very willing
- Somewhat willing
- Neutral
- Not very willing
- Not willing at all

13. As your State Representative, do you feel I engage enough with you and/or community?

- Yes, enough engagement
- No, more engagement needed
- Not sure



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*Community survey
inside!*

*Happy Holidays!
Cheers to 2024!*

Hello Neighbors,

I wish you all have a very happy holidays.

On the opening day of the 2023 legislative session, I delivered the following 'Olelo No'eau: 'O ke kahua ma mua, ma hope ke kūkulu. It means, "The foundation must come first, then one can build." We were certainly challenged as a state in 2023. As we move forward into 2024, we must shore up our foundations, only then can we rebuild.

2024 is going to require practical solutions and I want to hear from you. Enclosed is a short survey that will guide me as we convene for the 2024 legislative session. You can take the survey online by scanning this QR code or mailing this back to my office at the address above.

I hope to hear from you. It has been an honor to serve you. If you have any concerns or issues, you can also reach me at (808) 586-9470 or at repaiu@capitol.hawaii.gov.



Aloha,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Micah Aiu". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Representative Micah P. K. Aiu
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