



Representative Jackson D. Sayama

May 2025 Community Report

District 21—St. Louis Heights, Pālolo Valley, Maunalani Heights, Wilhelmina Rise, Kaimukī



End-of-Session Highlights

Aloha Neighbors!

Actions by the Trump administration continue to threaten our community and economy by imposing tariffs, stripping federal funding for non-profits, and eliminating key federal positions. To protect us from the negative impact of these actions, the State legislature is working to fill in funding gaps and incorporate federal employees laid off into vacant state positions.



Rep. Sayama chairing the Labor Committee — hearing legislation on workforce development and paid family leave.

Despite the evolving situation in the federal government, I am focused on helping our residents, local businesses, and non-profit organizations. I highlight some amazing organizations in our district on page 3, that are at risk of losing federal funding. I encourage you to learn more about organizations like these that make our community stronger.

Mahalo,

UPCOMING NEIGHBORHOOD BOARDS

May 8th	Diamond Head, St. Louis Heights, Kapahulu Neighborhood Board Meeting 6:00 pm, Ala Wai Clubhouse 2nd Floor
May 14th	Pālolo Neighborhood Board Meeting 7:00 pm, Pālolo Elementary School and online via Webex
May 21st	Kaimukī Neighborhood Board Meeting 6:30 pm, Kaimukī Public Library Meeting Room and online via Zoom

Public Access Room



The Legislative Reference Bureau Public Access Room provides a place Where you can track bills, draft Testimony, and learn about the Legislative process. Visit them at Room 401 M-F 8AM-5PM.

Community Updates

Pālolo for Peace

After a troubling shooting in Pālolo, the Pālolo for Peace event brought together community members for an afternoon of unity and empowerment. Rep. Sayama emphasized the strength of Pālolo’s spirit, encouraging residents to continue fostering a safe and supportive neighborhood through collective action and understanding. His message resonated with attendees, reminding them that peace begins with a united community.



Rep. Sayama at Pālolo Elementary on Feb. 22nd with a message of unity and action.



Rep. Sayama at the Keiki Caucus press conference speaking on the importance of supporting working families.

HB168 Paid Family Leave

House Bill 168, which aimed to establish a paid family leave program, passed its first reading but did not advance further this session. While the bill stalled, Rep. Sayama remains committed to supporting this important initiative and will continue to work on it during the interim. Supporting Hawai‘i’s workers in balancing family care and financial stability remains a priority, with ongoing efforts to strengthen the bill for next session.

Keiki O Ka ‘Aina Read Aloud

Rep. Sayama recently visited Keiki O Ka ‘Aina in Pālolo for a fun and engaging preschool read-aloud, bringing the story, “Rosie Revere, Engineer” to life and sparking excitement for reading. His visit highlights the importance of investing in education from a young age and supporting programs that nurture Hawai‘i’s future generations. Safe to say, the kids had a blast—and so did Rep.!



Rep. Sayama reading to pre-schoolers at Keiki O Ka ‘Aina in Pālolo on Feb.10th.

Rallying for Community Non-Profits

Although the federal freeze on grants was determined unlawful, community organizations may still lose federal funding. These organizations, like Aloha Harvest, Pālolo Chinese Home, & Maunalani Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, provide essential services — fighting food insecurity, caring for our kupuna, and strengthening community wellness. While the State looks to support non-profits with additional grants, I encourage everyone to get involved and provide a helping hand. Here, we highlight three great organizations, but there are so many others you can help with!



Aloha Harvest

Based in Kaimukī, Aloha Harvest rescues quality excess food and delivers them free of charge to non-profits feeding those in need. During COVID-19, they provided much needed meals to struggling families. Last year, Aloha Harvest redistributed 3 million pounds of good food that would have been thrown out. Learn more how you can help at alohaharvest.org.

Pālolo Chinese Home

For over a century, Pālolo Chinese Home has provided quality care for Hawaii's seniors through residential, day care, and rehabilitation programs. In 2024, they received \$1.2 million from the U.S. Dept. of Housing & Urban Development— but with federal cuts looming, their ability to serve our kupuna is at risk. Learn about their services and how you can get involved at palolohome.org.



Maunalani Nursing & Rehab

Maunalani has provided expert senior care for 75 years, recently celebrating its milestone diamond anniversary! They offer skilled nursing, rehab therapies, & specialized Alzheimer's and dementia care. With federal funding cuts threatening essential services, community support is more critical than ever. Learn how you can help on their website at maunalaninursing.org.

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COMMUNITY RESOURCE GUIDE

Here is a list of phone numbers to access community services that are frequently requested:

- * **Tax Aide Services by Catholic Charities** Free tax services, appointment required. **(808) 319-7681**
- * **Legal Aid Society of Hawai'i** Provides low-cost legal services. **(808) 536-4302**
- * **Hawaiian Humane Society** To report a lost or found pet. **(808) 356-2200**
- * **Statewide Pest Hotline** Hotline to report invasive species. **(808) 643-7378**
- * **Monster Home Reporting** Report a potential "monster home" or zoning violation. **(808) 768-8000**
- * **Immigration Legal Service** Request a consultation to assess your situation. **(808) 777-7071**
- * **Department of Health (Noise)** File a noise complaint. **(808) 586-4700**
- * **Bulky Item Pickup for Refuse** Schedule a bulky item pickup. **(808) 768-3200**
- * **C&C Building Division** To report a damaged sidewalk. **(808) 768-8161**
- * **Sandwich Isle Pest Solutions** Feral chicken disposal or cages. **(808) 456-7716**
- * **Pothole Hotline** Report potholes. **(808) 768-7777**
- * **C&C Senior Division Helpline** Call for senior citizen information and services. **(808) 768-7700**