



Capitol Update

State Representative Della Au Belatti



District 24 - Makiki, Tantalus, Papakōlea, McCully, Pāwa'a, Mānoa

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D24 Easter Egg Hunt & Community Food Drive

After a two-year hiatus, the annual Easter egg hunt and community food drive is back!

Please join me at Makiki District Park at 9 AM on Saturday, April 9 to support our neighborhood food pantry, take photos with the Easter Bunny, participate in keiki games, and enjoy fun for the whole family.

To support the Parish of St. Clement Food Pantry, please bring non-perishable goods to donate.



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Hawai'i State Capitol (March 22, 2022): The House Committee on Labor & Tourism commemorated its last subject-matter hearing of the 2022 Legislative Session. Pictured L-R top row are Testimony Coordinator Kaia Dutertre, Representatives D. Holt, G. Takayama, D. Belatti, & V. Okimoto, and Committee Live-streamer Deven Toothman. Pictured L-R bottom row are Representatives D. Kobayashi, J. Sayama, R. Onishi, and S. Quinlan.

Dear Neighbor,

We've officially reached the mid-way point of the 2022 Legislative Session and are approaching another crucial deadline - Second Crossover. This deadline, on April 14, marks a significant point where all House and Senate bills must pass third reading in their non-originating chambers to "crossover" back to the originating chamber.

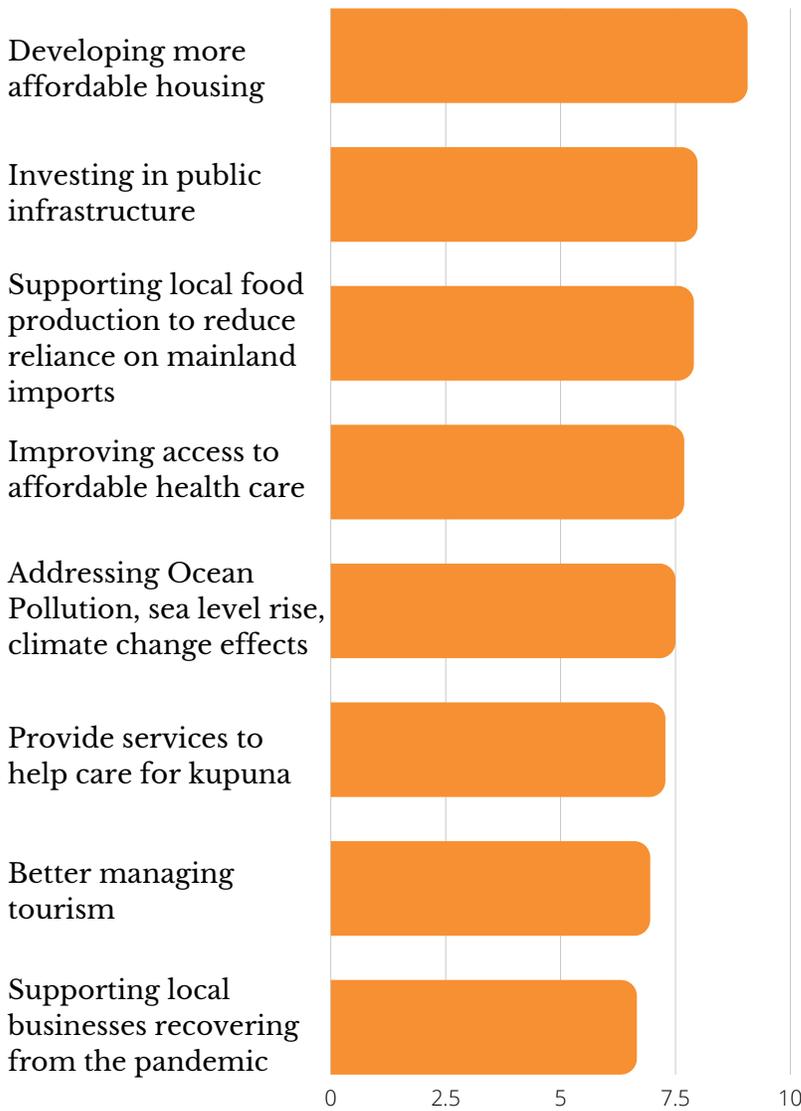
You can stay up to date with what's happening at the Legislature by visiting www.capitol.hawaii.gov. In addition to finding out the status of different bills, the Capitol website can be used to receive notifications of committee meetings, read through past committee reports and testimony, and learn more about the Legislature.

As the session continues, stay connected with me by signing up for my e-newsletter or contacting me at repbelatti@capitol.hawaii.gov or at (808) 586-9425.

With warmest aloha,

Della Au Belatti

2022 Community Survey Results



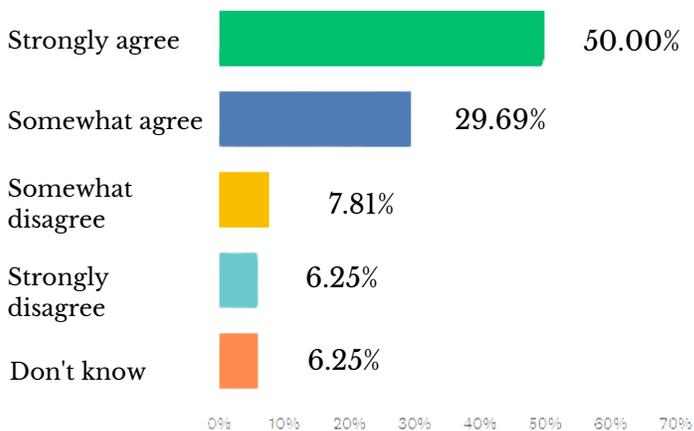
Before session, I sent out a Community Survey asking for District residents' feedback on a number of legislative priorities.

When asked "What are the top 5 priority issues facing the State in 2022," priorities were heavily weighted in favor of developing affordable housing, investing in public infrastructure, and supporting local food production as illustrated by the graph to the left.

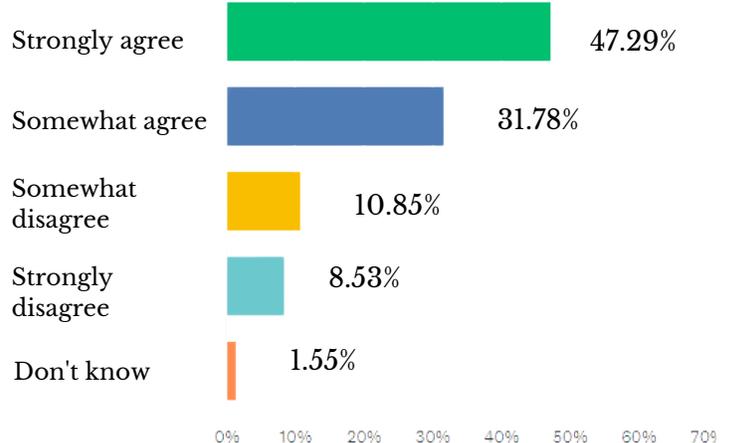
Other issues rising to the top included improving access to affordable health care and addressing ocean pollution, sea level rise, and climate change effects. Residents were also very supportive of moderate increases to the minimum wage and efforts to better manage tourism.

Please visit www.capitol.hawaii.gov to learn more about these issues and the related measures highlighted in this update that are moving through the legislative process.

Do you support moderate increases to the minimum wage and workforce development efforts to develop jobs and place residents in higher paid industries?



Do you support efforts to better manage the impacts of tourism in Hawai'i such as increased fees and reservation entry systems?



2022 Mid-Session Highlights

These bills highlight just a small selection of the hundreds of bills currently under consideration by the 2022 Hawai'i Legislature. To learn more about bills moving through the Legislature, visit www.capitol.hawaii.gov

MAKING HAWAII MORE AFFORDABLE FOR WORKING FAMILIES

HB2020 HD1: Affordable Homeownership Revolving Fund; Affordable Housing; Gap Financing. Facilitates greater homeownership opportunities for Hawai'i residents by appropriating general funds into the Homeownership Revolving Fund.

HB2513 HD2: Rental Housing Revolving Fund; Affordable Housing; Grants; Loans. Deposits funds into the Rental Housing Revolving Fund to provide loans or grants to mixed-income rental projects for persons and families with incomes between 61 and 100 percent of the median family income. Allows the Hawai'i Housing Finance and Development Corporation to utilize unused monies for other authorized rental housing projects.

HB2510 HD2: Minimum Wage; Earned Income Tax Credit. Makes the state earned income tax credit refundable and permanent. Incrementally increases the minimum wage to \$13 per hour beginning January 1, 2023, with an increase of \$1.00 per hour on January 1 of each year up through and including 2028 until the minimum wage reaches \$18 per hour. Increases the tip credit over the same period of years.

INVESTING IN PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE

HB2397 HD3: Hawai'i Broadband Infrastructure Authority; Hawai'i Broadband and Digital Equity Office; Broadband Equity. Establishes the Hawai'i Broadband Infrastructure Authority to oversee broadband infrastructure in the State. Strengthens and clarifies the Hawai'i Broadband and Digital Equity Office's role. Ensures that the Authority captures all the available federal funding to the State and that funding efforts among all state agencies are coordinated.

HB1669 HD1: Sea Level Rise; Waikiki Adaptation and Resilience Plan; Pilot Project. Appropriates funds for the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development to establish a pilot project to develop an adaptation and resilience plan to address climate change and sea level rise impacts in the Waikiki Special District. Requires the Office to submit a status report to the Legislature before the Regular Session of 2023 and a final plan before the Regular Session of 2024.

GROWING LOCAL FOOD FOR LOCAL CONSUMPTION

HB2304 HD1: Hawai'i Farm to School Program; Farm to School Meals; Implementation Plan and Timeline. Appropriates funds to the Department of Education for additional resources to implement the Hawai'i Farm to School Program, including internal systems and controls to meet the State's local food goals in school meals. Requires the DOE to submit a report detailing a plan and timeline for the Hawai'i Farm to School Program to the Legislature by January 1, 2023.

HB2418 HD2: Agribusiness Development Corporation; Powers; Plan. Adopts reforms recommended by the House Investigative Committee established by House Resolution 164 (2021). Includes amendments to reflect the current state of agriculture in Hawai'i, focus on statewide goals to grow for local food and export markets, and provide more oversight and accountability of ADC's leadership.



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Celebrating Hawai'i Women Lawyers



Hawai'i State Library (March 8, 2022): Pictured L-R top row are Reps. R. Onishi, J. Kapela, Sen. B. Misalucha, Rep. L. Ichiyama, Sen. M. Shimabukuro, Reps. N. Nakamura, L. Marten, M. Nakashima, & D. Tarnas. Pictured L-R bottom row are Rep. D. Belatti, Sens. R. Baker, & M. Kidani, Recipients Judge Darien Nagata, Legal Aid Society of Hawai'i Executive Director Nalani Fujimori Kaina, Domestic Violence Action Center CEO Nanci Kreidman, & UH Law Professor Carole Petersen, Rep. S. Nishimoto, Hawai'i Woman Lawyer of the Year Susan Arnett, Reps. N. Lowen & S. Luke, and Sen. J. Sanbuenaventura.

Members from both the House and Senate helped to congratulate and celebrate the achievements of the 2021 Hawai'i Women Lawyers Awardees.

2022 Opening Day

House Leaders welcomed Representative Linda Clark of District 13 (portions of Maui, Kaho'olawe, Lāna'i, and Moloka'i) to the Hawai'i House of Representatives on Opening Day.

Hawai'i House Chambers (January 19, 2022): Pictured L-R House Majority Floor Leader D. Morikawa, Vice Speaker J. Mizuno, House Majority Leader D. Belatti, Rep. L. Clark, & Speaker S. Saiki.

