



# GARNER SHIMIZU

STATE HOUSE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 32

September 2025 Newsletter

## Aloha Friends,

I want to extend my heartfelt mahalo to each of you who participated in our recent Listening Tour. Your voices, ideas, and concerns are the foundation of meaningful change, and it was both humbling and inspiring to hear directly from so many of you about the issues that matter most to our communities.

Whether you spoke about the cost of living, homelessness, crime, housing, government reform or the everyday challenges we face, your input will help shape the work we do at the Capitol.

Thank you again for being a part of this journey. I look forward to continuing to work together to build a better Hawai'i for all.

Blessed to serve you,

Representative Garner Shimizu

## 2025 Listening Tour



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## STAY CONNECTED!

I'd love to hear from you! Please share questions, concerns, or ideas you may have. You can reach me at **(808) 586-9470** or **RepShimizu@capitol.hawaii.gov**. For regular and time-sensitive updates about legislation and issues that impact our community visit **RepShimizu.com** and sign up for my e-newsletters.



# In the Community



## Red Hill Registry Community Fair

The Red Hill Registry recently hosted a community fair to celebrate their achievements and share upcoming plans to support those impacted by the Red Hill water crisis. Although unable to attend in person, Representative Shimizu sent a heartfelt video message expressing his gratitude for the Registry's work. In his absence, his Office Manager presented a certificate of recognition to the Red Hill Registry, honoring their unwavering commitment to caring for those impacted by the crisis.



## Menehune Bash

Representative Shimizu attended the annual Menehune Bash, an all-alumni fundraiser celebrating the proud legacy of Moanalua High School. The event served as a vibrant gathering where lifelong friendships were rekindled and new connections formed. Joined by fellow alumni and community members, Representative Shimizu celebrated the enduring spirit and excellence of one of Hawai'i's finest public schools.



## The New OCCC Presentation

Representative Shimizu attended a presentation on the new Oahu Community Correctional Center (OCCC), to be relocated in Halawa where the current Animal Quarantine Facility is. The presentation focused on the procurement strategy, a customized Public-Private Partnership (P3) resulting in a Design-Build-Finance-Maintain (DBFM) model. The event brought together government and project leaders, consultants, architects, and community stakeholders to better understand and discuss the details of this design concept approach and explain the analysis in the decision-making process and ultimate benefits of this method. The effort to learn and follow the plans will improve informed future legislative participation.



## "The Right-Side" Radio Show with Connie Mitchell

Representative Shimizu recently hosted The Right-Side radio show, welcoming Connie Mitchell, Executive Director of the Institute for Human Services, as a special guest. Together, they engaged in a thoughtful discussion about ongoing efforts to tackle homelessness in the State. They also explored new ideas and strategies to more effectively address this pressing issue.



## Public Safety Info Briefing

On the two-year anniversary of the Maui Wildfires as recovery continues, findings from researchers focused on the health and well-being of community members and related responders, presented lessons learned, and future initiatives and projects. Hawai'i continues to build out its wildfire prevention, mitigation, and response plans. This informational briefing at the Capitol also gave Representative Shimizu the opportunity to meet the new State Fire Marshall Dorothy Booth.





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## Coffee With a Cop

Representative Shimizu recently met over coffee with newly assigned District 3 Major Manny Hernandez, an 'Aiea resident, to discuss public safety across the state. Their conversation focused on strengthening community-police relations, crime prevention strategies, and addressing local concerns. The event was hosted at Pearlridge Shopping Center's Wai Market.



## Red Hill Quarterly Open House

Representative Shimizu attended the quarterly Red Hill Open House to stay informed and engaged with ongoing efforts surrounding environmental safety and water protection. The event provided updates on remediation progress and gave the public a chance to voice concerns, emphasizing the importance of transparency and community involvement in addressing the Red Hill fuel storage issue.



## Aiea Shopping Center Rededication Ceremony

Representative Shimizu joined community members and local leaders at the rededication of the 'Aiea Shopping Center. The event celebrated the center's continued role as a gathering place for families and businesses in the district. Attendees expressed their appreciation for the revitalization efforts and the positive impact they will have on the community.

# Additional Events

## U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Informational Open House

Representative Shimizu attended the USACE Informational Open House concerning the restoration process at the Makalapa Crater Navy Salvage Yard FUDS where the Navy provided updates on their ongoing investigation of the site. The event provided the opportunity to learn more about the process and to hear directly from residents about their concerns.

## Meeting With the Office of Wellness and Resilience

Representative Shimizu recently met with Tia Hartsock, Director of the Office of Wellness and Resilience to learn about their office and discuss ongoing efforts to support the state's workforce. The conversation focused on mental health, workforce well-being, and opportunities to strengthen resources for employees across Hawai'i.

## Act 292 Working Group

Representative Shimizu attended the first meeting of the Act 292 Working Group as an invited non-voting member. The group was established to examine and provide recommendations on issues relating to restrictive housing utilized in Hawai'i's correctional system under Act 292.



# Resources

- Red Hill Updates: <https://redhillregistry.org/>
- Aloha Stadium Redevelopment: <https://nased.hawaii.gov/>
- OCCC Relocation: <https://hcsoc.hawaii.gov/>

## Midweek Legislative Update

Click [here](#) to view Representative Shimizu's Midweek Article, or visit [midweek-hi.newsmemory.com](http://midweek-hi.newsmemory.com)



## Upcoming Events

### WE Are Kalihi

September 12, 2025 10am -1pm  
Dole Middle School



### Tabletop Game Night

September 25, 2025 5:30pm - 7pm  
Aiea Public Library





# Upcoming Events

## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2025 ‘AIEA & PEARL CITY TOWN HALL



Pearl Ridge Elementary School Cafeteria  
98-940 Moanalua Road, Aiea, HI 96701



Thursday, September 25, 2025  
6:30PM - 8:00PM

### SPECIAL GUEST

Cherise Richards  
U.S Secret Service  
Honolulu Field Office



#### Join us to:

- Learn about senior scams targeting kupuna
- Get tips on prevention and protection
- Ask questions and share your concerns
- Connect with local officials and resources

### ELECTED OFFICIALS



**Senator**  
Henry J.C. Aquino



**Senator**  
Brandon J.C. Elefante



**Senator**  
Glenn Wakai



**Representative**  
Cory M. Chun



**Representative**  
Sam Satoru Kong



**Representative**  
Garner M. Shimizu



**Representative**  
Gregg Takayama



**Honolulu City  
Councilmember**  
Val Aquino Okimoto



**Honolulu City  
Councilmember**  
Radiant Cordero

#### WHERE TO GET HELP:

If you are scammed:

1. Call your Local Police Department: 911.
2. Call the Department of the Attorney General, Tax and Charities Division (808)586-1454.
3. Call the Federal Bureau of Investigation (808)566-4300
4. Report the scams to FTC.gov/complaint  
(<https://www.ftc.gov/complaint>).



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