

October 2025 Newsletter

Aloha Friends,

As your State Representative, I believe the best ideas come directly from the people I serve. That's why I make it a priority to spend time in our communities, listening to residents, meeting with local organizations, and sitting down with stakeholders to better understand the challenges we face together. Every conversation, whether about homelessness, public safety, housing, or cost of living, helps ensure that your voices are guiding the decisions made at the Capitol.

Through these conversations, I gain valuable insight into how policies affect families in their daily lives. By listening and learning directly from you, I can work toward drafting legislation that respond to real needs and reflect the values of our community. It is through collaboration, open dialogue, and respect for different perspectives that we can identify solutions to strengthen our neighborhoods and create opportunities for future generations.

I am grateful for the trust you have placed in me to represent our district, and I remain committed to being accessible and responsive. My office is always open to your input, and I encourage you to reach out anytime with concerns, ideas, or opportunities where we can work together. Let's build a stronger, safer, and more resilient Hawai'i.

Blessed to serve you,

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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



Homecoming Season

Representative Shimizu was honored to join the community in celebrating Homecoming at both Moanalua High School and Aiea High School. These events brought together students, families, and alumni to showcase school pride and the strong spirit of our communities. Representative Shimizu extends his congratulations to both schools for hosting memorable celebrations that uplift our youth and their achievements.



HIEMA Public Safety Tour

Serving on the House Public Safety Committee, Representative Shimizu joined fellow lawmakers on a tour of the FEMA warehouse and Hawai'i Healthcare Emergency Management facilities in Hālawa Valley. The visit provided valuable insight into the state's disaster preparedness and emergency response capabilities. He appreciated the opportunity to see firsthand how agencies are working to keep Hawaii safe.



Public Safety Informational Briefing

At a recent Public Safety informational briefing, state and county agencies shared updates on hazard mitigation and emergency preparedness plans with legislators. The session also included after-action reports on recent tsunami and wildfire threats, highlighting lessons learned to improve future emergency management efforts. Representative Shimizu appreciated the opportunity to engage in these discussions to strengthen Hawai'i's readiness.



Naulu Apartments Grand Opening

Representative Shimizu joined state officials, the development team, and community leaders to celebrate the grand opening of the Naulu Apartments in Aiea. This new project will provide essential affordable housing opportunities for local families. It marks another important step in addressing Hawaiʻi's ongoing housing challenges.



Meeting with the ACLU

In a recent meeting with the ACLU of Hawai'i, Representative Shimizu discussed the ongoing challenges of homelessness across the islands. The conversation focused on balancing immediate needs with long-term strategies to support individuals experiencing homelessness while ensuring community safety and wellbeing. Topics also included the prison system, mental health, and drug addiction, with an emphasis on the need for improvements across all of these areas.

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'Aiea/Pearl City Town Hall

Representative Shimizu joined area elected officials for the 'Aiea/Pearl City Town Hall at Pearl Ridge Elementary, which focused on protecting kūpuna from scams and fraud. The event featured Cherise Richards of the U.S. Secret Service, who shared important strategies to safeguard seniors in our community. Representative Shimizu appreciated the chance to engage with residents and support efforts to keep Hawai'i's kūpuna safe. You can watch the Town Hall on 'Ōlelo Channel 49 on any of the following days: October 9, 2025 at 6:00 PM, October 14, 2025 at 8:00 AM, October 16, 2025 at 2:00 PM, October 19, 2025 at 10:00 PM.



Mustang Mo'olelo 2025

At the Mustang Moʻolelo 2025 event, Representative Shimizu read to students and shared words of encouragement. He emphasized the importance of literacy, perseverance, and striving for excellence in all areas of life. Grateful for the opportunity, he expressed appreciation for inspiring the next generation and supporting their educational journey.



Moanalua Pack 9 Open House

Representative Shimizu was honored to join the Moanalua Pack 9 Open House, where he connected with scouts, families, and community leaders. He commended the Pack's commitment to building character, leadership, and service among Hawai'i's youth. Representative Shimizu shared his appreciation for the volunteers and parents who dedicate their time to supporting their children.

Additional Events

Salt Lake Waterway Meeting

Representative Shimizu joined community leaders, state partners, and the Operation Clean Sweep team at the Honolulu Country Club to discuss the restoration and long-term maintenance of the Salt Lake Waterway. The meeting served as a fresh "restart," bringing stakeholders together to align on priorities and plan upcoming initiatives for this critical project.

Kupuna Caucus Meeting

Representative Shimizu attended the "Let's Talk Story about Advance Care Planning" event with Kōkua Mau, highlighting how families can better support their kūpuna and loved ones. The discussion, led by Coordinator Hope Young, shared practical tools like Advance Directives, POLST, and palliative care resources to ensure that care wishes are understood and honored.

Elections Transparency Initiative

In a meeting with Andy Blom of the Election Transparency Initiative and Representative Garcia, Representative Shimizu discussed ways to strengthen public trust in Hawai'i's elections. The conversation highlighted concerns raised by the Elections Commission and discrepancies identified in Kaua'i and Hawai'i Island counties, underscoring the importance of addressing unresolved questions. Together, they explored possible next steps to ensure fair and secure elections for Hawai'i's communities.









Resources

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

Upcoming Events

October 18th Pearl Harbor Bike Path Clean-up

Join the Rotary Club of Hickam Pearl Harbor for a community clean-up along the 'Aiea Bike Path on the Pearl Harbor Historic Trail (98-051 Kamehameha Hwy, 'Aiea, HI 96701). Volunteers will gather behind Best Buy to help care for this important community space, with bags, gloves, and tongs provided. Participants are encouraged to bring a refillable water bottle and sun protection. Clean-up begins at 8:00 a.m..

October 24th Trunk or Treat

Get ready for some Halloween fun at Salt Lake District Park on October 24th from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.! Families are invited to enjoy an evening of festive "Trunk or Treating," costumes, and community spirit in a safe and family-friendly environment. Come dressed in your best costume and enjoy candy, games, and Halloween cheer with neighbors and friends.

October 25th Moanalua Community Fall Fest

Join the community at Moanalua Gardens Missionary Church (1401 Mahiole St, Honolulu, HI 96819) for Fall Fest on October 25. Enjoy family-friendly fun with games, food booths, music, and community fellowship as neighbors come together to celebrate the season.

October 29th Fire Safety Month at 'Aiea Library

October is Fire Safety Month! Join the Honolulu Fire Department and meet some of our community's everyday heroes at 'Aiea Library on Wednesday, October 29, from 10:15 to 11:00 a.m. Families can enjoy a safety demonstration, explore a real fire truck, and learn what it's like to serve as part of the Honolulu Fire Department. Don't miss this fun and educational event for keiki and families alike!









