

GARNER SHIMIZU

STATE HOUSE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 32

MAY 2026 NEWSLETTER



Aloha Friends,

As we close this year's Legislative Session, I want to thank you for your continued trust in me. I take pride in ensuring careful research, thoughtful consideration, and a strong commitment to representing your voice through my votes for bills that become law.

Serving as your Representative is not a part-time commitment for me, it is my full-time focus and responsibility. I hold no other job and no other goal than to serve the people and our community with integrity and dedication. Through the rest of the year, I will be working with stakeholders and all shared interests to improve our quality of life, and am available to listen and learn.

Mahalo to everyone who took the time to complete my mid-session survey. Your feedback is invaluable and informs the work I do on your behalf. A future end-of-session mailer will be sent soon to highlight some key bills from this 2026 session.

Blessed to serve you,

Representative Garner Shimizu

"I speak (on the chamber floor) not for myself, but to engage the people, to help bring awareness, transparency, and the understanding to the work we do here."

On April 7, Representative Shimizu had the honor to do the invocation to open the House Floor session. Here are some highlights: "I believe we're (government) united on the basics that matter the most: having a safe, clean, affordable place to raise our families, protecting our natural beauty, and honoring and preserving our native people and culture." "This position has been more than a job to me. It's been one of the most meaningful responsibilities I've ever had, and it often hurts and is disheartening to feel like we can't do more."

To watch the full invocation, please click here:
<https://youtu.be/aOrsaRBtDA>



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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.



At the Capitol



Conference Week

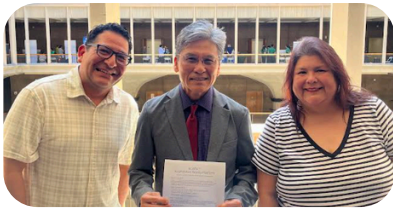
Last week was Conference Week for the State House of Representatives, which is where House and Senate members come together to negotiate the final versions of bills. Legislators take the time to review measures and to agree on language, funding, and intent of bills. Representative Shimizu requested to be on the conference committee for the following bills: SB2151/HB2236, SB2688/HB1628, SB2599, SB2575, SB709, and SB3142.

SB2494, which increases the statute of limitations for bribery cases to 9 years, was the first bill approved in Representative Shimizu's conference committee.



Floor Presentation With Tumua

Representative Diamond Garcia recently recognized Tumua Tuinei on the House Floor. A former UH Football player to now selling out shows across the country as an entertainer, Tumua is a proud example of Hawai'i's talent rising from humble beginnings.



Innovation Day

Hosted by the Chamber of Commerce Hawai'i and Hawai'i Technology Development Corporation, the Hawai'i Innovation Showcase highlighted local innovation. Representative Shimizu visited Neuromuse LLC, a company based out of District 32.



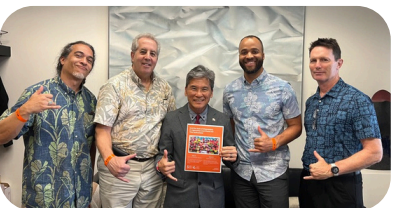
Alzheimer's Association Advocacy Day

Alzheimer's Association Advocacy Day brought together advocates, policymakers, and community members to support those affected by Alzheimer's disease and other dementias. Members of the Alzheimer's Association stopped by Representative Shimizu's office to advocate for their bills.



Compassionate Release Bill Meeting

Representative Shimizu recently met with Christin Johnson from the Hawai'i Correctional System Oversight Commission, Robert Merce from the Correctional Reform Working Group, and Molly Crane from Families Against Mandatory Minimums (FAMM). During the meeting, Representative Shimizu was thanked for his support of SB2688/HB1628, which is the compassionate release bill, and asked him to be on the conference committee of that bill. Both bills passed through the Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs (JHA) committee, which Representative Shimizu is a member.



Coalition For Tobacco-Free Hawai'i

The Coalition for Tobacco-Free Hawai'i visited Representative Shimizu's office to discuss their ongoing advocacy to end tobacco use. The Coalition for a Tobacco-Free Hawai'i is a statewide network of over 150 organizations and advocates.



In the Community



Moanalua World Language Learning Club

The Moanalua World Language Learning Club invited Representative Shimizu to attend a showcase featuring performances and presentations by Moanalua High School students in grades 9-12. Representative Shimizu and his wife enjoyed an afternoon of entertainment, food, and cultural activities.



7th Annual Legacy Prince Jonah Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole Festival

At the 7th Annual Legacy Prince Jonah Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole Festival, Representative Shimizu joined the Wai'anae Coast Community Foundation and community members to honor the enduring legacy of Prince Kūhiō. Known as the "Prince of the People", he was dedicated to advancing the health, homeownership, and cultural heritage of Native Hawaiians. Elected as a Republican to represent Hawai'i in Congress, he helped create the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, which is the current Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. This festival serves as an important celebration for the cultural and civic values he championed.



National Civics Bee

At the 2nd Annual National Civics Bee Hawai'i State Finals, Representative Shimizu was honored to support his district participants. For the second year in a row, Moanalua Middle School won the competition. Congratulations to 1st place winner, Hailey, who also shared her essay on the "Restoration of Coral Reefs."



'Aiea High School Student Association Induction Ceremony

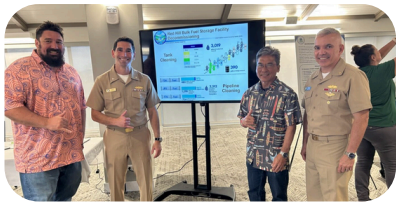
Representative Shimizu, together with Representative Kong and Senator Elefante, attended 'Aiea High School's Student Association Induction Ceremony. They had the honor of presenting certificates to the officers, and welcomed the next generation of student government representatives that will continue to serve their school body. The 'Aiea High School Student Association was also recognized for earning the 2026 National Gold Council of Excellence distinction.



Moanalua Pack 9 Arrows of Light Graduation

Seven Moanalua Pack 9 5th graders celebrated their graduation from Cub Scouts, earning the Arrow of Light rank, last week. Representative Shimizu was honored to recognize their achievement and prepared certificates for each of the graduating scouts to commend their hard work. The Arrow of Light program is designed for fifth-grade youth to develop leadership skills by guiding and leading their fellow scouts.





Red Hill Open House

The Red Hill remediation continues to be one of the top priorities in Representative Shimizu's district. He recently attended the Red Hill Open House hosted by the Navy Closure Task Force, which provided an opportunity for the community to learn and ask questions on the updated status.

Resources & Events

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

- **May 15** 4:00 PM-7:00 PM | Alvah Scott Elementary School Fun Fair
- **May 16** 10:00 AM-2:00 PM | Community Cleanup at the Howard Shima Likini St. Mini Park & Genki Making at the Country Club Village Recreation Center.
- **May 30** 1:00 PM-2:00 PM | Genki Ball Toss at the Howard Shima Likini St. Mini Park & Country Club Village Recreation Center.

- EOEL Public PreK enrollment for the 2026–27 school year is now open! Applications are available for all eligible keiki, with priority given to at-risk children and families within each school's geographic area. Even if you don't meet priority criteria, you're still encouraged to apply!

Get Involved

Moanalua Gardens Community Association (MGCA)

Meetings are held monthly on the 1st Tues. at 7 PM online. Visit <https://mymgca.my.canva.site/>

Moanalua Valley Community Association (MVCA)

Meetings are held monthly on the 2nd Wed. at 6:30 PM online. To join, email kathyhiga@yahoo.com.

'Aiea Neighborhood Board

Meetings are held monthly on the 2nd Tues. at 7 PM at 'Aiea Library. Visit <https://www.honolulu.gov/nco/nb20/>

'Aiea Community Association (ACA)

Meetings are held monthly on the 3rd Mon. at 7 PM online/in-person. Visit <https://www.aieacommunity.org/>

Salt Lake Neighborhood Board

Meetings are held monthly on the 2nd Thurs. at 6:30 PM at National Guard Association. Visit <https://www.honolulu.gov/nco/nb20/>

