



GARNER SHIMIZU

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Aloha Friends,

One of my core beliefs as your State Representative is that government works best when it is transparent, accountable, and worthy of the public's trust. Recent corruption cases have understandably raised concerns throughout our state and reinforced the need for stronger expanded laws and meaningful oversight.

This month, I joined fellow members of the Good Government Caucus in supporting efforts to close campaign finance loopholes and strengthen public confidence in government. While the vast majority of public servants work hard to serve with integrity, we must continue ensuring our laws promote accountability and transparency at every level.

Just as importantly, I remain committed to listening to you. Whether the issue is public safety, traffic concerns, infrastructure improvements, or government accountability, your feedback helps guide my work on behalf of our community.

Mahalo for your trust, engagement, and partnership as we work together to build a stronger and more accountable Hawai'i.

Blessed to serve you,

Garner M. Shimizu

Representative Garner Shimizu



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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



Declaration of Independence Reading

Representative Shimizu joined community members at the Salt Lake-Moanalua Public Library on July 8 for a public reading of the Declaration of Independence. Part of a nationwide observance, the event commemorated the nation's founding and encouraged civic engagement. Representative Shimizu and Representative Ichiyama read portions of the historic document and reflected on the enduring principles of liberty, democracy, and representative government.

Government Accountability Bill Signed

Representative Shimizu attended the July 10 signing of SB 2494, a measure that strengthens government accountability by establishing a nine-year statute of limitations for bribery offenses. The law gives investigators and prosecutors additional time to pursue complex public corruption cases. Representative Shimizu joined the Governor, fellow legislators, and community leaders in recognizing the importance of promoting transparency, integrity, and public trust in government.



72nd Anniversary and Installation-Filipino Chamber of Commerce

Representative Shimizu attended Hawaii's Filipino Chamber of Commerce's 72nd Commemorative Anniversary and Installation Banquet on July 11 at the Hilton Hawaiian Village Waikiki Beach Resort. The event celebrated the Chamber's longstanding contributions to Hawaii's business community and featured the installation of incoming President Gino Soqueña and the Board of Directors. Representative Shimizu congratulates the new leadership team and thanks the Chamber for its continued support of entrepreneurship and economic growth throughout Hawaii.

Representative Shimizu Embarks with U.S. Navy

As part of the U.S. Navy's Distinguished Visitor Embark Program, Representative Shimizu spent time aboard a U.S. Navy aircraft carrier to gain a firsthand look at operations in the Pacific. During the overnight visit, he observed flight operations, toured the vessel, and met with sailors serving far from home. The experience reinforced his appreciation for the service and sacrifice of military personnel and Hawai'i's important role in national defense.



New Laws Support Hawai'i's Kupuna

Representative Shimizu joined the Governor, fellow lawmakers, and community partners on July 14 for the Kupuna Caucus Bill Signing Ceremony, celebrating the enactment of HB 1853 and HB 1973. The new laws expand support for Hawai'i's kupa through dementia care services, caregiver resources, and increased access to in-home health care. Representative Shimizu remains committed to improving the health, well-being, and quality of life of Hawai'i's seniors and their families.



In the Community



32nd Anniversary of the Korean and Vietnam War Memorials

Representative Garner Shimizu attended the ceremony held at the Hawai'i State Capitol Rotunda on July 24. The event honored the brave men and women who served during the Korean and Vietnam Wars and recognized their sacrifices in defense of our nation. Rep. Shimizu was grateful for the opportunity to join veterans, military leaders, and community members in remembrance and appreciation of their service. Our freedom has been paid by these heroes.

Community Concerns

TAMC Cell Tower Project Update

Our office recently received an update on the new cell tower at Tripler Army Medical Center. The project is expected to become operational in September and has undergone the required federal, state, and local reviews for safety and regulatory compliance. Representative Shimizu appreciates residents who shared their concerns and remains committed to facilitating communication between the community and project representatives.

Mahiole Speed Humps Installed - Ala Mahamoe Traffic Calming Planned

Representative Shimizu was blessed to partner with community members whose repeated advocacy helped bring much-needed speed humps to Mahiole Street. He and continues to work with the City & County Department of Transportation Services to address speeding concerns on Ala Mahamoe. As part of a phased traffic calming plan, the proposed first phase would narrow travel lanes through the addition of parking lane markings to encourage slower driving speeds. Additional measures may be considered as the City continues to monitor traffic conditions.



Community Concerns

Halawa Waterline Replacement Project

Representative Shimizu is helping share information about the Hālawā Waterline Replacement Project, which will involve temporary traffic control measures through November 2027. Residents should be aware of upcoming lane adjustments, turn restrictions, and traffic pattern changes along Bougainville Drive and Salt Lake Boulevard. Stay informed by reviewing project notices and planning ahead for possible delays. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the project team.

24-Hour Phone: 808-583-5670

Email: WaterLineInfo@tritonmarine.us

HALAWA WATERLINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT: TRAFFIC CONTROL PLAN – IN EFFECT 24 HRS from dates indicated



DETOURS – IN EFFECT 24 HRS from December 2026 – August 2027

Notable Changes on the Traffic Control Plan

1. No left turn at Salt Lake Blvd heading east on Bougainville Dr. Detours will be in place to accommodate for this. (See map) →
2. Right turn only in the right lane at Salt Lake Blvd heading west on Bougainville Dr. (currently allowed to drive straight or turn right)
3. Right turn only entering and exiting Radford High School parking lot on Bougainville Dr.
4. East of Salt Lake Blvd on Bougainville Dr will be one lane eastbound and one lane westbound. No parking will be allowed on Bougainville Dr east of Salt Lake Blvd (in front of Foster Heights Villas and next to Aliamanu Park. Signs will be posted prior to and during construction).

PROJECT INFORMATION

Owner: US Navy **Contractor:** TNT Constructors **Duration:** APR 2026–NOV 2027

Point of Contact: Joel Nelson, Project Manager TNT Constructors

24 Hr Phone No.: 808-583-5670 **Email:** WaterLineInfo@tritonmarine.us

Project Description: Installing a new water main utilizing underground tunneling. New waterline runs from the Halawa Water Tank storage area (located inside AMR back gate) to west Bougainville Dr (just past the intersection of Salt Lake Blvd).



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Community Concerns

Moanalua Community Basketball Court Light Repairs

After concerns were raised about the faulty operation of the basketball court lights at Moanalua Middle School Park, including lights that would not turn on or that remained on after hours, Representative Shimizu's office submitted a service request to the City. An investigation identified a faulty timer as the cause, and a repair work order was submitted. Through the process, the office learned that electrical repairs and maintenance at City parks are now handled by the Department of Facility Maintenance (DFM), as the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) no longer maintains electrical staff. Representative Shimizu appreciates residents who help bring community concerns to attention and strives to ensure they are addressed.

Resources

Looking Out For Our Kupuna

Our office regularly hears from residents seeking resources for elderly family members, friends, and neighbors. Most recently, a constituent contacted us with concerns about an elderly neighbor who may have needed additional support. We have also heard similar discussions in the community about connecting seniors with available services and resources.

One valuable resource is the City and County of Honolulu's Elderly Affairs Division (EAD), which helps older adults maintain their independence and quality of life through information and referrals, caregiver support, transportation assistance, nutrition programs, and other services.

As a community, we all play a role in looking out for one another. If you or someone you know may benefit from additional support or services, consider reaching out to the Elderly Affairs Division at their Kupuna Helpline to learn more: ☎ 808-768-7700 🌐 www.elderlyaffairs.com

Share Your Voice: Kūpuna & Caregiver Survey

The Hawai'i State Executive Office on Aging is conducting a statewide needs assessment to better understand the needs of older adults and caregivers. Survey responses will help shape future programs, services, and planning efforts for Hawai'i's aging population. **Deadline: August 25, 2026** 🔗 Survey: [Take the Needs Assessment Survey](#), or use QR Code:



Resources & Events

- **Red Hill Updates:** <https://redhillregistry.org/>
- **Aloha Stadium Redevelopment:** <https://nased.hawaii.gov/>
- **OSCC Relocation:** <https://hcsoc.hawaii.gov/>
- **Aug 9th 8 AM-3 PM | Blood Drive at Moanalua Middle School Library:** Join Blood Bank of Hawai'i in helping save lives by donating blood. The public is welcome, and all donors will be entered into a lucky drawing for a prize. Appointments are appreciated; Please call Blood Bank of Hawaii at (808) 848-4770, visit bbh.org or use this [SIGN UP LINK](#) to schedule. Walk-ins welcome while space is available.
- **Aug 14th 6:45 PM-8:30 PM | Moanalua Pack 9 Cub Scout Open House:** Join Troup 9 for their annual cub scout open house. Available to all boys and girls K-5th grade at Moanalua Middle School.
- **Aug 15th 11 AM-3PM | Operation Clean Sweep:** Join community members to participate in a park clean up & genki ball making at the Honolulu Country Club. Parking will be available at Ala Pu'umalu Park.
- **Through Aug. 23 | Share Your Input on Water Quality & Flooding:** Have you experienced flooding, sewage concerns, or have thoughts about the health of our nearshore waters? Complete the City's survey to help guide future investments in environmental and water infrastructure projects. surveymonkey.com/r/ENVIPsurvey
- **Aug 29th 9 AM-2 PM | Aiea Library Book Sale:** Join the Friends of 'Aiea Library for a community book sale featuring a variety of gently used books for all ages. Volunteers are also welcome to assist with setup on Aug. 28 at 5 PM.
- **Aug. 29th 11 AM-3 PM | Operation Clean Sweep Genki Ball Toss:** Join community members and partners for the release of 2,000 Genki Balls into the Salt Lake waterway, followed by a community appreciation event as part of the "Taste of Salt Lake" pilot program at HCC property & Ala Pu'umalu Park.
- **Sept. 1 Deadline | Nominate an Outstanding Volunteer:** AARP Hawai'i is accepting nominations for the 2026 Andrus Award for Community Service, recognizing volunteers age 50+ who are making a meaningful impact in their communities. Questions? Contact Jackie Boland at jboland@aarp.org or 808-545-6003. Nomination Form: www.aarp.org/AndrusAward.
- Applications for Preschool Open Doors **opened on May 29, 2026 for the 2026–2027 school year.** The program provides monthly preschool tuition subsidies for eligible families with children born August 1, 2021 through July 31, 2024. Parents may choose any DHS-licensed or DHS-listed preschool. **Applications are due by May 31, 2027 at 4:30 p.m., or until the program reaches funding capacity.** For more information, call 808-791-2130 or visit patchhawaii.org.

Get Involved

Moanalua Gardens Community Association (MGCA)

Monthly meetings on the 1st Tues. at 7 PM online. Visit <https://mymgca.my.canva.site/>

Moanalua Valley Community Association (MVCA)

Monthly meetings on the 2nd Wed. at 6:30 PM online. To join, email kathyhiga@yahoo.com.

'Aiea Neighborhood Board

Monthly meetings on the 2nd Tues. at 7 PM at 'Aiea Library, or online. Visit <https://www.honolulu.gov/nco/nb20/>

'Aiea Community Association (ACA)

Monthly meetings on the 3rd Mon. at 7 PM at 'Aiea Library, or online. Visit <https://www.aieacommunity.org/>

Salt Lake Neighborhood Board

Monthly meetings on the 2nd Thurs. at 6:30 PM in-person at National Guard Association, 891 Valkenburg Street or online. Visit <https://www.honolulu.gov/nco/nb20/>

