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Community Survey 2020

- 1. Do you support restricting firearms owners to rifle magazines containing no more than 10 bullets?**
 This measure is supported by police, who say large-capacity magazines have been used in mass shootings on the Mainland and are already illegal for pistols. Opponents say this infringes on the right to own firearms.
- 2. Do you support raising the current minimum wage of \$10.10 per hour to \$13 over the next four years?**
 Supporters say this gradual increase helps workers while allowing businesses to phase in this added cost. Some opponents say the increase is too little; others say businesses will be hurt.
- 3. Do you support a proposal to increase penalties on offenders whose victims are over the age of 60?**
 Supporters say this could reduce the number of crimes targeting elderly victims. Opponents say all victims should be treated the same and this would make no difference because offenders pay no attention to age differences.
- 4. What else is important to you?**
 Thank you for participating in this survey! Please mail, email, or telephone your responses to my office. See above for contact information.



Pearl City and Aiea residents Harley Margo, Hannah Marie Tokiwa (a freshman at Pearl City High School) and her mother Amanda met with Gregg to inform him about problems faced by persons with bleeding disorders.



Supporters of Alzheimer's Association Advocacy Day gathered with Gregg and other legislators on March 1 at the Capitol.

2020 Update



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Aloha Neighbors:

The Legislature is temporarily suspending operations because of concerns about the CIV-19 virus but my office continues to operate, so don't hesitate to call or email us if you have any problems, questions or concerns, or just to let us know how you're doing.

For the latest updates on the coronavirus, go to this website: health.hawaii.gov/ or you can call 2-1-1 for information.

This newsletter contains information about measures the Legislature will consider when we resume. You can also read about upcoming projects in our Pearl City schools and other highlights.

Also, I'm asking for your input on these and any other issues in a survey.

I'm proud to represent our wonderful community and hope you'll join me in making it even better in the future!

Mahalo,

Representative Gregg Takayama



Gregg answers questions from news reporters about gun safety bills supported by the Honolulu Police Department and other first responders.

Bills advance to help working families, increase public safety

The House has passed several measures to address the high cost of living for our working-class families who are often forced to live from paycheck to paycheck just to provide the basic needs of raising their families in Hawai'i.

session by the House and Senate, and supported by Governor David Ige, seeks to aggressively address Hawai'i's cost of living issues. The biggest expenses for working-class families are taxes, housing, and child care.

A joint economic package introduced this

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At a Feb. 29 community clean-up of Pearl City's Sunset Memorial Park Cemetery, Gregg tackles some overgrown shrubbery.

Legislature focuses on tax relief, education, firearms

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TAX BREAKS AND WAGE HIKE

HB2541 HD1 will provide up to \$72 million in tax relief for working families by making the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) refundable and permanent. This benefits individual taxpayers with an adjusted gross income of less than \$30,000 and couples earning less than \$50,000;

The bill will also raise the minimum wage for those making the least to \$11 in 2021, \$12 in 2022, \$12.50 in 2023, and \$13 in 2024.

EXPANDING PRE-SCHOOLS

HB2543 HD1 will provide access to child care for many working families, freeing parents to enter or return to the workforce, reducing child care costs, and providing much needed early learning to help their children be better prepared to enter kindergarten.

The bill expands the Preschool Open Doors program and will both increase the capacity at existing private childcare facilities supported with public funds and develop new facilities for early learning programs for 3- and 4-year-old children where they are needed.

State-owned sites including public libraries and University of Hawai'i campuses across the state will be used as new group child care facilities. The goal is to provide all children who are 3 to 4 years old with enrollment in an early learning program by the year 2030.

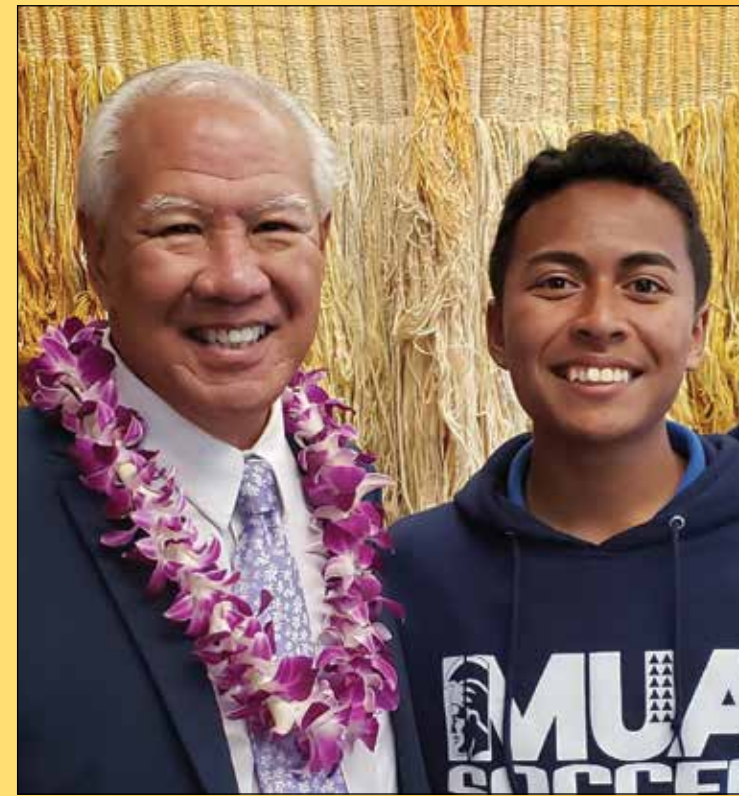
Several measures passed by the House are supported by the Honolulu Police Department to increase public safety by reducing the number of unaccounted-for firearms in our community.

FIREARMS SAFETY

HB 2744 HD1 prohibits so-called "ghost guns" made from mail-order kits and lacking serial numbers or other identification markings. This would make it illegal to possess such firearms unless they are registered with the police department.

HB 1902 HD2 restricts the capacity of rifle magazines to 10 rounds, which is the current limit for pistols. It is aimed at preventing mass shootings by requiring shooters to reload, which enables victims to escape and police to intervene. It also prohibits gun ownership by persons with juvenile records of violent offenses.

HB 2709 HD2 requires that police be notified when a person dies and leaves firearms behind. The estate cannot close until the firearms are properly transferred or destroyed.



(Above) Kamehameha School sophomore and Pearl City resident **Koby Cockett-Nagamine** was a recent visitor to Gregg's office on opening day.



(Above) Pearl Highlands Intermediate 8th graders get ideas from Gregg about their social studies class projects to increase citizen voting.



(Right) Gregg answers questions from Waimalu Elementary 6th graders during their visit to the Capitol.



Gregg dishes out rice at the annual **Pearl City Lions Club** annual Valentine's Day fundraising breakfast on Feb. 8.

Funds released for school improvements

Governor David Ige has released funds for these projects, which were funded by the Legislature. This means they can proceed with design and construction in the near future.

Momilani Elementary School: \$275,000 for design and initial construction of a new portable classroom for programs including Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) education and special education programs. Total project cost is \$2.3 million and estimated completion date is December 2021.

Momilani Elementary School: \$550,000 for extension of concrete sidewalks surrounding the cafeteria. Estimated completion is October 2020.

Palisades Elementary School: \$1.8 million for design and construction of upgrades to the electrical system. Estimated

completion is March 2021.

Pearl City High School: \$3.3 million for improvements to Building E for the Engineering Academy along with computer science, fashion design, and other academy programs.

Pearl City High School: \$3 million for design and construction of a baseball and softball complex. Estimated completion is February 2022.

Pearl City High School: \$2 million for resurfacing the KLM parking lot, cafeteria parking lot, and road to the band room. Estimated completion is October 2020.

Waiiau Elementary School: \$2.2 million for design and construction of a retaining wall and other site improvements.