



Representative Tina Wildberger

Hawai'i State Capitol Building
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Honolulu, HI 96813

Talk story w/the Representative

Feb 25 5:30pm at St. Theresa's Church
Before the Maui Meadows
Community Association Meeting

Mar 19 6pm at St. Theresa's Church
Before the Kihei Community
Association Meeting

Add Your Voice to the Legislative Process

You can make your opinion known on any of the bills before the house (or senate) by submitting testimony, either written or in person. Testimony submitted at least 24 hours before a bill's hearing will be considered by committee members when they vote. Testimony can be as simple as indicating if you support or oppose a bill. It makes a difference!

HOW TO SUBMIT TESTIMONY ONLINE

- * Register on the Hawai'i Legislature website. www.capitol.hawaii.gov
- * On this same page, enter the bill number into the "Bill Status/ Measure Status" box on the left then click "Go".
- * Here you can see a brief description of the bill. Read the bill in its entirety by clicking on the PDF logo to the right of the bill number.
- * Click on "Submit Testimony" when you are ready to enter your thoughts. Be sure to indicate whether you support or oppose the bill, will testify in person, and if you are testifying on behalf of yourself or an organization. Finally, enter your testimony.

TESTIMONY HELP (Here are some guidelines to help you get started.)

Introduction

- * Introduce who you are and/or the group or organization that you represent;
- * Identify the measure you are testifying on (HB847); and
- * State your position on the measure (e.g. "I am testifying in favor of/ in support of ..." or "I am testifying against/in opposition to" or "I am providing comments on ...")

Email Wildberger3@capitol.hawaii.gov if you'd like to receive an email of upcoming hearings on bills.

Content

- * State or list the reasons for your position;
- * Start with the most important or compelling reasons;
- * Include any facts, figures, statements, and experiences to support your position.

Closing

- * Include any closing remarks; and
- * Reiterate your position on the measure.
- * Don't get hung up on being perfect. The important thing is to make your position of support or opposition known.

Rep Wildberger's Top Bills:

- * HB1578 Sea Level Rise - protecting our shorelines
- * HB850 Statewide Polystyrene Ban
- * HB1577 Canine Detectors for Invasive Species and Illegal Fireworks
- * HB1197 \$15/hour Minimum Wage
- * HB847 Ocean Friendly Capitol Building
- * HB 1581 Responsible Adult-Use Cannabis
- * HB635 Remote Testimony for Legislative hearings
- * HB636 Lexi's Law - moped safety
- * HB634 Restorative Justice

MAHI PONO AND WATER RIGHTS

Mahi Pono continues to be an important topic of discussion. In the January 30, 2019 **maui**time Op-Ed by Deborah Rybak, *"It's the Water, Stupid: Mahi Pono hasn't told the public what it plans to plant, but demands the water to do it anyway"*



Rep. Wildberger expressed her support for Rep DeCoite's bill HB1573

which DeCoite described as prohibiting "any water use permit that authorizes the diversion of water from East Maui streams for commercial purposes."



Rep Wildberger said "It's not my desire to subvert Mahi Pono's efforts." "But I also don't want to greenlight the A&B-style 'take everything and leave nothing.' I promised my community that I would not be an automatic 'yes' person to the establishment and the old ways of doing business."

Aloha South Maui and Hau'oli Makahiki Hou!

Thank you for the privilege to serve you in the State House of Representatives. January 16th was the official opening of the 2019 Legislative Session, but our office has been up and running since mid-November preparing for the busy 30th session of the State Legislature. I am proud to be representing South Maui.

This session I am serving as the Vice Chair of the Energy & Environmental Protection (EEP) Committee, and sit on the Finance (FIN), and Water, Land & Hawaiian Affairs (WLH) Committees. Your thoughts and suggestions are welcome not only on matters coming before these committees, but any issue where I may be of help.

If you have concerns, questions, or ideas please feel free to contact me:

808.586.8525 or RepWildberger@capitol.hawaii.gov. I plan to be at the Kihei Community Association meetings held every other month. Constituents are welcome to come early and discuss concerns or ask questions about policy and law making.

If you prefer to go paperless and have my newsletter emailed to you, please contact my office to make sure we have your correct email address. Our District Facebook page is another excellent way to see what we're working on.

Finally, mahalo to all of you who lend your time and ideas, and bring a positivity and willingness to work together to improve our community.

Mahalo time

FIGHTING FOR A LIVING WAGE

Rep Wildberger continues to push/fight for raising Hawai'i's minimum wage to a living wage. In addition to submitting HB1197 (calling for a minimum wage of \$15) she wrote a joint Op-Ed with Representative Amy Perruso, appearing in the January 31st issue of Civil Beat.



Signing a bill for the very first time.



Introducing: Natalia Hussey-Burdick, Office Manager for District 11. She is an experienced navigator of all that is The Capitol, and our community is fortunate to have her.



Our Session Staff - Natalia has curated a great team to pursue a progressive agenda. Ramona, Charessa, Ruth, and David are dedicated professionals and looking forward to getting to know our constituents.



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