



## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

STATE OF HAWAII  
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### 2020 LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE: REP. AMY PERRUSO

#### *Economic Justice*

1. **GRADUATE STUDENT COLLECTIVE BARGAINING:** Establishes collective bargaining rights for graduate students at the University of Hawai'i, so that they can negotiate for better pay and work conditions, including protections against sexual harassment and workplace retaliation.
2. **MILITARY ECONOMIC IMPACT TASK FORCE:** Establishes a task force to evaluate the economic impact of the military's presence in Hawai'i, including on public education funding, the state's housing supply, land use, environmental restoration, and consumer spending.

#### *Education*

1. **EDUCATION FUNDING:** Increases funding for public education by raising corporate income taxes and income taxes for high-earning taxpayers.
2. **STANDARDIZED TESTING REDUCTION:** Compels the Hawai'i Department of Education to administer only those standardized tests that are required by federal law.
3. **SPECIAL EDUCATION EQUITY:** Provides a quality educational experience for all special needs students by ensuring that funding and staffing for special education are allocated through a weighted student formula that accounts for the severity of the disabilities of all special needs students.
4. **CLASS SIZE LIMITS:** Imposes limits on class sizes and total teacher workloads, with limits differentiated by general education and special education classroom settings (inclusion, fully self-contained, etc.).

#### *Human and Women's Rights*

1. **NONDISCLOSURE AGREEMENT ELIMINATION (WOMEN'S CAUCUS):** Prevents employers from requiring employees to enter into nondisclosure agreements with regard to sexual harassment as a condition of employment.
2. **FEMININE HYGIENE PRODUCT ACCESS (WOMEN'S CAUCUS):** Eliminates the general excise tax on feminine hygiene products and expands access to free feminine hygiene products on public school campuses.
3. **TITLE IX IMPLEMENTATION:** Uplifts victims of sexual assault and sexual harassment on college campuses by guaranteeing access to confidential support services and disclosure protocols, improving

information sharing between university administrators and students, and increasing trauma-informed response training for university employees responsible for handling sexual misconduct cases.

### ***Aloha 'Āina***

1. GREEN JOB CREATION: Advances the state's goals of achieving greater energy security and adapting to climate change by enabling the energy security special fund and clean energy initiative program to increase jobs aligned with the state's transition to a clean energy economy, especially jobs that meet or exceed the self-sufficiency standard established by the department of business, economic development, and tourism.

2. AGRICULTURE EDUCATION: Increases local food security by creating a pilot program to provide grants to schools seeking to expand agriculture education initiatives and funding an agriculture education coordinator position within the University of Hawai'i to implement a coordinated framework for agriculture learning in the islands.

3. HAWAIIAN CULTURAL TRAINING (HAWAIIAN CAUCUS): Requires public officials, including department directors, deputy directors, legislators, judges, county councilmembers, and county planning directors, to attend a training course on Hawaiian culture, history, and rights.

### ***Good Government***

1. ETHICS REFORM: Prohibits legislators from assisting or representing private individuals or businesses before any state agency, excluding the courts.

### ***CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS***

1. WAHIAWĀ GENERAL HOSPITAL: Wahiawā General Hospital is a critical medical center, not just to Wahiawā, but to the entire Central O'ahu community. I will continue to seek funding to ensure that WGH remains financially sustainable for generations to come.

2. SCHOOL FACILITIES: In Hawai'i, public school buildings are over 60 years old on average, with many facilities in decay or outright disrepair. I am committed to requesting facilities funding for improvements to schools that serve Wahiawā, so that our children can enjoy safe and modern learning environments.

3. HOMELESS CARE: It's imperative that we find creative solutions to address our state's homelessness problem. I will work to increase funding for the critical care facilities that our houseless neighbors need, including centers that provide transitional housing, additional shelter space, and mental health and drug treatment services.