

U.S. Congressman Ed Case Reports



Congressional Report
Reporting back to you on 2023 highlights, looking to 2024 and inviting you to five more Talk Story community meetings in January

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Aloha, Friend.

As 2023 draws to a close and we look to 2024, I report back to you again on my activities this year and ask for your continued input.

This was another difficult year for our country and Hawai'i. We faced various crises, from House Speaker disarray (twice) to debt ceilings, government shutdowns, Ukraine, Israel-Hamas and the Maui wildfires at home, while we also sought to address ongoing challenges, from COVID-19 and the cost of living to our federal finances and social safety net, climate change and China. Our solutions continued to be obstructed by deep political divisions.

But throughout my mission in Congress remained the same: to (1) contribute to national leadership for our country and world; (2) assure that Hawai'i's needs are addressed by our federal government; and (3) assist you with your individual concerns. I continued to use all the resources available to me, including my seniority, experience and relationships and my Appropriations Committee membership, to forge solutions wherever and however possible.

We had some notable successes. The defueling and closure of Red Hill is on track. Hawai'i has now received and is projected to receive an estimated \$3.3 billion through 2026 from the two huge infrastructure laws I fought for last Congress. We have fully funded federal disaster assistance for Maui to date. We stayed in touch with my district and assisted many with your own needs.

Inside I summarize just some examples of my 2023 activities. There's much more on my website at case.house.gov, or please call my office at (808) 650-6688 with questions or suggestions.

All of this is ongoing and my office and I are looking forward to the challenges and opportunities of 2024. As always, I must remain fully connected with you, so I'm kicking off January with five more Talk Story community meetings throughout my district. I'll personally report to you, answer your questions and listen to your concerns. Details inside; I hope you will come.

My staff and I remain here for all of our Hawai'i and wish for you and yours only the best of the Holidays and New Year.

Mahalo and aloha, **Ed Case**



2023 HIGHLIGHTS

Here are just a few representative highlights of my activities in 2023 (for full record, please see case.house.gov):

JANUARY

Sworn in to 118th Congress ('23-'25); first Congressman Ed Case Reports e-newsletter of year; reapointed to House Appropriations and Natural Resources Committees; Hawai'i Congressional delegation meeting with Gov. Green and Lt. Gov. Luke; continued Red Hill defueling/closure oversight including meetings with Defense Department and Ernie Lau/Board of Water Supply; Hawai'i State Legislature Opening Day and Martin Luther King Jr. and Lunar New Year celebrations.



I continued to focus especially on my House Appropriations Committee, responsible for federal funding

FEBRUARY

Reappointed Co-Chair of House Pacific Islands Caucus and Executive Board member of Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus; hosted another Federal Funding Workshop for state and county government colleagues; welcomed Hawai'i Credit Union League to Congress; co-introduced Sustainable Budget Act with Rep. Steve Womack (R-Arkansas).

MARCH

Appointed Vice Chair of House Problem Solvers Caucus and co-chaired Caucus solution to avert debt ceiling default; joined Appropriations Defense Subcommittee colleagues on delegation to Japan, Okinawa, Taiwan and South Korea; co-introduced with Sen. Hirono Compact Impact Fairness Act to require federal government to cover Compact resident federal program costs.

APRIL

Hosted six in-person Talk Story community meetings throughout district; co-introduced with Rep. Tokuda our Hawai'i Invasive Species Prevention Act; met with Mayor Blangiardi/cabinet on federal funding opportunities especially through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Plan and Inflation Reduction Act; continued Fiscal Year 2024 hearings and deliberations in Appropriations Committee.

MAY

Visited Radford and Farrington High Schools and joined UH-West O'ahu spring commencement; received Small Business Council of America's Special Congressional Award; conducted roundtable for Hawai'i small businesses on federal issues and assistance; (highlighting constituent services) assisted one to receive \$13,422 of delayed overpayment refund from IRS; joined Memorial Day services.

JUNE

Received National Marine Sanctuary Foundation's Leadership Award for protecting world's oceans; co-introduced with Sen. Schatz our Red Hill Health Impact Act to prevent and treat asbestos to fuel leaks; joined Rep. Mary Peltola (D-Alaska) in welcoming Hōkūle'a to Juneau; joined opening of Honolulu rail project; co-introduced again the Equality Act to protect our LGBTQ+ community from discrimination.

JULY

Joined former colleague/Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Marcia Fudge of Housing Honolulu affordable housing and homeless assistance projects and programs; re-introduced with Pacific Islands Caucus our BLUE Pacific Act to re-engage across the Pacific; visited Hawai'i Army National Guard training at Ft. Johnson, Louisiana; joined live Tele-Talk Story from my District Office; re-introduced three Jones Act reform measures.



Discussing issues in Congress at the Filipino Fiesta/Flores de Mayo

AUGUST

Focused fully on Maui wildfire disaster and maximizing federal assistance, including: immediate disaster declaration providing expedited federal assistance; joining the President and First Lady, former colleague/Secretary of Health and Human Services Xavier Becerra, and my House Natural Resources Committee in Maui disaster response reviews; and working with the Administration and my House Appropriations Committee, especially my House Emergency Subcommittee, to fund the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to assure full and immediate funding of programs and needs.

SEPTEMBER

Continued full focus on Maui, especially a \$16 billion replenishment of FEMA's Disaster Relief Fund; co-chaired Problem Solvers Caucus solution to avert government shutdown; spoke at 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony in downtown Honolulu; joined Nisei Veterans Memorial Service at Punch-bowl; sent out eighth e-newsletter report of the year, "Crises and Solutions."



My staff and I are here to serve you on Capitol Hill and in Honolulu.

OCTOBER

Continued oversight of ongoing Red Hill defueling; led a congressional delegation to the United Nations focusing on the Indo-Pacific; hosted Mililani Mauka Middle School students on Capitol Hill; answered thousands of constituent communications, met with local Jewish, Muslim and other leaders and worked with colleagues to find the best paths forward for the tragic Israel-Hamas conflict.

NOVEMBER

Continued with Hawai'i congressional delegation to advocate for federal environmental, housing, small business and other assistance for Maui wildfire disaster; hosted special live Talk Story focusing on Hawai'i's 113,000 veterans; sent a special Kūpuna Report focusing on federal senior citizen issues especially Social Security and Medicare to my 65+ constituents; gave keynote speech at United Filipino Council of Hawaii's Progress Award Ceremony.

DECEMBER

Hosted 500th constituent of year for Capitol tour; joined Liliha and Mānoa holiday parades; hosted last '23 Hawai'i congressional delegation meeting; sent Mele Kalikimaka/mahalo video message to armed forces serving away from home; began work on Fiscal Year 2025 appropriations process.



Overseeing the Navy's defueling and closure of Red Hill

SERVING YOU

My staff in D.C. and Honolulu and I are here to serve you. These are just some of our services:

- Welcoming your Input and Questions. We want to know what you think and to answer your questions.
- Visiting Our Offices. Please visit our offices in D.C. and Honolulu. In D.C. we can also show our U.S. Capitol and assist with other tours.
- Casework. We can help you and yours with your own concerns in areas like Social Security, Medicare, veterans' benefits, immigration and many others.
- Joining Your Events and Recognizing Achievements. We look forward to joining your community events. We can also send congratulations for special occasions.

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TALK STORY with Congressman Ed Case

TUESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2024

Moanalua Middle School
6:30 PM to 8:00 PM
1289 Mahiole Street, **Moanalua/Salt Lake**

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2024

McKinley High School Cafeteria
6:30 PM to 8:00 PM
Entrance off Pensacola Street, **Honolulu**

THURSDAY, January 4, 2024

Mililani Mauka Elementary School
6:30 PM TO 8:00 PM
95-111 Makaikai Street, **Mililani Town/Mililani Mauka**

FRIDAY, JANUARY 5, 2024

Hahaione Elementary School
6:30 PM to 8:00 PM
595 Pepeekeo Street, **East Honolulu**

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6, 2024

Kapolei High School
9:00 AM to 10:30AM
91-5007 Kapolei Parkway, **Kapolei**

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