United States Senate



Senator Mazie Hirono Hawai'i Democrat

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Hawai'i 2025 Volunteers Sent: 13 Hawai'i Volunteers Since 1961: 1,513

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Began Service in the Senate: 2013

State Offices: Honolulu

Committee Assignments:

- Armed Services
- Energy and Natural Resources
- Judiciary
- Small Business
- Veterans' Affairs

Key Staff: Adam Yost, Foreign Policy Issues, <u>adam_yost@hirono.senate.gov</u> **Key Caucuses:**

Meeting History with the Peace Corps Community:

- DC Meetings With Lawmaker: 2016*
- DC Meetings With Staff: 2007, 2008, 2011, 2014, 2016, 2023*, 2024*
- District Office Meetings: 2020* (virtual)

^{*}Denotes Constituent Meeting

Peace Corps Issues and Senator Hirono Green = Actions in support of Peace Corps | Red = Actions against Peace Corps

| Issue/Legislation | Action |
|---|--|
| Senate Dear Colleague Letter: Peace Corps Funding | Signed on in 2014, 2016-2025 |
| Senate Dear Colleague Letter: Support robust international affairs funding | Did not sign in 2017, 2018 Signed on in 2019, 2021, 2022 Signed on in 2020 (COVID-19 International Response) |
| 118th Congress (2023-2024) Peace Corps Reauthorization Act (S.1203) | Did not co-sponsor in 2024 Did not co-sponsor in 2022-2023 |
| 117th Congress (2021-2022) Health Force, Resilience Force and Jobs to Fight COVID-19 Act (S. 32) | Did not co-sponsor in 2021-2022 |
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| 116th Congress (2019-2020) Peace Corps Specific COVID-19 Legislation | S. 3700: Did not co-sponsor S. 3642: Did not co-sponsor |
| 116th Congress (2019-2020) CORPS Act (S. 3964) Expand COVID-19 National Service Response Positions (Including Priority Preference for Evacuees) | Did not co-sponsor |
| 116th Congress (2019-2020) Peace Corps Mission Accountability Act (S. 2320) Legislation opposed by NPCA | Did not co-sponsor |

Other Notes: Senator Hirono co-sponsored the Peace Corps Equity Act (2014).

United States Senate



Senator Brian Schatz Hawai'i Democrat

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Began Service in the U. S. Senate: 2012

State Offices: Honolulu

Committee Assignments:

- Appropriations
- Commerce, Science and Transportation
- Foreign Relations
- Indian Affairs (Ranking Member)

As a member of the Appropriations Committee, Senator Schatz plays a very important role in determining how much funding is allocated for various federal programs. He <u>also</u> serves as the Ranking Member of the State/Foreign Operations subcommittee, which determines funding levels for international affairs programs, including Peace Corps.

Senator Schatz also sits on the Foreign Relations Committee which is responsible for most Peace Corps legislation.

Key Staff: Zachary Hosford, *Foreign Policy Issues, <u>zachary_hosford@schatz.senate.gov</u>* **Key Caucuses:**

Meeting History with the Peace Corps Community:

- DC Meetings With Lawmaker: None
- DC Meetings With Staff: 2016*, 2023*, 2024*, 2025
- District Office Meetings: None

^{*}Denotes Constituent Meeting

Peace Corps Issues and Senator Schatz

Green = Actions in support of Peace Corps | Red = Actions against Peace Corps

| Issue/Legislation | Action |
|---|--|
| Senate Dear Colleague Letter: Peace Corps Funding | Did not sign in 2014, 2025 Signed on in 2016-2024 |
| Senate Dear Colleague Letter: Support robust international affairs funding | Signed on in 2017-2019, 2021-2022 Did not sign in 2020 (COVID-19 International Response) |
| 118th Congress (2023-2024) Peace Corps Reauthorization Act (S.1203) | Co-sponsor in 2024 Co-sponsor in 2023 Co-sponsor in 2022 |
| 117th Congress (2021-2022) Health Force, Resilience Force and Jobs to Fight COVID-19 Act (S. 32) | Original co-sponsor |
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| 116th Congress (2019-2020) Peace Corps Specific COVID-19 Legislation | S. 3700: Did not co-sponsor S. 3642: Did not co-sponsor |
| 116th Congress (2019-2020) CORPS Act (S. 3964) Expand COVID-19 National Service Response Positions (Including Priority Preference for Evacuees) | Did not co-sponsor |
| 116th Congress (2019-2020) Peace Corps Mission Accountability Act (S. 2320) Legislation opposed by NPCA | Did not co-sponsor |

Other Notes: Senator Schatz **co–sponsored** the Peace Corps Equity Act (2014). In December 2021 he **signed** a congressional letter urging the Department of Education to include Peace Corps Volunteers in reforms to improve the Public Service Loan Forgiveness program.

House of Representatives



Rep. Ed Case
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Began Service in the House of Representatives: 2019 (previously served in the

House from 2003 – 2006)

District Offices: Honolulu

Committee Assignments:

Appropriations

As a member of the Appropriations Committee, Representative Case plays an important role in determining how much funding is allocated for various federal programs. He <u>does not</u> sit on the National Security/Department of State subcommittee, which determines funding levels for international affairs programs, including Peace Corps.

Key Staff: Keely Thompson, *Foreign Policy Issues, <u>keely.thompson@mail.house.gov</u>* **Key Caucuses:** Problem Solvers

Meeting History with the Peace Corps Community:

- DC Meetings With Lawmaker: 2024*
- DC Meetings With Staff: 2019, 2021, 2023
- District Office Meetings: 2021 (with Rep Case)*, 2023*, 2024 (with Case)*

^{*}Denotes Constituent Meeting

Peace Corps Issues and Rep. Case

Green = Actions in support of Peace Corps | | Red = Actions against Peace Corps |

| Issue/Legislation | Action |
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| House Dear Colleague Letter: Peace Corps Funding | Did not sign in 2005, 2019-2025 Signed on in 2006 |
| 118th Congress (2023-2024) Ogles Amendment A vote was taken on a proposal to further reduce FY 2024 Peace Corps funding by an additional \$14 million. NPCA opposed this amendment, which was defeated 295 to 135. | 2023: Voted No |
| 118th Congress (2023-2024) Peace Corps Reauthorization Act (H.R. 1273) | Did not co-sponsor in 2024 Did not co-sponsor in 2023 (Voted Yes when House passed legislation in 2022) |
| 118th Congress (2023-2024) Peace Corps/AmeriCorps Student Loan Forgiveness Act (H.R. 7457) | Did not co-sponsor in 2024 |
| House Peace Corps Caucus | Has not joined in 2025 Did not join in 2019–2024 |
| 117th Congress (2021-2022) Menstrual Equity in the Peace Corps Act (H.R. 1467) | Co-sponsored in 2021-2022 |
| 117th Congress (2021-2022) Respect for Peace Corps Volunteers Act (H.R. 4188) | Co-sponsored in 2021-2022 |
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| 116th Congress (2019-2020) Peace Corps Specific COVID-19 Legislation (H.R. 6833 and H.R. 6560) | H.R. 6833: Co-sponsored H.R. 6560: Did not co-sponsor |
| 116th Congress (2019-2020) Walker Amendment: A vote on a proposal to offset disaster relief funding by cutting many programs, including elimination of Peace Corps funding for FY 2020 NPCA opposed this amendment, which was defeated 315 to 110 | Voted No |

Other Notes: In May, 2021, Representative Case introduced the Blue Pacific Act (H.R. 2967), which includes provisions to increase Peace Corps' presence in the Pacific region.

House of Representatives



Rep. Jill Tokuda

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Began Service in the House of Representatives: 2023

District Offices: Honolulu

Committee Assignments:

Agriculture

Armed Services

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Key Caucuses: Progressive

Meeting History with the Peace Corps Community:

DC Meetings With Lawmaker: 2023*

• DC Meetings With Staff: 2024*

District Office Meetings: None

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Peace Corps Issues and Rep. Tokuda Green = Actions in support of Peace Corps | Red = Actions against Peace Corps

| Issue/Legislation | Action |
|--|---|
| House Dear Colleague Letter: Peace Corps Funding | Signed on in 2023-2025 |
| 118th Congress (2023-2024) Ogles Amendment A vote was taken on a proposal to further reduce FY 2024 Peace Corps funding by an additional \$14 million. NPCA opposed this amendment, which was defeated 295 to 135. | Voted No in 2023 |
| 118th Congress (2023-2024) Peace Corps Reauthorization Act (H.R.1273) | Co-sponsored in 2023-2024 |
| 118th Congress (2023-2024) Peace Corps/AmeriCorps Student Loan Forgiveness Act (H.R. 7457) | Co-sponsored in 2024 |
| House Peace Corps Caucus | Has not joined in 2025 Did not join in 2023, 2024 |
| 117th Congress (2021-2022) Respect for Peace Corps Volunteers Act (H.R. 1411) | N/A |
| 116th Congress (2019-2020) Peace Corps Specific COVID-19 Legislation (H.R. 6833 and H.R. 6560) | H.R. 6833: N/A H.R. 6560: N/A |

Other Notes