



**2009 ACLU of Hawaii  
Legislative Report Card**

**HAWAII COUNTY**

The ACLU of Hawaii compiled legislators' votes in 2009 on over 85 bills and resolutions impacting civil rights and found that Hawaii Island legislators often vote in support of civil rights. In fact, Hawaii Island legislators generally supported the ACLU of Hawaii's legislative priorities, including bills to require emergency rooms to offer emergency contraception to sexual assault survivors, to allow incarcerated individuals to vote and to eliminate mandatory minimum sentences for non-violent offenders. A bill to establish civil unions for same-sex couples was supported by most Hawaii Island legislators except for Senators Green, Kokubun, Takamine, Evans, and Sagum. Consult the chart below to see how your legislators voted on civil rights issues and ask them to vote in support of future civil rights bills in the Hawaii State Legislature.

<b>Senate Member</b>	<b>District</b>	<b>Party</b>	<b>Total Vote Opportunities on Civil Rights Bills</b>	<b>Civil Rights Bill Vote Absences</b>	<b>Anti-Civil Rights Votes</b>	<b>Pro-Civil Rights Votes</b>	<b>% of votes in support of civil rights bills</b>
Green, Josh M.D.	North and South Kohala, North and South Kona	Dem	73	0	23	50	68%
Kokubun, Russell	Waiakea Uka, Kalapana, Volcano, Kahuku	Dem	70	0	21	49	70%
Takamine, Dwight	Hilo, Honokaa, Laupahoehoe, Hamakua, Waiakea Uka, Keaukaha, Waimea	Dem	78	4	21	53	68%

House of Representatives Member	District	Party	Total Vote Opportunities on Civil Rights Bills	Civil Rights Bill Vote Absences	Anti-Civil Rights Votes	Pro-Civil Rights Votes	% of votes in support of civil rights bills
Chang, Jerry	South Hilo, Waiakea Kai, Kaumana, Keaukaha	Dem	91	13	28	50	55%
Coffman, Denny	North Kona, Keauhou, Kailua-Kona, Honokohau	Dem	103	0	34	69	67%
Evans, Cindy	North Kona, South Kohala	Dem	85	0	28	57	67%
Hanohano, Faye	Puna, Pahoia, Hawaiian Acres, Kalapana	Dem	131	0	34	97	74%
Herkes, Robert	Puna, Kau, South Kona, North Kona	Dem	96	10	21	65	68%
Nakashima, Mark	North Kohala, South Kohala, Hamakua, North Hilo, South Hilo	Dem	128	7	31	90	70%
Sagum, Roland D. III	Niihau, Lehua, Koloa, Waimea	Dem	104	7	37	60	58%
Tsuji, Clift	South Hilo, Panaewa, Puna, Keeau, Kurtistown	Dem	92	0	27	65	71%

If you have comments, concerns, and/or would like more information on how to help the ACLU of Hawaii protect and promote civil rights in the Hawaii State Legislature, please email our legislative team at [legislative@acluhawaii.org](mailto:legislative@acluhawaii.org). If you would like to receive further communications from the ACLU of Hawaii from our legislative, litigation and/or public education programs, including 'Ohana Action Alerts, please send your email address to [office@acluhawaii.org](mailto:office@acluhawaii.org).

