Hawaii Senator Brian Schatz  
Democrat (@SenBrianSchatz)  

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Hawaii Current Volunteers: 0 (24 pre-evacuation)  
(Hawaii Volunteers in 1966: 76)  
Hawaii Volunteers Since 1961: 1,482  

Began Service in the Senate: 2012  

District Offices: Honolulu  

Committee Assignments: Commerce, Science and Transportation; Indian Affairs; Appropriations; Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs; Select Committee on Ethics  

As a member of the Appropriations Committee, Senator Schatz plays an important role in determining how much funding is allocated for various federal programs. He is not a member of the State/Foreign Operations Subcommittee, which plays a major role in recommending funding levels for the Peace Corps  

Key Staff: Will Rogers (Foreign Policy Issues)  

Meeting History with the Peace Corps Community (* Denotes Constituent Meeting):  
- DC Meetings With Lawmaker: None  
- DC Meetings With Staff: 2016*  
- District Office Meetings: None  

From The Website (www.schatz.senate.gov):  

Brian previously served as the Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawaii, where he turned the Office of Lieutenant Governor into a flexible and dynamic force for the State of Hawaii’s economic turnaround.  

Before being elected Lieutenant Governor, Brian served for eight years as the CEO of Helping Hands Hawaii, one of Hawaii’s largest non-profit community social services organizations.  

Senator Schatz was raised in Hawaii, and graduated from Pomona College in Claremont, California.
(Senator Brian Schatz)

On the Issues

Peace Corps Funding

- Signed Senate “Dear Colleague” Letters on Peace Corps Funding: N/A
  2014: NO  2016-2020: YES

International Affairs Funding

- Signed Senate “Dear Colleague” Letters supporting robust international affairs funding

Peace Corps Specific COVID-19 Legislation


CORPS Act (S. 3964)
(Expand COVID-19 National Service Response Positions - Including Priority Preference for Evacuees)
- 116th Congress (2019-2020): Not currently a co-sponsor

Peace Corps Mission Accountability Act (S.2320) - Legislation opposed by NPCA
- 116th Congress (2019-2020): Not currently a co-sponsor

Other

Sam Farr/Nick Castle Peace Corps Reform Act of 2018 (S. 2286)
(signed into law in 2018)
- 115th Congress (2017-18): Did not co-sponsor

Peace Corps Equity Act of 2014 (S. 2291)
- 113th Congress (2013-14): CO-SPONSOR

Peace Corps Commemorative Legislation (S. 230)
(Signed into law 2014)
- 112th Congress (2011-12): N/A
- 113th Congress (2013-14): Part of unanimous vote that passed the legislation

Kate Puzey Peace Corps Volunteer Protection Act of 2011
(Signed into law in 2011)
- 112th Congress (2011-12): N/A
- Senator Schatz also signed a 2014 letter to federal authorities urging more involvement in the investigation of the death of Peace Corps Volunteer Kate Puzey

Peace Corps Improvement and Expansion Act
(Not signed into law)
- 111th Congress (2009-10): N/A
Hawaii Senator Mazie K. Hirono
Democrat (@maziehirono)

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Hawaii Current Volunteers: 0 (24 pre-evacuation)
(Hawaii Volunteers in 1966: 76)
Hawaii Volunteers Since 1961: 1,482

Began Service in Senate: 2013

District Offices: Honolulu

Committee Assignments: Armed Services; Energy and Natural Resources; Veteran’s Affairs, Small Business and Entrepreneurship; Judiciary

Key Staff: Jed D’Ercole (Foreign Policy Issues)

Meeting History with the Peace Corps Community (* Denotes Constituent Meeting):
- DC Meetings With Lawmaker: 2016*
- District Office Meetings: None

From The Website (www.hirono.senate.gov):

Raised in Honolulu, Hawaii, Hirono attended Ka’ahumanu Elementary and Koko Head Elementary Schools. She later graduated from Kaimuki High School, which at the time of her attendance had a predominantly Japanese American student body. Upon graduating from high school, Hirono enrolled at the University of Hawaii at Mānoa where, in 1970, she received a B.A. in psychology. She left Hawaii to attend Georgetown University Law Center. She was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa and obtained her J.D. in 1978. Hirono returned to Honolulu where she practiced law.

On the House Floor
(excerpt from March 10, 2010) “Peace Corps volunteers have helped to increase cultural awareness, tolerance, and respect at home and abroad. The compassion and commitment of these volunteers have left significant and enduring impacts on individuals and communities throughout the world.”

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(Senator Mazie K. Hirono)

On the Issues

Peace Corps Funding
● Signed Senate “Dear Colleague” Letters on Peace Corps Funding: N/A
● 2014, 2016-2020: YES

International Affairs Funding
● Signed Senate “Dear Colleague” Letters supporting robust international affairs funding

Peace Corps Specific COVID-19 Legislation
● S. 3700 - 116th Congress (2019-2020): Not currently a co-sponsor

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Peace Corps Improvement and Expansion Act
(Not signed into law)
● 111th Congress (2009-10): N/A

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Hawaii Representative Ed Case
Democrat—1st District

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Hawaii Current Volunteers: 0 (24 pre-evacuation)
(Hawaii Volunteers in 1966: 76)
Volunteers in the 1st District as of Sep. 2016: 12
Hawaii Volunteers Since 1961: 1,482

Began Service in the House of Representatives: 2019
(previously served in the House from 2003 to 2006)

District Offices: Honolulu

Committee Assignments: Appropriations; Natural Resources

Key Staff: Ben Chao (Foreign Policy Issues)

Meeting History with the Peace Corps Community (* Denotes Constituent Meeting):
● DC Meetings With Lawmaker: None
● DC Meetings With Staff: 2019
● District Office Meetings: None

From the Website (https://www.edcase.com):

Daniel Case’s family has been in Hawaii since 1896 and he believes that all the descendants carry an unbreakable bond to Hawai‘i and a sense of obligation to make it better. He was raised on the big island of Hawaii, with no TV reception, no computers, video games, etc., we were left to our own entertainment, almost all of which was outdoors.

He attended Williams College in Massachusetts, graduating with a major in psychology in 1975. After graduation, when he went to work in Washington, D.C. for U.S. Representative and later U.S. Senator Spark Matsunaga as his Legislative Assistant. Dan had always known that his future lay at home and that it would include some form of public service.

When he returned home, he worked as a law clerk in the Hawaii Supreme Court and later became a private lawyer. From there he got into politics. He was elected into the State House of Representatives and years later he ran for Governor. Was elected into Congress, serving for three terms.
(Representative Ed Case)

On the Issues

Peace Corps Funding

- Signed House “Dear Colleague” Letters on Peace Corps Funding:
  2006: YES
  2005, 2019, 2020: NO
- 6/18/19 House vote on Walker Amendment, which included eliminating FY2020 Peace Corps Funding: NO (Final vote was 110 Yes, 315 No...Walker amendment was not passed)

Peace Corps Caucus

- 116th Congress (2019-2020): Not currently a member
- 115th Congress (2017-18): N/A

Peace Corps Specific COVID-19 Legislation


Menstrual Equity in the Peace Corps Act (H.R. 6118)


Peace Corps Reauthorization Legislation (HR 3456)


Respect for Peace Corps Volunteers Act (HR 1411)

- 115th Congress (2017-18): N/A

Peace Corps Stamp Act (HR 325)

- 116th Congress (2019-2020): Not currently a co-sponsor
- 115th Congress (2017-18): N/A

Other

Sam Farr/Nick Castle Peace Corps Enhancement Act (HR 2259)
(Signed into law in 2018)

- 115th Congress (2017-18): N/A
- 114th Congress (2015-16): N/A

Peace Corps Equity Act of 2014 (HR 4578)

- 113th Congress (2013-2014): N/A

Peace Corps Commemorative Legislation (HR 915)
(Signed into law in 2014)

- 113th Congress (2013-14): N/A

Kate Puzey Peace Corps Volunteer Protection Act of 2011
(Signed into law in 2011)

- 112th Congress (2011-12): N/A

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Hawaii Representative Tulsi Gabbard
Democrat – 2nd District (@TulsiPress)

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Hawaii Current Volunteers: 0 (24 pre-evacuation)
(Hawaii Volunteers in 1966: 76)
Volunteers in the 2nd District: 20
Hawaii Volunteers Since 1961: 1,482

Began Service in the House of Representatives: 2013

District Offices: Honolulu

Committee Assignments: Armed Services; Financial Services

Key Staff: Colin Finn (Foreign Policy Issues)

Meeting History with the Peace Corps Community (* Denotes Constituent Meeting):
- DC Meetings With Lawmaker: None
- DC Meetings With Staff: 2014, 2016*
- District Office Meetings: None

From the Website (www.gabbard.house.gov):

Tulsi Gabbard was born in Leloaloa, American Samoa in 1981, the fourth of five children. At the age of two, Tulsi and her family settled in Hawai’i where as a teenager, she co-founded the Healthy Hawai’i Coalition, a non-profit teaching children to take care of themselves and the environment. An advocate for environmental policy, Tulsi ran for the Hawai’i State Legislature in 2002 and became the youngest person ever elected. A year later, Tulsi joined the Hawai’i National Guard to serve Hawai’i’s citizens and our country.
(Representative Tulsi Gabbard)

On the Issues

Peace Corps Funding

- 6/18/19 House vote on Walker Amendment, which included eliminating FY2020 Peace Corps Funding: NO (Final vote was 110 Yes, 315 No...Walker amendment was not passed)

Peace Corps Caucus

- 116th Congress (2019-2020): Not currently a member
- 115th Congress (2017-18): Did not join
- 2013-2016: Did not join

Peace Corps Specific COVID-19 Legislation


Menstrual Equity in the Peace Corps Act (H.R. 6118)

- 116th Congress (2019-2020): Not currently a co-sponsor

Respect for Peace Corps Volunteers Act (HR 1411)

- 116th Congress (2019-2020): Not currently a co-sponsor
- 115th Congress (2017-18): Did not co-sponsor
- 2013-2016: Did not co-sponsor

Peace Corps Stamp Act (HR 325)

- 116th Congress (2019-2020): Not currently a co-sponsor
- 115th Congress (2017-18): Did not co-sponsor
- 2013-2016: Did not co-sponsor

Other

Sam Farr/Nick Castle Peace Corps Enhancement Act (HR 2259)

(Signed into law in 2018)

- 115th Congress (2017-18): Did not co-sponsor
- 114th Congress (2015-16): Did not co-sponsor

Peace Corps Equity Act of 2014 (HR 4578)

- 113th Congress (2013-2014): Did not co-sponsor

Peace Corps Commemorative Legislation (HR 915)

(Signed into law in 2014)

- 113th Congress (2013-14): CO-SPONSOR
- 1/13/14 House Vote to Support Commemorative (passed 387 – 7) Did not vote

Kate Puzey Peace Corps Volunteer Protection Act of 2011

(Signed into law in 2011)

- 112th Congress (2011-12): N/A
- Representative Gabbard also signed a 2014 letter to federal authorities urging more involvement in the investigation of the death of Peace Corps Volunteer Kate Puzey

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