

# United States Senate



## Senator Mazie Hirono Hawai'i Democrat

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Hawai'i 2023 Volunteers Sent: 11

Hawai'i Volunteers Since 1961: 1,489

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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:** Rebecca Gansca, *Foreign Policy Issues*,  
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### Key Caucuses:

### Meeting History with the Peace Corps Community:

- DC Meetings With Lawmaker: 2016\*
- DC Meetings With Staff: 2007, 2008, 2011, 2014, 2016, 2023\*
- 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: <b>Peace Corps Funding</b>	<b>Signed on</b> in 2014, 2016–2023
Senate Dear Colleague Letter: <b>Support robust international affairs funding</b>	<b>Did not</b> sign in 2017, 2018 <b>Signed on</b> in 2019, 2021, 2022 <b>Signed on</b> in 2020 (COVID–19 International Response)
118th Congress (2023–2024) <b>Peace Corps Reauthorization Act (S.1203)</b>	<b>Has not</b> co-sponsored in 2024 <b>Did not</b> co-sponsor in 2022,2023
117th Congress (2021–2022) <b>Health Force, Resilience Force and Jobs to Fight COVID–19 Act (S. 32)</b>	<b>Did not</b> co-sponsor in 2021–2022
116th Congress (2019–2020) <b>Peace Corps Specific COVID–19 Legislation</b>	<b>S. 3700: Did not</b> co-sponsor <b>S. 3642: Did not</b> co-sponsor
116th Congress (2019–2020) <b>CORPS Act (S. 3964)</b> <i>Expand COVID–19 National Service Response Positions (Including Priority Preference for Evacuees)</i>	<b>Did not</b> co-sponsor
116th Congress (2019–2020) <b>Peace Corps Mission Accountability Act (S. 2320)</b> <i>Legislation opposed by NPCA</i>	<b>Did not</b> 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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Hawai'i 2023 Volunteers Sent: 11

Hawai'i Volunteers Since 1961: 1,489

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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 (Chair)
- 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 does not sit on 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.

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**Key Caucuses:**

### Meeting History with the Peace Corps Community:

- DC Meetings With Lawmaker: None
- DC Meetings With Staff: 2016\*, 2023\*
- 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: <b>Peace Corps Funding</b>	<b>Did not</b> sign in 2014 <b>Signed on</b> in 2016–2023
Senate Dear Colleague Letter: <b>Support robust international affairs funding</b>	<b>Signed on</b> in 2017–2019, 2021, 2022 <b>Did not sign</b> in 2020 (COVID–19 International Response)
118th Congress (2023–2024) <b>Peace Corps Reauthorization Act (S.1203)</b>	<b>Co-sponsor</b> in 2024 <b>Co-sponsor</b> in 2023 <b>Co-sponsor</b> in 2022
117th Congress (2021–2022) <b>Health Force, Resilience Force and Jobs to Fight COVID–19 Act (S. 32)</b>	<b>Original co-sponsor</b>
116th Congress (2019–2020) <b>Peace Corps Specific COVID–19 Legislation</b>	<b>S. 3700: Did not</b> co-sponsor <b>S. 3642: Did not</b> co-sponsor
116th Congress (2019–2020) <b>CORPS Act (S. 3964)</b> <i>Expand COVID–19 National Service Response Positions (Including Priority Preference for Evacuees)</i>	<b>Did not</b> co-sponsor
116th Congress (2019–2020) <b>Peace Corps Mission Accountability Act (S. 2320)</b> <i>Legislation opposed by NPCA</i>	<b>Did not</b> 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**  
**Hawai'i 1st District Democrat**

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**Hawai'i 2023 Volunteers Sent: 11**

**Hawai'i Volunteers Since 1961: 1,489**

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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
- Natural Resources

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 does not sit on the State/Foreign Operations subcommittee, which determines funding levels for international affairs programs, including Peace Corps.

**Key Staff:** Krista Wunsche, *Foreign Policy Issues*, [krista.wunsche@mail.house.gov](mailto:krista.wunsche@mail.house.gov)

**Key Caucuses:** Problem Solvers

**Meeting History with the Peace Corps Community:**

- DC Meetings With Lawmaker: None
- DC Meetings With Staff: 2019, 2021, 2023
- District Office Meetings: 2021 (with Rep Case)\*, 2023\*

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# Peace Corps Issues and Rep. Case

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

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

**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 Hawai'i 2nd District **Democrat**

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**Hawai'i Volunteers Since 1961: 1,489**

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**Began Service in the House of Representatives:** 2023

**District Offices:** Hilo

**Committee Assignments:**

- Agriculture
- Armed Services

**Key Staff:** Ben Chao, *Foreign Policy Issues*, [ben.chao@mail.house.gov](mailto:ben.chao@mail.house.gov)

**Key Caucuses:** Progressive

**Meeting History with the Peace Corps Community:**

- DC Meetings With Lawmaker: 2023\*
- DC Meetings With Staff: None
- District Office Meetings: None

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# Peace Corps Issues and Rep. Tokuda

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

## Other Notes