



Member of the following committees:

HLT - [Health \(Chair\)](#)

EDN - [Education](#)

HAW - [Hawaiian Affairs](#)

HED - [Higher Education](#)

HUS - [Human Services](#)

Personal

- Married to Jennifer Higa; two sons, Daniel (5) and Gavan (1)

Education

- St. Louis High School
- University of Hawaii, BA in Psychology 1992
- University of Hawaii, Masters of Social Work 1996
- University of Hawaii, Masters of Business Administration 2002

Political Office

- Elected in November, 2004
- Assistant Majority Floor Leader, 2004-2006
- Majority Whip, 2006-2008

- Chair of the House Tourism and Culture Committee, 2006-2008
- Chair of the House Committee on Health, 2008-present

Member of the Following Committees

- Education
- Higher Education
- Hawaiian Affairs
- Human Services

Professional

- Social Worker, Queen's Medical Center
- Instructor in Business Education, Hawaii Pacific University, teaching undergraduate business students the relativity of business within society, the social and political impacts of business practices (2008)
 - Clinical Director, of Ho'okupuono Program, providing adolescent day treatment programs (1998- 2006)
 - Social Worker, Mental Health Specialist, and Care Coordinator for the State of Hawaii, Child and Family Service, Queen's Medical Center-Family Treatment Center and Hale Kipa Inc., providing various clinical services, educational and supportive counseling, and crisis intervention to individuals and families. (1991-1998)

Community Service

- American Red Cross Volunteer
- FEMA/Civil Defense Community Emergency Response Team Volunteer
- Honolulu Police Department Volunteer
- Medical Reserve Corp Volunteer
- Citizen's Police Academy
- Business Police Academy
- Neighborhood Board Member, Waipahu District 22, 1999-2004
- Pacific Century Fellows, class of 2006
- Flemming Fellows, class of 2006
- Leeward Lion's Club member
- Leeward YMCA Board of Managers Member
- Mililani Toastmasters Club Member

Member of the Democratic party