



## PRIME-ARY PERSPECTIVE: HAWAII

PRIME-ARY Perspectives is a series that will give you an overview of the most noteworthy results from each state's primary election, focusing on congressional districts that are likely to be most competitive in November, as well as those that will have new representation in 2019 because of retirements.

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### HAWAII



This year, Hawaii has races in all of the top-tier categories. In addition to its two House seats, there will be a gubernatorial and Senate election in November. However, Hawaii is a deep blue state and any drama associated with any of these races is likely to have played out in yesterday's primary, as all of these seats will stay in Democratic hands.

### GUBERNATORIAL



In 2014, David Ige (D) was elected Governor with 49% of the vote - besting a Republican candidate and an Independent that garnered more than 11% of the vote. He is running for reelection this year but faced a primary challenge from current Rep. Colleen Hanabusa. Ige likely secured his reelection last night by winning 51.4% of the Democratic vote, with Hanabusa winning 44.4%. Hanabusa had devoted considerable resources to emphasizing the missile alert false alarm that Hawaiians faced in January but that message was ultimately not enough to push her over the line.

Ige will face Andria Tupola (R), the Minority Leader of the Hawaii state House of Representatives. She will have an up-hill battle in November.

The Cook Political Report rates this race as "Solid Democratic."

### SENATE

Sen. Mazie Hirono (D) will be back in Washington for her second term after running unopposed in the Democratic primary yesterday. In



winning her first term in 2012, Hirono secured 62.6% of the vote and is likely to see similar success in November. She is the first female Senator from Hawaii.

She will face Ron Curtis (R), a retired systems engineer who said his top priority would be "getting Hawaii out from under the Jones Act."

This race is rated as "Safe Democratic."

## HI-01



When Rep. Colleen Hanabusa announced that she would not seek reelection, choosing instead to primary Gov. David Ige, Hawaii's First District opened up.

The seat is considered to be "Safe Democratic" with a partisan tilt of D+17. Therefore, like the other races from yesterday, the winner of yesterday's Democratic primary is almost guaranteed to be the victor in November.



### Ed Case (D)

Former Rep. Ed Case is almost assured to be back in Congress in January. Case, a Blue Dog Democrat, represented Hawaii's 2nd District from 2002-2007. He also previously served in the Hawaii state House of Representatives. Case lost a primary election for the U.S. Senate in 2006 to Sen. Daniel Akaka. This year, Case said he ran because the government is not functioning and that he believes he could help solve some of the problems the country faces. Case won 40% of the vote in the five-way

primary.

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