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Low voter turnout and campaign finance reform were among the issues tackled Thursday at the state Capitol.

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Civil Beat was at the Capitol on Thursday for [Apathy and Influence](#), a panel discussion on how good government bills are faring in the legislative session.

Panelists included state Sen. Maile Shimabukuro, Common Cause Executive Director Carmille Lim, and the League of Women Voters' Janet Mason. The discussion was moderated by Chad Blair of Civil Beat.

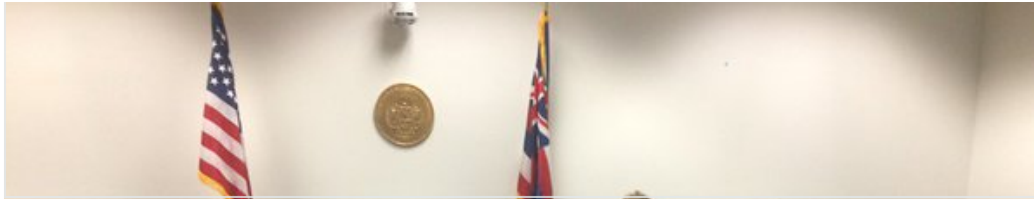
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Panel members, from left, Sen. Maile Shimabukuro, Janet Mason from the League of Women Voters and Carmille Lim of Common Cause Hawaii.

Sen. Russell Ruderman, who was sitting in the audience, joined midway to talk about his term limit bill, which was [killed](#) earlier this month.

Panelists also discussed low voter turnout, campaign finance reform and the practice of legislators sharing their campaign funds with other politicians.



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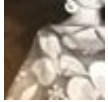
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This was an excellent event. The public should pay more attention to who they elect.

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**Peggy Graybill** · Volunteering at Nu'uuanu Congregational Church

I moved to Hawaii a year ago and have been looking at ways to become more active in local government. I also attended the event and was struck by the figure of 36% unregistered eligible voters in the Islands. I will be looking for ways to help with voter registration and would to encourage my church in Nu'uuanu to help with this. Any ideas?

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