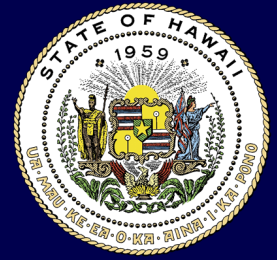




HAWAII STATE SENATOR BENNETTE E. MISALUCHA

*Pearl City Neighborhood Board
Legislative Report*



NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2021

Dear Neighbors and Friends,

Aloha mai kakou. This has been a busy month, with bills that passed the Third Reading making it to the March 11 First Crossover date – a midpoint of the Legislative session where bills passed in the Senate are considered by the House, and vice versa. I have also introduced 15 Senate Resolutions that I have listed in this issue. To see a full list, go to page 3 of my report.

I joined other area legislators including Governor David Ige in our first virtual Pearl City / Aiea Town Hall on March 11, 2021. The discussion centered on COVID-19, and Dr. Libby Char of the Department of Health will gave us an update on COVID-19 and answered questions from Zoom attendees. Mahalo to all those who attended!

In the meantime, let us continue to keep our guard up against COVID-19. I encourage you to continue doing your best to wear a mask, wash your hands, and practice social distancing to keep our community healthy and thriving.

Very Truly Yours,

Senator Bennette E. Misalucha
District 16

Calendar of Events

March

- 23** Pearl City Neighborhood Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 25** Second Lateral (Bills)
- 26** Kuhio Day
- 31** First Crossover (Concurrent Resos)

April

- 2** Good Friday
- 4** Easter Sunday
- 5** Second Crossover (Bills) & Disagree
- 27** Pearl City Neighborhood Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 29** Legislature Adjournment

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CAPITOL UPDATE

Pearl City / Aiea Town Hall



Governor David Ige gave residents a brief update on the state of our economy at the March 11th Pearl City and Aiea Town Hall. He was very pleased to announce that there will be no plans for furloughs and layoffs for state workers now that President Joe Biden signed the \$1.9 trillion COVID-19 Relief Bill. "With the COVID-19 Relief Bill passed, our state will receive \$1.6 billion to deal with our budget crisis," said Governor Ige. He also said the relief package expands unemployment benefits through September 6. Visit <https://us17.admin.mailchimp.com/campaigns/show?id=5666054> to read more about the COVID-19 Relief Bill package impact on Hawaii's taxpayers, education and more.



5 KEY RESOLUTIONS INTRODUCED BY SENATOR MISALUCHA

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2 SCR67 / SR49

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3 SCR82 / SR62

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4 SCR84 / SR64

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5 SCR219 / SR179

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CAPITOL UPDATE

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SCR68 / SR50

Requesting the Legislative Reference Bureau to conduct a study on ways to close the digital divide

SCR81 / SR61

Urging the Department of Education to include the teaching of financial literacy in the existing personal transition plan course requirement for each student

SCR82 / SR62

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SCR83 / SR63

Urging the department of education to use coronavirus aid, relief, and economic security act and coronavirus response and relief supplemental appropriations act monies to retain teachers and prevent furloughs

SCR84 / SR64

Requesting the Hawaii Technology Development Corporation and Leeward Community College to study the feasibility of establishing technology academy programs at Aiea High School and Pearl City High School

SCR95 / SR74

Requesting the Governor to convene a working group to develop recommendations for effective communications with limited English proficient persons and persons with disabilities before, during, and after emergencies and natural disasters

SCR96 / SR75

Requesting the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations to convene a working group to improve access to government services for immigrants and increase immigrant opportunities to make civic and economic contributions to the community

SCR218 / SR178

Urging the Governor's coordinator on homelessness to include a representative from a LGBTQ+-focused nonprofit organization in the membership of the Hawaii interagency council on homelessness to address the specific needs of LGBTQ+ youth across the State

SCR219 / SR179

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SCR220 / SR180

Recognizing the seventy-fifth anniversary of diplomatic relations between the United States and the Philippines

SCR221 / SR181

Urging the city and county of Honolulu to adopt a streamlined permitting process like Hoala Loko Ia for the restoration, repair, maintenance, and reconstruction of traditional Hawaiian fishpond systems under its jurisdiction

SCR222/SR182

Urging the Legislative Reference Bureau to conduct a study on the best practices for telework and alternative work schedules, including policies, guidelines, standards, and procedures, to be adopted and implemented by government executive agencies, businesses, and nonprofit organizations in Hawaii

SCR223 / SR183

Requesting the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to conduct a study to examine the use and effects of transaction medium equity, which includes electronic transactions and cash transactions, on consumers and businesses in the State of Hawaii

COMMUNITY UPDATE

The Hawaii State Department of Health has expanded the pool of those eligible for COVID-19 vaccinations. Those ages 65 years and older are now included in phase 1C effective Monday, March 15, 2021. For more information and to register for a COVID-19 vaccination, visit <https://hawaii-covid19.com/>.

65+
now invited to get vaccinated.

Find locations and register for an appointment at

[HawaiiCOVID19.com/Vaccine](https://hawaii-covid19.com/Vaccine)



Mahalo to Lahui Foundation for distributing the truckload of much needed donated items to Hauula families. It was all part of our “Donation Drive-By for North Shore Families Affected by the Floodings” on March 13, 2021. I am overwhelmed by gratitude and feeling blessed because of all the volunteers who showed up in full force to help at Momilani Community Center, and the many Aiea, Halawa, and Pearl City residents who donated.