



# Hawaii State Senator Bennette E. Misalucha

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## Report to the 'Aiea Neighborhood Board No. 20 May 2021

Dear Neighbor,

The Legislature concluded its work on April 29, 2021, otherwise known as *Adjournment Sine Die*. After months of hearings, deadlines, and decision-making, there were 265 bills passed and 266 resolutions adopted this session. Looking back, we have hit many key milestones, and one such accomplishment was securing monies for CIP projects for 'Aiea High School. These funds were appropriated in the state budget bill ([HB200](#)), which covers the fiscal biennium beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2023. For more information, see my Capitol Update on page 2.

Last month, Kanu Hawaii and our office recognized the winners of the inaugural 'Aiea and Pearl City Community Heroes Award: Claire Tamamoto of 'Aiea and Elizabeth Vann of Pearl City. Mahalo to all of our nominees and for those who participated in Volunteer Week Hawaii 2021. For more information, see page 3.

Thank you to those who stayed engaged throughout the legislative process, and I hope to continue having these conversations with you all during the interim. If you already have ideas of legislation I can introduce for the 2022 Legislative Session, or have any community concerns I can help to address, please do not hesitate to contact my office. Mahalo for the opportunity to serve you.

Very Truly Yours,

Senator Bennette E. Misalucha  
District 16

## Calendar of Events

### May 2021

- 10** 'Aiea Neighborhood Board Meeting, 7:00pm
- 13** Informational Meeting on the Restaurant Revitalization Grant, 2:30pm
- 17** 'Aiea Community Association Meeting, 7:00pm
- 31** Memorial Day Holiday

### June 2021

- 11** King Kamehameha Day Holiday
- 21** 'Aiea Community Association Meeting, 7:00pm

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## CAPITOL UPDATES

### Senator Misalucha Secures Over \$11.1 Million in Capital Improvement Monies for Three Aiea and Pearl City Schools

Senator Misalucha has secured more than \$11.1 million in CIP funds targeted for improvement to infrastructure and facilities at three 'Aiea and Pearl City schools.

The budget, which covers the fiscal biennium beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2023, was unanimously approved by the Senate and House conference committee on April 19, 2021.

"I am extremely pleased that our 'Aiea and Pearl City schools will be receiving funds to improve infrastructure and other facilities on their campuses," said Senator Misalucha. "Our students and staff deserve the best and I'm thankful to my legislative colleagues for their support of my CIP priorities."

\$1 million was also appropriated to 'Aiea High School for drainage improvements.

**SENATOR**  
**Bernadette Misalucha**  
SECURES MONIES FOR  
FOR AIEA AND PEARL CITY  
SCHOOLS

**\$6,200,000 FOR 'AIEA HIGH SCHOOL** - DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION FOR A NEW STATE OF THE ART CULINARY PROGRAM AND A NEW MULTIPURPOSE ROOM IN THE CAFETERIA AND RENOVATION OF BUILDING C, ROOM 1 AND 2.

**\$2,550,000 FOR PEARL CITY HIGH SCHOOL** - TO RENOVATE MEDICAL CLASSROOM; REPLACE GYM BLEACHERS; GROUND AND SITE IMPROVEMENTS; EQUIPMENT AND APPURTENANCES.

**\$2,400,000 FOR WAI'AU ELEMENTARY SCHOOL** - DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION FOR A COVERED WALKWAY BETWEEN BUILDINGS; GROUND AND SITE IMPROVEMENTS; EQUIPMENT AND APPURTENANCES.

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### Legislation Introduced by Senator Misalucha Passes the Legislature

Senator Misalucha introduced 15 bills, 15 resolutions, and signed over 300 other pieces of legislation during the 2021 Legislative Session. Below is a list of the measures that she introduced that passed the Legislature. Additionally, eight of her Senate Resolutions were adopted. For a full list, click [here](#).

[SB1421 SD2 HD2 CD1](#)— Relating to Dual Use Technology: Creates a dual use technology task force within the department of business, economic development, and tourism to explore how dual use technology can be used to promote economic recovery and diversify the State's economy. Requires the task force to submit reports to the legislature prior to the regular sessions of 2023 and 2025.

[SCR66 SD1 HD1](#)— CONDEMNING AND DENOUNCING ALL FORMS OF ANTI-ASIAN SENTIMENT AND ALL ACTS OF RACISM, XENOPHOBIA, INTOLERANCE, DISCRIMINATION, HATE CRIME, AND HATE SPEECH AGAINST ASIAN AMERICANS AND ASIAN INDIVIDUALS IN THE UNITED STATES AND REQUESTING THE HAWAII CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION TO ANALYZE AND REPORT ON ANTI-ASIAN SENTIMENT AND ACTS IN THE STATE.

[SCR219 HD1](#)— URGING THE BROADBAND HUI TO INCLUDE A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE ON AGING AS A MEMBER OF THE HUI TO REPRESENT THE NEEDS OF KUPUNA WITH REGARD TO DIGITAL LITERACY, BROADBAND ACCESS, AND COMPUTER EQUIPMENT.

[SCR220 SD1](#)— RECOGNIZING THE SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES.

## COMMUNITY UPDATES

### Claire Tamamoto Selected as the 'Aiea Recipient of the 'Aiea and Pearl City Community Heroes Award

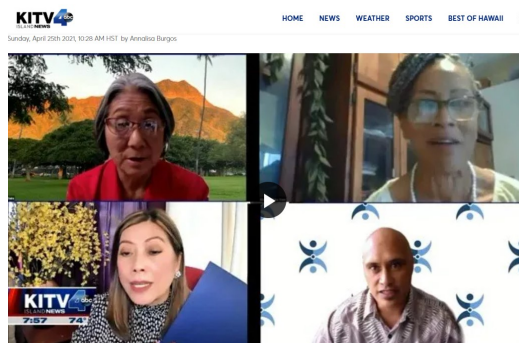
**Claire Tamamoto** has been selected as the 'Aiea recipient of the inaugural 'Aiea and Pearl City Community Heroes Award. Tamamoto has been a community volunteer and leader in 'Aiea for more than 20 years. She currently serves as president for several community organizations, including 'Aiea Community Association and 'Aiea Pony Baseball League. She has been instrumental in leading efforts to have affordable kupuna housing to be built on land where the former 'Aiea Sugar Mill was located. Governor David Ige once referred to her as “'Aiea Bulldog” for her tenacious volunteer efforts to preserve the character and historical roots of 'Aiea.

Tamamoto and Pearl City's Elizabeth Vann were recognized during a virtual awards ceremony on Saturday, April 24, 2021. Each will be presented with \$500, which will be donated to a non-profit, charitable organization of their choice.



Other noteworthy community volunteer nominees are: Dexter Aoki; Jeffrey Cudiamat; Johnelle Chun; Kelsey Poaha; Ken Suenaga; Mark Engler; and the Mana Loa Nimitz Lions Club.

A huge mahalo goes out to Kanu Hawaii for administering the 'Aiea and Pearl City Community Heroes Award and for selecting a panel of noteworthy judges who volunteered their time to read through all of the nominations: Founding member of Kanu Hawaii James Koshiba; KHON-TV's Kamaka Pili; and Na Hoku Hanohano Award winner Maila Gibson. Thank you to Annalisa Burgos of KITV for volunteering her time to host the 'Aiea and Pearl City Community Heroes Award virtual awards ceremony.



Two long-time volunteers from Aiea and Pearl City were honored Saturday night in an inaugural event meant to recognize the selfless men and women who make Hawaii a better and sustainable place.

See media coverage on KITV :

<https://youtu.be/V4PZgSz4vW0>



Senator Misalucha poses with Elizabeth Vann (left) and Claire Tamamoto of 'Aiea (center).

## COMMUNITY UPDATES



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Mark Spain, District Director

**Informational Webinar Conducted by:**

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Specialist, SBA

and

Dr. Dana Hauanio, Director, MBDA  
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## The Hawaii Pacific Islands District Office along with invited guests:

Senator Bennette E. Misalucha  
Representative Aaron Ling Johanson  
Representative Sam Kong  
Representative Gregg Takayama  
Representative Roy Takumi  
Council Member Brandon J.C. Elefante  
Department of Business Economic Development & Tourism  
City & County of Honolulu Office of Revitalization

Is pleased to invite you to an informational  
meeting on the  
Restaurant Revitalization Fund (RRF) Grant on:

**Thursday, May 13, 2021  
2:30-4:00**

This informational webinar will be held virtually on-line  
through Microsoft Teams and available in 17 different  
languages

**REGISTER TODAY on Eventbrite at  
[sbahi.eventbrite.com](http://sbahi.eventbrite.com)**

You will be able to select the language you need at the time of registration.

An in-person meeting will be held at the Aiea Elementary  
school cafeteria. Registration is required and seating is limited  
on a first come first served basis. To reserve your seat, please  
email [valerie.kubota@sba.gov](mailto:valerie.kubota@sba.gov) or call 808-460-8968

Following this webinar, you will be able to make appointments  
with one of the following resource partners to assist you in  
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- Veteran's Business Outreach Center

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