

Hawaii State Representative

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NEWSLETTER

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Aloha neighbors,

Hau'oli Makahiki Hou! As we enter the second year of the Legislative biennium, I am committed more than ever to continue to serve our community. It's an honor to be your voice at the Capitol. Over the course of the legislative session, my colleagues and I will work hard to introduce, hear, and pass measures to improve the lives of the residents of District 24 and Hawaii. Your input, as always, will help me best represent you, so please don't hesitate to reach out.

I look forward to continue to represent and advocate for you.

Sincerely,



OUR OFFICE AT WORK



Rep. Tam had the honor of delivering the opening remarks at the Chinese Cultural Center's annual holiday banquet.



Lieutenant Governor Sylvia Luke, Rep. Tam and a member of the ILWU local 142 at ILWU holiday gathering.



The Council of State Governments Western Legislative Academy was an opportunity for Rep Tam to meet with other legislators from western states and discuss initiatives to combat the fentanyl crisis, expand Medicaid, and tackle reform.



Lieutenant Governor Sylvia Luke and Rep. Tam at the annual MLK Jr. Day Parade in Waikiki.



Opening Day at the Hawaii State Capitol - talking with unions.



Annual Legislative Breakfast hosted by the Filipino Chamber of Commerce, engaging on various issues and Q&A with the Filipino business community.



Opening Day at the Hawaii State Capitol - with the Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement (CNHA) and Kumu Hina.



Opening Day at the Hawaii State Capitol - introducing the next generation of students to the legislative process.



Opening Day at the Hawaii State Capitol - meet the staff! (from right to left) Flora, Alan, Rep. Adrian Tam, Irene, Caroline.



Opening Day at the Hawaii State Capitol - with Waikiki Business Improvement District working towards a cleaner, safer Waikiki.



Opening Day at the Hawaii State Capitol - with Rep. Garrett, Rep. Nakamura, Rep. Nishimoto and Rep. Kapela.



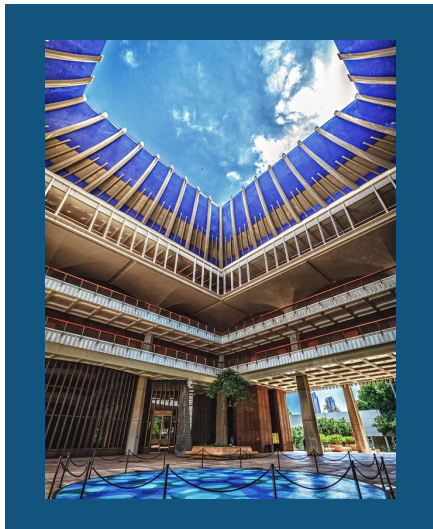
Opening Day at the Hawaii State Capitol - with Hawai'i Children's Action Network.



Opening Day at the Hawaii State Capitol - congratulating May Mizuno on her appointment.



LEGISLATIVE UPDATE



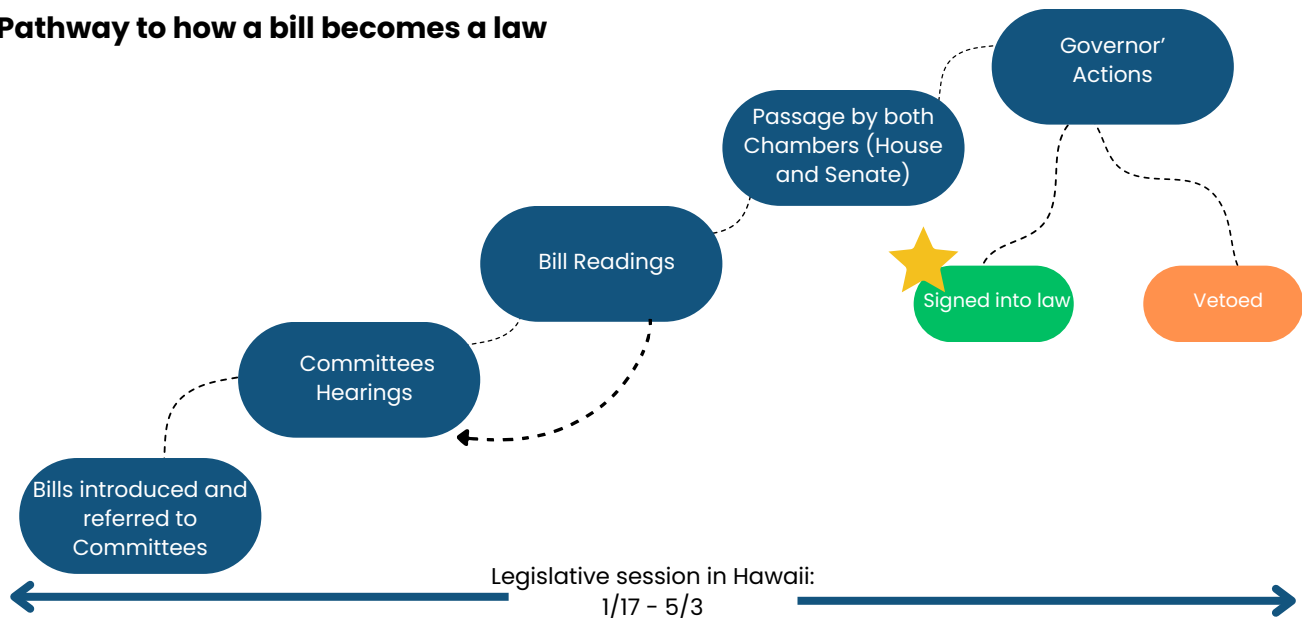
2023 Legislative Recap - 274 bills passed!

- over **\$440,000,000** in targeted tax relief for the next five years for **Hawaii's working families**
- **\$3,500,000** per fiscal year for the **Child and Adolescent Crisis Mobile Outreach Team Pilot Program**
- **\$170,000,000** to plan and build **teacher housing across the State**
- **\$194,200,000** to protect, manage, and restore the **State's natural resources**
- **\$10,800,000** each year for **homelessness programs**
- **\$38,800,000** for the **Preschool Open Doors program**
- **Firearms regulations** that strive to balance individual rights with public safety
- **SB588 "Relating to Excessive Noise"** with a pilot program to install noise detecting traffic cameras to fight illegally modified mufflers

LEG CORNER

Every month we will be giving you a view into how and what we do at the Capitol to make your voice be heard and pass law that enhance the lives of our constituents. This month we will focus on:

The Pathway to how a bill becomes a law



Hearings Use your voice at the Legislature!

Hearings provide legislators with opportunities to fact-find and receive public input on proposed law. By holding hearings, legislators are better equipped to make informed decisions on issues relevant to the particular subject matter committee's jurisdiction.

Public Hearing is a great way to use your voice at the Legislature. As we enter the second year of the legislative biennium, the bills that have not been enacted last year get to be prolonged: if there were any topics that were of concern to you and that you feel like advocating, this is your chance to get your voice heard!

To ask questions, get more information on how to communicate with your legislators, share an idea for a new law, ask for a Public Hearing, testify, learn more on how to be involved, give a call or email the Public Access Room, they'll be happy to help!

Public Access Room: (808) 587 - 0478 par@capitol.hawaii.gov

Glossary

Bill (or Measure): a proposal for a new law is called a bill. To become a law, a bill must successfully pass through a number of steps highlighted in the chart above.

Committee: a group of Members appointed to investigate, debate, and report on legislation. Eg: Committee on Agriculture and Environment, Committee on Culture, Arts & International Affairs...

Resolution: is a legislative measure that expresses the will or wish of either the House (HR), the Senate (SR), or both chambers (HCR, SCR). Resolutions are not laws, but rather reflect the position of the House, Senate, or Legislature as a whole.

Enacted legislation: legislation that has passed both Chambers of Congress and has become law by signature of the president (or Governor), a pocket veto, or a veto override.

REMINDER PEDESTRIAN SAFETY TIPS



PEDESTRIANS REMEMBER TO:

- Stay visible: Wear bright or reflective clothing, especially during low-light conditions.
- Use crosswalks: Always cross at designated crosswalks and obey traffic signals.
- Stay alert: Avoid distractions like phones and headphones while walking on roads.
- Make eye contact: Establish visual contact with drivers before crossing to ensure they see you.
- Walk against traffic: When no sidewalk is available, walk facing oncoming traffic to anticipate approaching vehicles.



DRIVERS REMEMBER TO:

- Yield to pedestrians: Always give the right of way to pedestrians, especially at crosswalks.
- Watch for signals: Pay attention to pedestrian traffic signals and obey them.
- Slow down in residential areas: Reduce speed in neighborhoods to account for potential pedestrian activity.
- Check blind spots: Before turning or changing lanes, double-check for pedestrians in blind spots.
- Avoid distractions: Stay focused on the road and eliminate distractions to be more aware of pedestrians.

CONDO CORNER


The first thing people usually think of when they hear the word “condominium” is a skyscraping apartment building. But condominiums are so much more than just buildings.

Life in a condominium comes with its own unique set of community living arrangements with shared spaces, an association, board of directors, common elements, and maintenance fees.

When you purchase a condominium unit, you are automatically a member of the condominium’s association, and you agree to abide by its governing documents and rules.

To learn more, check out the Real Estate Branch’s short video for new condominium owners at <https://youtu.be/FzAGd7m85tM>.

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