

# Hawaii State Representative Adrian K. Tam

House District 24



# NEWSLETTER

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Aloha neighbors,

Mahalo nui for your unwavering support and engagement in our legislative journey. As your dedicated House Representative, I am thrilled to say we've made progress on three impactful bills relating to mobile clinics (HB1670 HD1), the arts (HB1939 HD1) and health (HB2253 HD1) amongst other bills. Each one is a step towards positive change. Stay tuned for more details in our next newsletter.

Together, let's continue to shape a brighter future for our beloved district.

Sincerely,



## OUR OFFICE AT WORK



Alongside community advocates, the 2024 Keiki Caucus Bill Package was unveiled at a Press Conference.



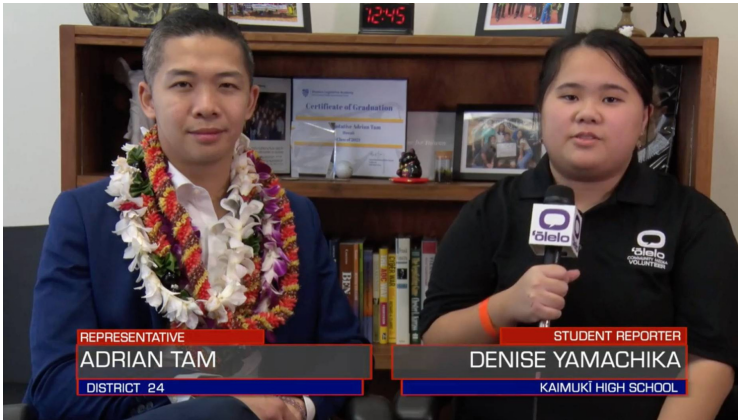
Press Conference regarding Substance Abuse Prevention, with Rep Belatti, Council Member Tyler Dos Santos-Tam and Heather Lusk from Hawaii Health & Harm Reduction Center.



STEM Festival 2024 at Jefferson Elementary School with grades K-2 to 5 where students showcased their science and technology projects.



Introducing my bill package for 2024, addressing issues to reduce noise pollution, protect privacy, promote the arts, and enhance health services.



Opening Day interview with Denise Yamachika from Kaimuki High School as part of the Youth Capitol Commentary (YCC) project in partnership with Olelo Community Media.



Ag Day 2024 at the Hawaii State Capitol, an event that brings awareness to Hawaii's diverse agriculture industry.



Hearing of the House Committee on Culture, Arts and International Affairs (CAI) on HB1939 appropriating funds to the State Foundation on Culture & the Arts (SFCA) to provide greater access to the arts for children and communities in need, especially those impacted by the Maui wildfires.



At Ala Wai Elementary School with Rep Nishimoto talking with third-graders about the legislative process - from idea to bill to law with some fantastic role play -.

## CONDO INSURANCE TOWNHALL - MARCH 12, 2024 AT 5:30PM

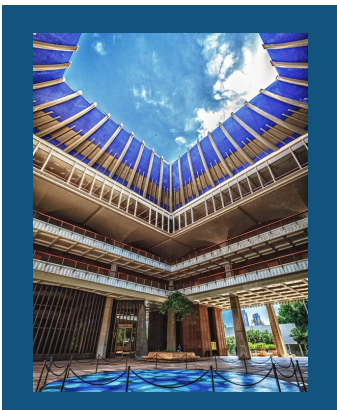


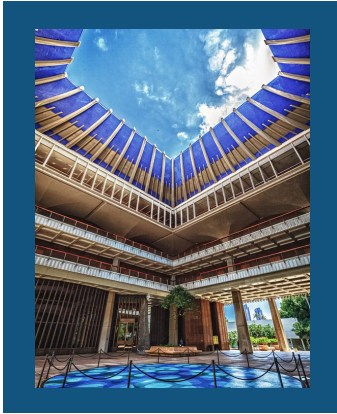
**Representative Saiki, Senator Moriwaki, Representative Tam, and Representative Nishimoto** will be hosting a condo insurance townhall on **March 12, 2024, at 5:30 pm at the McKinley High School Auditorium**. We will hear from insurance and financial experts **Mike Onofrietti**, Vice Chair, Hawaii Insurers Council, **Linda Nakamura**, Director and Legislative Co-Chair, Mortgage Bankers Association of Hawaii, **and Victor Brock**, Secretary and Legislative Co-Chair, Mortgage Bankers Association of Hawaii, as they discuss updates regarding condo insurance.

## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

### 2024 Bills

- **HB1670 HDI:** RELATING TO MOBILE CLINICS. Appropriates funds to the Department of Human Services to contract the services of qualified organizations for mobile treatment clinics that provide services throughout the night.
- **HB1939 HDI:** RELATING TO THE ARTS. Appropriates funds to the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts to provide greater access to the arts for children and communities in need, with a focus on those affected by the Maui wildfires.





- **HB2253 HD1: RELATING TO HEALTH.** Permits law enforcement officers to carry an opioid antagonist while on-duty. Requires funds for the purchase of opioid antagonists used by law enforcement officers employed by a county to be paid for using that county's general revenues or share of any opioid litigation proceeds. Authorizes law enforcement officers to administer an opioid antagonist. Establishes immunity for law enforcement officers who administer an opioid antagonist during an opioid-related drug overdose. Permits the Department of Health to establish education and training for law enforcement personnel. Authorizes the Department of Health to require all restaurants and hotel establishments to maintain an inventory of an opioid antagonist.

These bills will now move to the Senate.

**Reminder:** a bill that survives the process in its originating chamber (is voted on 3 times and moves through all the committees it's been referred to) will **cross over** to the other chamber and go through the process again.

## 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 laws that enhance the lives of our constituents. This month we will focus on:

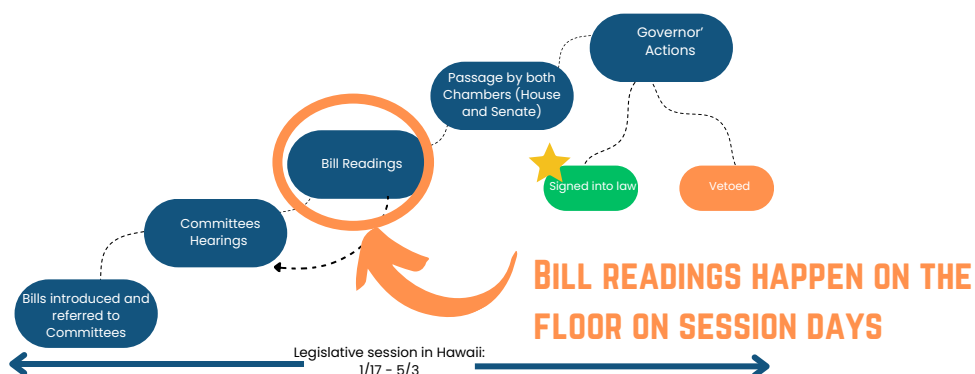
### Sessions Days

For a bill to become law in the state of Hawaii, it should **pass every committee it is referred to**, but it also must **pass 3 votes in the House and 3 votes in the Senate**. These **votes are taken on the floor of the House and Senate chambers** where all the members convene. Per state constitutional requirements, the House and Senate meet to conduct business in their respective chambers no more than 60 times during a regular legislative session. The 60 days are "session days" and do not include weekends, holidays, or recess days. Typically, the Senate convenes floor session at 11:30 a.m. and the House convenes at 12:00 noon.

### What happens on the Floor?

Floor sessions are presided by The **House Speaker** and **Senate President** who are elected to their positions by the members of their chamber. **Floor sessions** begin with a roll call of the members to record who is present. House and Senate rules require members to be present during floor sessions unless they are excused. Routine items, such as a reading or approval of the journal, messages from the Governor, honorary floor presentations etc. Action items are taken up next. For this portion of the agenda, motions are made which can include the **introduction of bills and resolutions, adopting committee reports and resolutions, referring measures to committee and passing a bill**. Miscellaneous business and announcements usually wrap up the floor session before it is recessed until the next scheduled session.

**Session is open to the public**, we invite you to attend in person in the gallery or to watch live or on-demand videos on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCvoLAX1ww3e63K8qQ5of0bw>

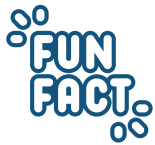


## Glossary

**Order of the Day:** serves as an agenda to let the members know what's scheduled to take place in the House or Senate Chamber. An O.D. is produced for each session day and posted online usually about an hour prior to the start of floor session.

**Chamber:** a deliberative assembly within a legislature. The Legislative branch in Hawaii is made of two chambers: the House of Representatives and the Senate.

**Motion:** is a formal proposal by a member of the House or the Senate. Generally, a motion should be phrased in a way to take an action or express an opinion.



### About the Hawai'i State Capitol

The courtyard incorporates the elements of nature, allowing the sun, wind and rain to stream in. Instead of an enclosed rotunda as seen in most capitol buildings, the center of the courtyard soars overhead to an **open crown** with the sky as its dome. The light, airy style is perfect for the gentle tropical climate of Hawai'i, welcoming citizens throughout the year.

Lying at the center of the courtyard is the **"Aquarius"**, a 36-foot mosaic made with over 600,000 Italian smalti (tiles). Tadashi Sato of Maui created the mosaic based on his painting, also entitled "Aquarius", which reflected his love of the ocean. From an upper floor, you can envision the sparkling waters, submerged rocks and playful shadows of native shore waters.

## ADVISORIES - WAIKIKI ROAD CLOSURES


- March 10, 2024 Sunday**  
3:30 PM Road Closes  
8:00 PM Road Reopens  
(Approximate)
- HONOLULU FESTIVALS PARADE** - The event is expected to have 1,500 marchers, 10 floats, 20 vehicles & 3 bands. It will start at Kalakaua Ave. at Saratoga Rd., kkhhd on Kalakaua Ave., to Monsarrat Ave., to end at Waikiki Shell Parking Lot, Queen Kapiolani Park. Lanes will be closed starting 2 pm.
- March 17, 2024 Sunday**  
11:30 AM Road Closes  
1:00 PM Road Reopens  
(Approximate)
- ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE** - The event is expected to have 200 marchers, 40 vehicles, 4 bands. It will start at Saratoga Rd./Kalakaua Ave., to Kalakaua Ave., to Monsarrat Ave., to end at Queen Kapiolani Park. Lanes will be closed from 11:30 am.
- March 29, 2024 Friday**  
5:30 PM Road Closes  
8:00 PM Road Reopens  
(Approximate)
- NATIONAL VIETNAM VETERAN'S DAY PARADE** - The event is expected to have 3,000 marchers, 30 vehicles, 12 bands. It will start at Saratoga Rd./Kalakaua Ave., to Kalakaua Ave., to Monsarrat Ave., to end at Queen Kapiolani Park.

## CONDO CORNER

Condominium Board of Directors

A condominium association is governed by a board of directors which is elected by the unit owners to represent them in managing the condominium. The condominium law provides that every director owes the association a fiduciary duty in the performance of their responsibilities, to exercise the degree of care and loyalty required of a director of a nonprofit corporation. The officers of the association are normally elected by and from the board of directors and are responsible to the board for the day-to-day operations of the association. To learn more, check out the Real Estate Branch's short video here: [https://youtu.be/KHDLAH\\_7Gpw](https://youtu.be/KHDLAH_7Gpw)

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