



# Representative Aaron Ling Johanson

**District 32 • Moanalua Gardens, Mapunapuna, Aliamanu, Pearl Harbor, Hickam,  
Foster Village, Halawa Valley Estates, Aiea, Lower Pearlridge •**

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The 26th Hawaii State Legislature opened in celebration on Wednesday, January 19, 2011 and Representative Aaron Ling Johanson was sworn into office. Thank you to everyone who stopped by.

Committee assignments were made shortly thereafter and Rep. Johanson is pleased to get to work as a member of these Committees:

- Education
- Higher Education
- Transportation
- Labor/ Public Employment
- Public Safety/ Military Affairs

## Rep. Johanson Introduces Four Bills This Session.

- HB 1343 which requests funding for Capital Improvement Projects in District 32.
- HB1614 to create a "Silver Alert" system for seniors, in conjunction with the Maile Amber Alert.
- HB 1615 would establish a Sunset Advisory Commission to improve effectiveness of state laws.
- HB875, with Rep. Linda Ichiyama, which limits the use of Power of Attorney to circumvent school district boundaries.

See page 3 for more information on each bill, or go to the legislative website at

(<http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session2011/>) where you can read any bill by searching for the bill number. Our office is always available if you have questions or would like help in submitting testimony regarding these bills. Please call us at (808) 586-9470 or email at

RepJohanson@capitol.hawaii.gov

**Craft Fair & Aloha Aina Earth Day**  
**Saturday, March 26, 2011**  
**9:00am - 1:00pm**  
**Moanalua Elementary**  
**& Middle School**

Bring your recyclable waste, help clean up our environment, and turn trash into cash for our schools!

Some of the accepted items are:

- Scrap metal, bicycles, appliances
- Beverage containers
- Cooking oil
- Cellular phones
- Printer Cartridges
- Batteries
- Computers, printers

And much more. Call Rene Mansho for more information 306-1876.

**Mark Your Calendars:**

On Saturday, May 28, 2011 Aloha Aina Day comes to Moanalua High School.



**Stream Update**

As previously reported in the last meeting by Rep. Johanson, the Department of Transportation continues it's work cleaning up Monanalua Stream.

**Dumping in front of MES Kindergarten playground and on the Access Road next to MMS.**



**Graffiti at Moanalua Dog Park Visible From The Freeway**



Watch the 'Olelo program "Better Government" on 2/4/2011 Friday at 8:00 pm, 'Olelo Channel VIEW.

Representatives Johanson, Pine and Fontaine will be guests talking about how our government can be more responsive to constituents. This program is also available on demand at [www.olelo.org](http://www.olelo.org)



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## More Information on Bills of Interest

### **Silver Alert - HB 1614 [introduced by Rep. Johanson]**

This bill allows for the current system of quick public notification that is in place for missing children (Maile Amber Alert) to be used when seniors are missing. The bill is scheduled to be heard at the Capitol on Thursday Feb. 3 at 8:30am in Room 309. If you would like to give testimony regarding it, you can do so in person at that time or by written testimony before hand.

### **Sunset Advisory Commission - HB 1615 [introduced by Rep. Johanson]**

This bill creates a Commission that will work with State Auditors to evaluate and recommend changes to the structure and workings of our state government.

### **Capital Improvement Funding House District 32 - HB 1343 [introduced by Rep. Johanson]**

This bill requests funding for 12 schools, the Honolulu Airport and Aloha Stadium Capital Improvements. Schools included are Moanalua Elementary, Middle and High.

### **Using Power of Attorney - HB 875 [introduced by Reps. Ichiyama and Johanson]**

In an effort to help schools maintain their district residence requirement for students, this bill allows for proof of residency beyond just submitting a Power of Attorney document.

### **Taxation on Pensions - HB 1092 [introduced by the Governor's Package]**

This bill proposes changing various aspects of the tax code. It proposes taxing pensions that are currently not taxed, with changes taking effect over 2 years for lower incomes and immediately for those in higher tax brackets. It also includes making adjustments to the standard deductions, rate brackets and personal exemptions based on a cost-of-living adjustment, as well as significantly increasing taxes on time shares.

If you have any questions or comments about any of these bills please contact our office at 586-9470.

## Rail Information

The City and County of Honolulu is asking for public input on the Aiea-Pearl City Rail Plan. The TOD (Transit-Oriented Development) Plan is available on the city website ([www.honolulu.gov/planning](http://www.honolulu.gov/planning)). Comments should be submitted by Monday, Feb. 28 to:

Department of Planning and Permitting  
City and County of Honolulu  
650 South King Street, 7th floor  
Honolulu, HI 96813  
Attn: Renee Espiau

Or:

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