

# STATE REPRESENTATIVE SONNY GANADEN

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Kalihi Kai, Sand Island, Hickam, Pearl Harbor, Ford Island, Halawa Valley Estate

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Aloha mai kākou! Maligdayang pagdating! Kablaaw! Ran aliim!

#### FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS.

Happy New Year! I hope this message finds you in good health and good spirits! The pandemic has stayed with us far longer than anyone could have anticipated. The state is facing an unprecedented budget crisis as a result of the near total collapse of the tourism industry throughout 2020. Our current calculation is \$1.4 billion less in the General Fund for 2021, which will inevitably lead to painful cuts in some sectors of the state.

Unfortunately, the Capitol remains closed through the pandemic. However, my primary duty is to you. Please feel free to call or email any concerns to me at any time. I encourage you to testify on all bills, which will occur online only during this legislative session.



# COVID-19 Vaccine Information

#### Phase la. (December 2020 - January 2021)

Healthcare workers; Long-term care facility residents

#### Phase 1b. (December 2020 - March 2021)

Hawai'i residents age 75+; Frontline essential workers

#### Phase 1c. (March - May 2021)

 Hawai'i residents age 65-74; individuals with underlying health conditions; essential workers not included in Phase 1b

#### Phase 2 and 3. (Summer 2021)

 Vaccination of the general population is projected to begin in early summer 2021 depending on production and federal allocation of doses through *Operation Warp Speed*.

The legislature's priority this session is to assess the budget and assist individuals with basic needs and services. As a freshman representative, I am Vice Chair of the Committee on Corrections, Military, and Veterans' Affairs. I am also a member of the committees on Education, Higher Education and Technology, and Water and Land.



### Bills and Resolutions

It costs nothing to plan for the future. Our office is pursuing bills that support roadway and sidewalk improvements throughout lower Kalihi (Kam IV, Gulick, Mokauea, and Beckley streets, with more to come), and to working closely with our colleagues in the city and the Department of Transportation to create a plan to rezone portions of our neighborhood to improve infrastructure and flooding. We are introducing bills to improve internet connections throughout the district to support students, modernize criminal justice prior to the relocation of the Oʻahu Community Correctional Center on Dillingham, continue the support of essential healthcare workers, and working with hotels to ensure a safe return to work.

For more information, please call 586-6009 or send an email to repganaden@capitol.hawaii.gov.

## **Community Meetings**

Next Kalihi-Palama Neighborhood Board Meeting

January 20 at 7:00 pm

Next Aiea Neighborhood Board Meeting February 8 at 7:00 pm











#### Mahalo o Salamat Agyamanak · Kinisou

Mahalo for your continued support of the Kalihi Kai, Sand Island, Hickam, Pearl Harbor, Ford Island, and Halawa Valley Estates community! I look forward to working for you all and for the betterment of our district.

Keep wearing your mask and we will get through this together!

> Best wishes, Sonny

