



# Office of Representative Adrian Tam

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To my neighbors and friends:

On January 20, the 31st Legislature opened without the usual crowds and fanfare due to Covid-19. Nevertheless, I am excited about the work we have before us. This session, I introduced a number of bills that I hope will have a positive impact on the lives of those in our community & state.

When the time comes, I hope that my constituents will support these bills, and also submit testimony. Although this year the Capitol building is closed to the public, testimony can be given in both written form or remotely. Instructions can be found at the Capitol website at [www.capitol.hawaii.gov](http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov).

For general help navigating the legislative and committee hearing process, please contact the Public Access Room at (808) 587-0478 or [par@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:par@capitol.hawaii.gov) or visit PAR's website at <https://lrb.hawaii.gov/par/>. As always, please feel free to contact my office any time with any questions or concerns.



## Some of the bills I introduced this session that may be of interest to District 22 include:

- **HB281 RELATING TO HEALTH.** Requires DLNR to establish a two-year pilot program to install sunscreen dispensers visitors on the harmful effects of oxybenzone and octinoxate on the marine environment.
- **HB282 RELATING TO MINORS.** Expands the circumstances where a minor may consent to no cost emergency shelter and related services to include cases where the provider is coordinating with child welfare services.
- **HB284 RELATING TO COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT.** Exempts Waikiki from certain coastal zone management program policies relating to beach protection .
- **HB285 REALTING TO INSURANCE.** Prohibits health insurance companies from denying coverage on the basis of gender identity if the policy covers the treatment for purposes other than gender transition. Requires insurance companies to provide applicants and insured persons with clear information about the coverage of gender transition services, including the process for appealing a claim denied on the basis of medical necessity.
- **HB286 RELATING TO REITS.** Requires real estate investment trusts to notify the department of taxation of its presence within the State and to report the assets and revenues generated annually. Imposes a daily monetary fine for noncompliance.
- **HB289 RELATING TO LEASEHOLD CONVERSION.** Excludes from taxation one hundred per cent of the gain realized by a fee simple owner from the sale of a leased fee interest in units within a condominium project, cooperative project, or planned unit development to the association of apartment owners or the residential cooperative housing corporation of the leasehold units.
- **HB292 RELATING TO TAX AMNESTY.** Establishes a one-time amnesty program for liabilities for taxable years beginning on or transactions.
- **HB293 RELATING TO POLLING PLACES.** Includes the line of voters at a voter service center, place of deposit, or its appurtenances in the prohibition of campaign related activities taking place within the 200-foot perimeter surrounding voter service centers, place of deposits, and appurtenances.
- **HB296 RELATING TO LEAF BLOWERS.** Restricts the use of leaf blowers in special improvement districts within a residential zone .
- **HB297 RELATING TO LABOR.** Requires employers with five or more employees to provide meal and rest breaks under certain conditions. Requires employers to provide a minimum amount of paid sick leave to employees to be used to care for themselves or a family member who is ill or needs medical care.
- **HB1239 RELATING TO LAW ENFORCEMENT.** Authorizes forfeiture of certain ERS benefits for law enforcement officers who are convicted of an employment-related crime. Requires law enforcement officers under investigation for a felony offense to be placed on unpaid administrative leave, and if convicted, be permanently barred from employment as a law enforcement officer, private detective, or guard.

The Hawai'i Department of Health is moving forward with implementing a vaccination plan to ensure the COVID-19 vaccine is available to Hawai'i residents. I encourage my constituents to get a vaccine when it is available. More information about accessing the vaccine at <https://hawaiiCOVID19.com/vaccine/>



THE STATE OF HAWAII'S OFFICIAL COVID-19 EXPOSURE NOTIFICATION APP

The more Maui County residents and visitors volunteer to use the app, the better chance we have to control the virus.

Let's join together to fight COVID as a community.

Add your phone to the fight against COVID-19 and be notified if you're exposed to the virus.

How it works:

1. Download the AlohaSafe Alert app from the Apple app store or the Google Play store and follow the on-screen set-up instructions.
2. Devices running the AlohaSafe Alert app will anonymously "ping" each other and measure distance and duration through Bluetooth signal strength. Location, name and other identifiable information will not be shared.
3. The app will notify you if you are exposed to someone who was diagnosed with COVID-19. You'll receive a notification if you were within six feet of a confirmed COVID-19 positive case for a minimum of 15 minutes within the past 14 days.
4. If you test positive for COVID-19, let your contact tracer know that you have AlohaSafe Alert and you will be able to anonymously notify others who may have been exposed.

AlohaSafe Alert is:

**PERSONALIZED** Each notification is pertinent to you and only triggered if minimum thresholds of exposure are met. You can opt in or out of notifications at any time.

**PRIVATE** The app does not track your location or identity. It anonymously keeps track of devices you've been in close contact with without accessing GPS or user data.

**FREE** Everyone can download the app to their smartphone at no charge.

**SIMPLE** The app is a safe and easy way to alert you of potential exposure to COVID-19 and help stop the spread of the virus.

**About the technology:** AlohaSafe Alert uses the Google/Apple Exposure Notification (GAEN), which is based on Bluetooth technology. GAEN enables devices to anonymously communicate with one another.

For more information visit [www.alohasafealert.org](http://www.alohasafealert.org) or contact the Hawai'i Department of Health at [doh.alohasafe@doh.hawaii.gov](mailto:doh.alohasafe@doh.hawaii.gov).

## Where Are You in the Vaccine Timeline?

**We are here**

- Healthcare personnel
- Long-term care facility residents

**We are here**

- First responders
- Frontline essential workers
- Adults 75 years of age and older

**Spring 2021**

- Adults age 65 to 74 years
- Persons 16 to 64 years with high-risk medical conditions
- Essential workers not included in the previous group

**Summer 2021**

- Persons 16 years and older not in other categories

*Frontline Essential Workers: Workers who are in sectors essential to the functioning of society and are at substantially higher risk of exposure to SARS-CoV-2*

*Details on vaccine distribution and supply are being regularly updated with new guidelines from the CDC and other authorities. Please keep informed by visiting [HawaiiCOVID19.com/vaccine](https://hawaiiCOVID19.com/vaccine)*

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I also wanted to bring to your attention another tool that can help us slow the spread of Covid-19. The AlohaSafe Alert, a free, voluntary new service, is the State of Hawaii's official exposure notification app and has been developed in partnership with the Hawai'i Department of Health. Download the AlohaSafe Alert, while maintaining your privacy at <https://www.alohasafealert.org/>



Rep. Tam and Senator Moriawaki toured the quarantine facilities at the Waikiki Beachside Hostel with the Dept. of Health and Hawai'i Health and Harm Reduction Center.



I am pleased to introduce my office manager, Maigee, and legislative aide, Adam.

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