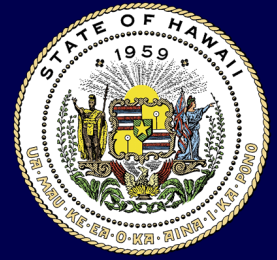




# HAWAII STATE SENATOR BENNETTE E. MISALUCHA

*Pearl City Neighborhood Board  
Legislative Report*



## NEWSLETTER

January 2021

Dear Neighbors and Friends,

Aloha mai kakou. Our office has been extremely busy preparing and drafting bills for hearings. We also opened the 31st Hawaii State Legislature on January 20, 2021 followed by Governor David Ige's State of the State Address on January 25, 2021. I continue to find joy in serving my community as your state senator - a public servant role I relish. Steeped in my beliefs is the teaching: *To whom much is given, much is required.*

I am happy to announce that I serve on four senate committees: Commerce and Consumer Protection; Energy, Economic Development, Tourism and Technology (serving as vice-chair); Human Services; and Water and Land. During the legislative session, it is my intent to keep you informed on bills moving forward in both the Senate and House which have an impact not only statewide, but also within our communities. With the Capitol building still closed to the public, all hearing will be conducted virtually, and anyone wishing to testify will do so remotely. I hope you will engage with the legislative process, and please do not hesitate to ask if you have any questions.

***"To whom much is given, much is required"***

To be transparent in my efforts, I look forward to keeping you informed via our neighborhood newsletters, and e-newsletters. Connect with me on my new Hawaii Senate Facebook page so I may continue to share daily news and events with each of you. I also welcome your comments on issues or any concerns you have in our communities.

I appreciate that you have entrusted me to serve you here in Pearl City as your Hawaii State senator. I am beholden to each of you as your public servant.

Very Truly Yours,

Senator Bennette E. Misalucha  
District 16

## Calendar of Events

### February

- 15 President's Day Holiday
- 23 Pearl City Neighborhood Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 25 Mandatory 5-Day Legislative Recess Begins

### March

- 23 Pearl City Neighborhood Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

*We are here to help you*

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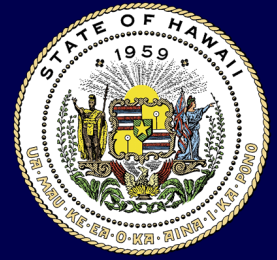
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## Meet the Team



Richard Mizusawa  
Legislative Director

I reside in Aiea. I attended University of Hawaii and earned my degrees in M.Ed. and B.A. in Communications. As director, I assist with policy development, constituent relations, and I am responsible for overseeing the team.



Daniel Kosasa | Legislative Aide

I grew up in Aiea and joined Sen. Misalucha's team as a Legislative Aide, assisting with legislative affairs, research, and constituent concerns. I received my B.A. in Latin from Princeton University and my MA in History from Oxford University.



Ami Sueyoshi | Office Manager

I earned my B.A. in Communications from the University of Phoenix. As office manager, I oversee the day-to-day operations of the office and assist with administrative affairs, guest relations. Prior to working with the Senator, I was in sales/marketing and non-profit.



Bernie Caalim | Legislative Aide

I am from Aiea and received my B.A. in English from University of California at Berkeley. My background is hotel marketing communications. I assist Sen. Misalucha with social media and special projects.

# FROM THE HAWAII STATE LEGISLATURE

## 2021 SESSION CALENDAR

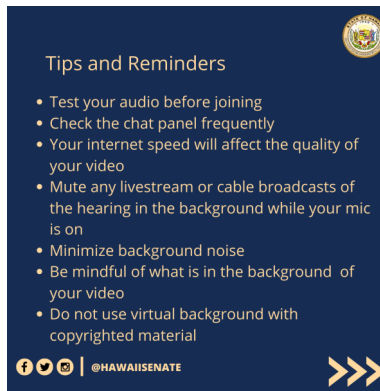
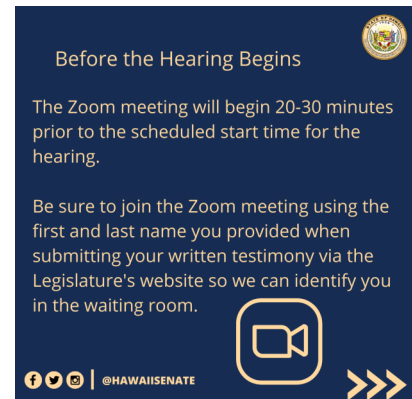
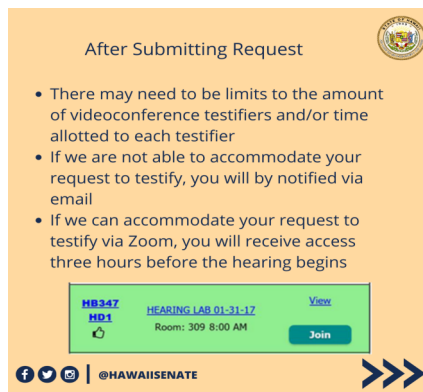
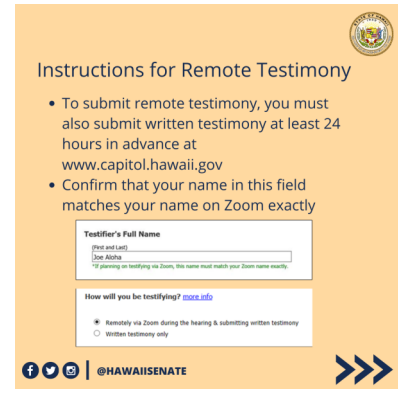
NOTE: ON THE 55 SESSION DAYS (DAYS WHEN MEMBERS CONVENE IN THEIR RESPECTIVE CHAMBERS), THE SESSION DAY COUNT APPEARS IN A BOX ON THE LOWER-RIGHT, LIKE THIS: #

Color code: ■ = bills    ■ = resolutions    ■ = budget or fiscal bills

See reverse side for more deadline information.

| SUN            | MON   | TUE  | WED   | THU  | FRI   | SAT |
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| <b>JANUARY</b> |   |  | 20<br>Opening Day<br><span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 0 2px;">1</span>  | 21<br><span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 0 2px;">2</span>  | 22<br>Non-Admin Bill<br>Package Cutoff<br><span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 0 2px;">3</span>     | 23  |
| 24             | 25 State-of-the-<br>State Address &<br>Administration Bill<br>Package Cutoff<br><span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 0 2px;">4</span> | 26<br>Recess #1  | 27 State-of-the-<br>Judiciary Address &<br>Bill Intro Cutoff<br><span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 0 2px;">5</span> | 28<br>Recess #2  | 29<br><span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 0 2px;">6</span>   | 30  |
| 31             | <b>FEBRUARY</b>   |  |   |  |   |     |
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| 14             | 15<br>HOLIDAY<br>Presidents' Day  | 16<br><span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 0 2px;">17</span> | 17<br><span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 0 2px;">18</span>  | 18<br><span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 0 2px;">19</span>   | 19<br>First Lateral<br>(Bills)<br><span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 0 2px;">20</span>            | 20  |
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| 28             | <b>MARCH</b>  |  |   |  |   |     |
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| 7              | 8<br>Recess #3  | 9<br><span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 0 2px;">29</span>  | 10<br>Recess #4<br><span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 0 2px;">30</span>   | 11<br>First<br>Crossover (Bills)<br><span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 0 2px;">31</span>                       | 12<br>Substantive<br>Resolution<br>Cutoff<br><span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 0 2px;">32</span> | 13  |
| 14             | 15<br>Budget<br>Decking<br><span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 0 2px;">33</span>   | 16<br><span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 0 2px;">34</span> | 17<br>Budget<br>Crossover<br><span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 0 2px;">35</span>                                   | 18<br>Triple Referral<br>Filing (Bills)<br><span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 0 2px;">36</span>                | 19<br><span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 0 2px;">37</span>  | 20  |
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| 28             | 29<br><span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 0 2px;">42</span>  | 30<br><span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 0 2px;">43</span> | 31<br>First Crossover<br>(Concurrent Resos)<br><span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 0 2px;">44</span>                 |  |   |     |
| <b>APRIL</b>   |   |  |   | 1<br><span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 0 2px;">45</span>  | 2<br>HOLIDAY<br>Good Friday<br><span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 0 2px;">46</span>               | 3   |
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| 11             | 12<br>Recess #5   | 13<br><span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 0 2px;">52</span> | 14<br>Recess #6<br><span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 0 2px;">53</span>   | 15<br>Second<br>Crossover (Bills)<br>& Disagree<br><span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 0 2px;">54</span>        | 16<br>Constitutional<br>Amendments<br><span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 0 2px;">55</span>        | 17  |
| 18             | 19<br>Second Crossover<br>(Concurrent Resos)<br><span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 0 2px;">56</span>                                | 20<br><span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 0 2px;">57</span> | 21<br>Recess #7<br><span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 0 2px;">58</span>   | 22<br>Final Decking<br>(Non-Fiscal<br>Bills)<br><span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 0 2px;">59</span>           | 23<br>Final Decking<br>(Fiscal Bills)<br><span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 0 2px;">60</span>     | 24  |
| 25             | 26<br>Recess #8   | 27<br><span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 0 2px;">61</span> | 28<br>Recess #9<br><span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 0 2px;">62</span>   | 29<br>Adjournment<br>Sine Die<br><span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 0 2px;">63</span>                          | (Session pau!)  |     |

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Due to operational changes, the Hawaii State Capitol remains closed to the public due to Covid-19 and safety and security protocol. This will impact instructions on how to submit written public testimony. No in-person testimony will be allowed during the session. Senator Misalucha highly suggests that you submit written testimony via the Hawaii State Capitol website so that it can be officially be on record.

For your convenience individuals can submit written testimony at [www.capitol.hawaii.gov](http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov).



**Hawai'i State Senate  
Leadership and Committee Assignments  
Thirty-First Legislature 2021 – 2022**

**President:** Ronald D. Kouchi  
**Vice President:** Michelle N. Kidani  
**Majority Leader:** J. Kalani English  
**Majority Caucus Leader:** Dru Mamo Kanuha  
**Majority Policy Leader:** Les Ihara, Jr.

**Majority Floor Leader:** Jarrett Keohokalole  
**Majority Whip:** Lorraine R. Inouye  
**Assistant Majority Whip:** Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran  
**Assistant Majority Whip:** Brian T. Taniguchi  
**Assistant Majority Whip:** Clarence K. Nishihara  
**Minority Leader/ Floor Leader:** Kurt Fevella

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| <p><b><u>AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT (AEN)</u></b><br/>           Gabbard, Mike (Chair)<br/>           Nishihara, Clarence K. (Vice Chair)<br/>           Acasio, Laura<br/>           Rhoads, Karl<br/>           Fevella, Kurt</p> <p><b><u>COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION (CPN)</u></b><br/>           Baker, Rosalyn H. (Chair)<br/>           Chang, Stanley (Vice Chair)<br/>           Misalucha, Bennette E.<br/>           Nishihara, Clarence K.<br/>           Riviere, Gil<br/>           San Buenaventura, Joy A.<br/>           Fevella, Kurt</p> <p><b><u>EDUCATION (EDU)</u></b><br/>           Kidani, Michelle N. (Chair)<br/>           Kim, Donna Mercado (Vice Chair)<br/>           Dela Cruz, Donovan M.<br/>           Kanuha, Dru Mamo<br/>           Fevella, Kurt</p> <p><b><u>ENERGY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM (EET)</u></b><br/>           Wakai, Glenn (Chair)<br/>           Misalucha, Bennette E. (Vice Chair)<br/>           Lee, Chris<br/>           Riviere, Gil<br/>           Fevella, Kurt</p> | <p><b><u>GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS (GVO)</u></b><br/>           Moriwaki, Sharon Y. (Chair)<br/>           Dela Cruz, Donovan M. (Vice Chair)<br/>           Chang, Stanley<br/>           Gabbard, Mike<br/>           Fevella, Kurt</p> <p><b><u>HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS (HWN)</u></b><br/>           Shimabukuro, Maile S.L. (Chair)<br/>           Keohokalole, Jarrett (Vice Chair)<br/>           Acasio, Laura<br/>           Ihara, Jr., Les<br/>           Fevella, Kurt</p> <p><b><u>HEALTH (HTH)</u></b><br/>           Keohokalole, Jarrett (Chair)<br/>           Baker, Rosalyn H. (Vice Chair)<br/>           Moriwaki, Sharon Y.<br/>           San Buenaventura, Joy A.<br/>           Fevella, Kurt</p> <p><b><u>HIGHER EDUCATION (HRE)</u></b><br/>           Kim, Donna Mercado (Chair)<br/>           Kidani, Michelle N. (Vice Chair)<br/>           Keith-Agaran, Gilbert S.C.<br/>           Wakai, Glenn<br/>           Fevella, Kurt</p> <p><b><u>HOUSING (HOU)</u></b><br/>           Chang, Stanley (Chair)<br/>           Kanuha, Dru Mamo (Vice Chair)<br/>           Moriwaki, Sharon Y.<br/>           Rhoads, Karl<br/>           Fevella, Kurt</p> | <p><b><u>HUMAN SERVICES (HMS)</u></b><br/>           San Buenaventura, Joy A. (Chair)<br/>           Ihara, Jr., Les (Vice Chair)<br/>           Acasio, Laura<br/>           Misalucha, Bennette E.<br/>           Fevella, Kurt</p> <p><b><u>JUDICIARY (JDC)</u></b><br/>           Rhoads, Karl (Chair)<br/>           Keohokalole, Jarrett (Vice Chair)<br/>           Acasio, Laura<br/>           Gabbard, Mike<br/>           Kim, Donna Mercado<br/>           Lee, Chris<br/>           Fevella, Kurt</p> <p><b><u>LABOR, CULTURE AND THE ARTS (LCA)</u></b><br/>           Taniguchi, Brian T. (Chair)<br/>           Ihara, Jr., Les (Vice Chair)<br/>           Chang, Stanley<br/>           Keohokalole, Jarrett<br/>           Fevella, Kurt</p> <p><b><u>PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS (PSM)</u></b><br/>           Nishihara, Clarence K. (Chair)<br/>           English, J. Kalani (Vice Chair)<br/>           Baker, Rosalyn H.<br/>           Riviere, Gil<br/>           Fevella, Kurt</p> | <p><b><u>TRANSPORTATION (TRS)</u></b><br/>           Lee, Chris (Chair)<br/>           Inouye, Lorraine R. (Vice Chair)<br/>           English, J. Kalani<br/>           Shimabukuro, Maile S.L.<br/>           Fevella, Kurt</p> <p><b><u>WATER AND LAND (WTL)</u></b><br/>           Inouye, Lorraine R. (Chair)<br/>           Keith-Agaran, Gilbert S.C. (Vice Chair)<br/>           Misalucha, Bennette E.<br/>           Riviere, Gil<br/>           Fevella, Kurt</p> <p><b><u>WAYS AND MEANS (WAM)</u></b><br/>           Dela Cruz, Donovan M. (Chair)<br/>           Keith-Agaran, Gilbert S.C. (Vice Chair)<br/>           English, J. Kalani<br/>           Inouye, Lorraine R.<br/>           Kanuha, Dru Mamo<br/>           Kidani, Michelle N.<br/>           Moriwaki, Sharon Y.<br/>           Shimabukuro, Maile S.L.<br/>           Taniguchi, Brian T.<br/>           Wakai, Glenn<br/>           Fevella, Kurt</p> |
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# SENATE COMMITTEE HEARING SCHEDULE

Thirty-First Legislature

2021-2022

| BRACKET | COMMITTEE                        |     | DAYS           | STARTING TIME | ENDING TIME | CONFERENCE ROOM |
|---------|----------------------------------|-----|----------------|---------------|-------------|-----------------|
| A       | Judiciary                        | JDC | M, T, W, Th, F | 8:30 A.M.     | 11:00 A.M.  | 016             |
|         | Ways and Means                   | WAM | M, T, W, Th, F | 8:30 A.M.     | 11:00 A.M.  | 211             |
|         | Commerce and Consumer Protection | CPN | M, T, W, Th, F | 8:30 A.M.     | 11:00 A.M.  | 229             |

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| B | Agriculture and Environment               | AEN | M, W, F | 1:00 P.M. | 2:30 P.M. | 224 |
|   | Health                                    | HTH | M, W, F | 1:00 P.M. | 2:30 P.M. | 225 |
|   | Water and Land                            | WTL | M, W, F | 1:00 P.M. | 2:30 P.M. | 229 |
|   | Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism | EET | M, W, F | 3:00 P.M. | 4:30 P.M. | 224 |
|   | Education                                 | EDU | M, W, F | 3:00 P.M. | 4:30 P.M. | 229 |
|   | Labor, Culture and the Arts               | LCA | M, W, F | 3:00 P.M. | 4:30 P.M. | 225 |


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| C | Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs | PSM | T, Th | 1:00 P.M. | 2:30 P.M. | 229 |
|   | Hawaiian Affairs                                       | HWN | T, Th | 1:00 P.M. | 2:30 P.M. | 016 |
|   | Housing  | HOU | T, Th | 1:00 P.M. | 2:30 P.M. | 225 |
|   | Human Services   | HMS | T, Th | 3:00 P.M. | 4:30 P.M. | 225 |
|   | Higher Education                                       | HRE | T, Th | 3:00 P.M. | 4:30 P.M. | 229 |
|   | Government Operations                                  | GVO | T, Th | 3:00 P.M. | 4:30 P.M. | 016 |
|   | Transportation   | TRS | T, Th | 3:00 P.M. | 4:30 P.M. | 224 |

This schedule includes start and end times for each committee hearing. Committees will be required to finish their hearings when their assigned timeslots end in order to ensure IT staff have adequate transition time between hearings and to clean/disinfect the room.

# Where Are **You** in the Vaccine Timeline?

**We are here**


- Healthcare personnel
- Long-term care facility residents



**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


**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



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](http://HawaiiCOVID19.com/vaccine)

Rev. 1/12/21

The State continues to move forward with COVID-19 vaccination plans. Currently, only seniors ages 75 and above, healthcare workers, and first responders are allowed to register online for the vaccination. The Queen’s Health Systems recently began mass vaccinations on Monday, Jan. 25 for members at the Blaisdell Concert Hall. Hawaii Pacific Health has been administering mass vaccinations at Honolulu Pier 2 since Jan. 18, and Kaiser Permanente is also providing its members with the vaccination.

Please visit [www.hawaii.covid19.com](http://www.hawaii.covid19.com) for vaccine registration and to also view the pre-vaccination check-list.

## AlohaSafe Alert App

Facts and Information



| WHAT IT DOES  | HOW IT WORKS   | HOW IT HELPS  |
|---|--|---|
| <p><b>Alerts</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An individual diagnosed with COVID-19 will receive a code via text that they will input into the app</li> <li>• This code will anonymously notify other devices about their possible COVID-19 exposure</li> <li>• If someone receives a notification from the app about potential exposure, they are recommended to self-quarantine and get tested</li> </ul> | <p><b>The application</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The free &amp; voluntary app can be downloaded from the Apple and Google Play stores</li> <li>• The app uses Bluetooth technology to anonymously communicate with other phones, measuring the distance of each device and duration of contact</li> <li>• To trigger a notification alert, devices must have been within 6 feet of each other for at least 15 minutes</li> </ul> | <p><b>Reducing the spread</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 80% of all smartphone users (56% of population) would be enough to suppress the pandemic on its own without any other form of intervention</li> <li>• Combined with other measures, if 15% of our community uses the app, we can reduce infections by 8% and deaths by 6%</li> </ul> |

## NEED HELP PAYING FOR PRESCHOOL?

WE WILL BE ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

1/4/2021-3/31/2021



### PRESCHOOL OPEN DOORS

Applications accepted for children born August 1, 2016 through July 31, 2017 for program participation July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022. Preschool Open Doors (POD) provides monthly preschool tuition subsidies to qualified families. Parents may choose any DHS licensed preschool.

Download an application at [www.patchhawaii.org](http://www.patchhawaii.org)

Fax: 694-3066  
Email: [PODAdmin@Patch-Hi.org](mailto:PODAdmin@Patch-Hi.org)

**PATCH**  
Partnering Hawaii's Child Potential

Applications must be received at the Oahu office by **March 31, 2021** to be considered.

Return completed applications to:  
**PATCH Preschool Open Doors** 560 N. Nimitz Hwy. Suite 218, Honolulu, Hawaii 96817



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