



Hawaii State Senator Bennette E. Misalucha

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Report to the Pearl City Neighborhood Board No. 21 January 2022

Dear Neighbor,

The new year is here and we are in the midst of preparing for the upcoming legislative session, which opened on Wednesday, January 19, 2022 and scheduled to end on Thursday, May 5, 2022.

For your convenience, the full [2022 Legislative Calendar](#) is available on the [Public Access Room \(PAR\)](#) website, which is a wonderful resource in navigating the legislative process.

Please note that as our community faces record numbers of new COVID-19 cases and the presence of the Omicron variant, the Hawaii State Capitol will remain closed to the public. All hearings and testimony will be conducted virtually.

I am currently researching and drafting legislation to address a variety of issues, including early childhood, digital equity and inclusion, education, and workforce development. Many of you have called my office to express your community concerns, and have inspired some of my proposed bills we are hoping to introduce. If you have any ideas for legislation, please let my office know at (808) 586-6230 or e-mail at senmisalucha@capitol.hawaii.gov.

As always, please let me know if there are any issues you see facing our community that I can help to address. Mahalo for the opportunity to serve you.

Very Truly Yours,

Senator Bennette E. Misalucha
Senate District 16

Calendar of Events

January 2022

- 1 New Year's Day Holiday
- 17 Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday
- 19 Opening Day
- 24 Governor Ige State of the State Address
- 25 Pearl City Neighborhood Board Meeting, 7:00pm

February 2022

- 21 President's Day Holiday
- 22 Pearl City Neighborhood Board Meeting, 7:00pm

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STATE & CAPITOL UPDATES

2022 Session Calendar Highlights

Here are important dates to note in the first half of the 2022 Legislative Session:

- January 19 (Opening Day)
- January 26 (Bill Introduction Cutoff)
- February 9/10 (Triple Referral Filing Deadline for House Bills/Senate Bills)
- February 17 (First Lateral Filing Deadline)
- February 18 (First Lateral)
- February 24 to March 2 (Mandatory 5-Day Recess)
- March 4 (First Decking)
- March 10 (First Crossover)
- March 11 (Substantive Resolution Cutoff)
- March 14 (Budget Decking)
- March 16 (Budget Crossover)

Update on Red Hill Fuel Tank Leak

The Hawaii Department of Health (DOH) finalized its Emergency Order to suspend operations and empty the underground tanks at the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility. Deputy Director Marian Tsuji's final order affirmed Hearings Officer David Day's proposed findings and recommendations.

"Today's decision affirms DOH's actions to safeguard the drinking water that we share as a community," said Deputy Director of Environmental Health Kathleen Ho, who issued the Emergency Order on December 6. "In light of today's ruling, we call upon the Navy to act without further delay to address the imminent peril this facility poses to the people and environment of Hawaii."

The parties have 30 days to appeal the final order to the Hawaii Circuit Court. The order will remain in effect unless it is stayed by a court.

See more on [DOH upholds Hearings Officer's Recommendation on Red Hill Emergency Order](#).

COMMUNITY UPDATES

FREE COVID-19 Testing Sites

The City and County of Honolulu is providing COVID-19 testing without charge if you meet one of the following criteria: 1) Oahu Residents or 2) City and County of Honolulu Employees. To pre-register, go to <https://oahucitypass.lumisight.com>. Please bring a valid identification card to verify your identity and employment with you to the test. For testing, go to the Daniel K. Inouye International Airport—Diamond Head Tour Group Area just past Baggage Claim 31 (ample parking in the parking structure). Open 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., seven days a week.

As part of the Safe Access Oahu Program, there is also free COVID-19 testing at the Aloha Stadium Marketplace. To register online, go to https://testing.nomihealth.com/easy_registration/172/onsite. They do not accept walk-ins. Bring ID & QR code to your appointment. Call (808) 207-5459 for more information.

The Hawaii Department of Health also offers a program for free Community COVID-19 RT PCR Testing (for U.S. residents only) at various locations, including one conveniently located at Pearl City Shopping Center. To sign up/register, go to <https://alohaclear.com/home/departement/doh>.

Every household is eligible for one set of free at-home tests containing four (4) individual rapid antigen COVID-19 tests. Please be advised testing kits will ship for free starting in late January. For your convenience, more information can be found on the federal government's website: <https://www.covidtests.gov>.



COVID-19 NEWS

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