



Hawaii State Senator Bennette E. Misalucha

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

Dear Neighbor,

The 2022 Legislative Session concludes on May 5, 2022. Second Crossover took place on April 14, 2022, and the conference period is currently taking place where Senate and House conferees are appointed to work out differences between versions of various bills. I encourage you to stay engaged in the final weeks of session.

I am excited that we announced the winners of the 2022 Community Heroes Awards during a virtual awards ceremony on Saturday, April 16, 2022. You may view the virtual ceremony here at: <https://youtu.be/cobFJyN-2hA>

We had our first of three events on April 20, 2022 as part of the Neighbors Helping Neighbors Forum. As a gentle reminder, the final two virtual events will take place on April 27 and May 4, 2022. For more information, please refer to the flyer under Community Updates.

As always, if there is any way I can assist you with any concerns, please let me know at (808) 586-6230 or email me at senmisalucha@capitol.hawaii.gov.

At Your Service,

Senator Bennette E. Misalucha
Senate District 16

Calendar of Events

April 2022

- 14 Second Crossover & Disagree
- 15 Good Friday Holiday
- 16 Community Heroes Awards Virtual Ceremony, 11:00am
- 17 Easter Sunday
- 26 Pearl City Neighborhood Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

May 2022

- 5 Adjournment Sine Die
- 24 Pearl City Neighborhood Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 30 Memorial Day Holiday

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STATE & CAPITOL UPDATES

Status on Bills Introduced by Senator Misalucha

There is only about two more weeks until Adjournment Sine Die on May 5, 2022 - the end of the 2022 Legislative Session. As of April 25, 2022, nine of Senator Misalucha's bills are still alive. See the list below and contact our office if you have any questions.

BILL	Title
SB2195 SD2 HD1	RELATING TO FOWL
SB2196 SD2 HD2	RELATING TO ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS
SB2202 HD1	RELATING TO VOLUNTEER MONTH
SB2214 SD2	RELATING TO DIGITAL LITERACY
SB2457 SD1 HD1	RELATING TO IMMIGRANT RESOURCE CENTERS
SB2679 SD2 HD1	RELATING TO DRIVER'S LICENSES
SB2695 SD2 HD1	RELATING TO CRYPTOCURRENCY
SB2700 SD2 HD1	RELATING TO THE EARLY CHILDHOOD REGISTRY
SB2701 SD2 HD1	RELATING TO EARLY EDUCATION

For the most up to date information on the status of Senator Misalucha's bills or resolutions, go to:

https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/advreports/advreport.aspx?report=intro&year=2022&leg=Misalucha&rpt_type=first_pri

Senate Committee on Ways and Means Passes Senate Draft of the State Budget

On April 7, 2022, the Senate Committee on Ways and Means amended and passed HB1600, the state's supplemental operating budget for fiscal year 2022-2023 (FY2023).

With the rebounding of the State's economy and significant increases in tax revenues, the Senate coffers are anticipating the general fund to be \$ 8,772,816,000 for Fiscal Year 2022 and \$ 9,299,185,000 in Fiscal Year 2023.

“The Senate approached this supplemental budget with the intent to create a responsible financial plan that includes a budget that incorporates strategies to improve the State's credit rating and borrowing power and both restores and increases funding for critical services and programs.” said Senator Donovan Dela Cruz (District 22 - Mililani Mauka, Waipi'o Acres, Wheeler, Wahiawa, Whitmore Village and portion of Poamoho), chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means.

[HB1600 HD1 SD1](#) now moves to the full Senate for a vote on second and third reading.

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Senator Misalucha's Resolutions adopted by the Senate

Various Senate concurrent resolutions (SCRs) crossed over to the House on April 7, 2022, and the following Senate resolutions (SRs) introduced by Senator Misalucha were adopted by the Senate:

[SR7](#) - REQUESTING THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU TO CONDUCT A STUDY ON THE FEASIBILITY OF THE STATE ESTABLISHING A UNIVERSAL, NO-COST PRE-KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM

[SR12](#) - REQUESTING THAT THE GOVERNOR CREATE A CITIZEN ADVISORY COUNCIL ON FEDERAL AFFAIRS

[SR13 SD1](#) - REQUESTING THAT JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM AND THE DIVISION OF BOATING AND OCREAN RECREATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES COLLABORATE TO ESTABLISH A RECREATIONAL AREA IN THE EAST LOCH OF PEARL HARBOR

[SR18 SD1](#) - RECOGNIZING APRIL 17 THROUGH APRIL 23, 2022, AS VOLUNTEER WEEK HAWAII THROUGHOUT THE STATE

[SR19 SD1](#) - RECOGNIZING OCTOBER 3 THROUGH 7, 2022, AS DIGITAL INCLUSION WEEK IN THE STATE OF HAWAII

[SR20](#) - URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO ENACT LEGISLATION TO ADDRESS THE RISE IN ILLEGAL TEXT MESSAGES

[SR21 SD1](#) - REQUESTING THE OFFICE OF ENTERPRISE TECHNOLOGY SERVICES TO CONDUCT A FEASIBILITY STUDY ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF A STATEWIDE INTERAGENCY SYSTEM FOR FILING AND MAINTAINING DOCUMENTS REQUIRED OF INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANIZATIONS ACCESSING GOVERNMENT SERVICES ONLINE

[SR22](#) - REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO ESTABLISH PROGRAMS AND EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES TO INCREASE MEDIA LITERACY AND PROMOTE DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP

[SR48 SD1](#) - DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2022 AS CHILD CARE PROVIDER APPRECIATION MONTH

[SR86 SD1](#) - REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO INCREASE LOCAL FUNDING FOR METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATIONS AND TO PURSUE FURTHER FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES UNDER THE FEDERAL BIPARTISAN INFRASTRUCTURE LAW

[SR115 SD1](#) - REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO DEVELOP A FILIPINO HISTORY, CULTURE, AND IDENTITY SOCIAL STUDIES COURSE FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

[SR116](#) - REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII TO REPORT ON THE PAMANTASAN COUNCIL'S SYSTEMWIDE EFFORTS TO IMPROVE THE STATUS OF FILIPINOS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII.

[SR218 SD1](#) - REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TO DEVELOP LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER, QUEER, PLUS SPECIFIC TRAINING GUIDELINES FOR STATE AGENCIES THAT SERVE AND ASSIST SURVIVORS OF INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE

COMMUNITY UPDATES

2022 Community Heroes Award Presented to Larry Veray of Pearl City



In conjunction with Volunteer Week Hawaii, Senator Misalucha introduced Larry Veray to Senate colleagues during a the Senate floor session on April 22, 2022. He was presented with a Senate Certificate.

L to R: Keone Kealoha (Kanu Hawaii), Sen. Misalucha, Larry Veray, Karen Higa (Aiea's Community Heroes Award recipient), Sen. Donna Mercado Kim of Senate District 14, and Rep. Aaron Ling Johanson of House District 31.



COMMUNITY UPDATES

Neighbors Helping Neighbors: A Free Virtual Forum For Community Volunteers



Who knew helping others could be this complicated? With mandatory government COVID-19 restrictions and guidelines over the past two years, it has been difficult to help a friend in need as they face socio-economic hardships and challenges. Volunteers who want to advocate on behalf of others have to spend time researching issues before they can provide outreach assistance.

Join us for a free virtual forum providing information about available social services

April 20, April 27, and May 4, 2022

6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

We encourage everyone to attend all three sessions

Wednesday, April 20

Department of Human Services
Director Cathy Betts, Deputy Director Joseph Campos II

SNAP/Financial Assistance

- Learn about SNAP and financial assistance and the online application process, recertification, uploading of documents, Benefits Verification Letter, EBT Card replacement

Homelessness:

- What are Ohana Zones and other homeless programs, eviction, and homeless prevention resources

Wednesday, April 27

- What is Med-QUEST and how to apply for healthcare coverage and long-term services and support
- Learn how child care subsidies can help pay for a variety of legal child care settings
- Learn about licensed child care centers and Family Child Care Homes

Wednesday, May 4

Department of Labor and Industrial Relations
Director Anne Perreira-Eustaquio

- Need help with Unemployment Insurance Benefits, career assistance, anti-discrimination in employment, housing, public accommodations, and state-funded services, Grants-in-Aid assistance and more

Register Online:

<https://senate-capitol-hawaii.gov.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcod-GqrzsrHNA3LFesMIITpqDlygGokPOP>

Or connect with the QR Code:



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