

2021 LEGISLATIVE SESSION NEWSLETTER

The State Budget Bill passed this legislative session allocated \$14.926 billion in general funds, \$1.352 billion in Federal funds, & \$31.17 billion through all methods of funding for operating & capital improvements for FY22-23.

DISTRICT 22 CIP FUNDS ALLOCATED INCLUDED:

\$100K

JEFFERSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL:

- Construction & equipment for heat mitigation, ventilation improvements, ground & site improvements

\$3.15M

WAIKIKI MASTER PLAN IMPROVEMENTS

- Construction to conduct various improvements along Waikiki beach in the Sheraton-Halekulani, Royal Hawaiian, & Kuhio Beach sectors (incl. sand restoration, derelict groins refurbishment, & construction of new groins (w/ offshore sand dredging/beach sand replacement)

\$3.04M

ALA WAI SMALL BOAT HARBOR

- O'ahu Design & Construction to replace floating docks, finger piers, & make other related improvements to the ground & site

OTHER CIP FUNDS ALLOCATED INCLUDED:

\$4.73M

MCKINLEY HIGH SCHOOL

- Athletic complex improvements

\$1.5M

WAIKIKI AQUARIUM

- Aquarium discharge system upgrade

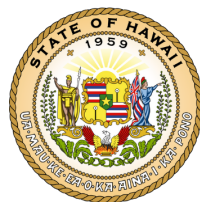
\$2.6M

KAIMUKI HIGH SCHOOL

- For a campus fire alarm system



Representative Tam and members of the House Finance Committee visiting the new Hawaii State Hospital that will help treat those with mental illnesses in a safe and dignified environment



Hawaii State Representative

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**HAVE A QUESTION OR
WANT TO SAY HELLO?**

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2021 LEGISLATION HIGHLIGHTS

Out of the 2820 bills that were introduced this session, about 265 measures passed & are on the way to the Governor for signature into law.

In addition, 845 resolutions were introduced on a variety of issues, out of which 266 were adopted. Some of the bills and resolutions that passed that I believe will be of interest to constituents of District 22 include:

- HB72** Establishes a framework for the regulation of electric foot scooters
- HB766** Appropriates funds to establish the photo red light imaging detector systems pilot program.
- HB601** Amends the statewide traffic code to allow for the county chiefs of police to designate county employees to issue citations for traffic violations.
- SB791** Authorizes removal of abandoned vessels within 72 hours at the owner's expense & makes abandonment a petty misdemeanor.
- HB490** Crimes Against Seniors - enhanced penalties for crimes against seniors
- HB1283** Provides for dementia training to first responders.
- HB599** Clarifies that condo associations may conduct electronic meetings & electronic or mail voting during a state of emergency.
- SB329** Authorizes the condo association board to dispose of abandoned property 30 days after notifying the owner; or to dispose immediately if owner is unknown.
- SB793** Repeals sub-minimum wage requirements for disabled workers.
- SB1350** Defers salary increases for executive, legislative & judicial branch officials.
- HB286** Authorizes the Department of Taxation to require real estate investment trusts to annually report assets & revenues generated.
- HB282** Clarifies the definition of "provider" to increase access to emergency shelters for unaccompanied minors
- HR6** Requesting the Legislative Reference Bureau & John A Burns School of Medicine & DoH to conduct a study on the health effects of persistent urban noise in Honolulu
- HCR45** Urges the US Congress to grant additional authority to the FCC to stop unwanted & illegal robocalls

For a complete list of bills visit, www.capitol.hawaii.gov

BE PREPARED!

Hurricane season in Hawai'i (June 1 - November 30) has started

BEFORE

- **Board up windows.** Tape DOES NOT prevent windows from breaking.
- **Trim trees & shrubs** around your home & **secure outdoor furniture & loose objects.**
- **Clear rain gutters & downspouts.**
- **Turn off utilities if instructed to do so.** Turn the refrigerator thermostat to its coldest setting and keep its doors closed.
- **Avoid using the phone,** except for serious emergencies. Consider texting.
- **Ensure a supply of water** for sanitary purposes.
- **Prepare to evacuate** when directed to by local authorities. You will need to take your kit* with you, shelters do not provide any supplies, food, or water.

HOME SURVIVAL KIT:

- Portable radio, flashlights, & batteries
- First Aid kit
- Minimum 14-day supply of medications
- 5-7 day supply of non-perishable foods
- Hibachi or camping stove with fuel & matches
- Manual can opener
- Ice chest & ice/frozen ice packs
- Disposable plates & kitchen utensils
- Water - one (1) gallon per person, per day
- Extra pet food

DURING

- **Stay indoors** away from windows, skylights and glass doors.
- **Secure & brace exterior doors.**
- **Close interior doors & take refuge in a small interior safe room,** like a closet or hallway, on the lowest level of your home.
- The eye of the hurricane is deceptively calm and almost free of clouds with light winds and warm temperatures. **Do not go outdoors while the eye is passing;** the full intensity of the storm will reoccur in minutes.
- **Monitor your NOAA Weather Radio** & local radio stations for emergency information/updates.

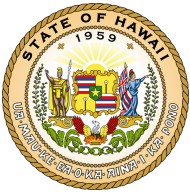
EVACUATION KIT:

- Sleeping bag or blankets/bedding
- Important papers & documents (insurance/mortgage papers in a waterproof bag or on a USB flash drive)
- Infant necessities
- Personal toiletries
- Snacks & water

AFTER

- **Continuously monitor TV** (if working) & radio for instructions.
- Authorities will announce when it is safe to go outside and/or to return to your home.
- When assessing damage, take photos to document for insurance purposes.
- **Be aware of hazards,** i.e. down power lines, broken gas lines, contaminated water, weakened structures, broken glass, etc.

Stay Calm
Stay Alert
Stay Informed



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Dear Neighbor,

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you as your State Representative. When we started this year's legislative session, we faced many obstacles, from a looming budget deficit to a raging pandemic. However, we were committed to working to better our state for you and future generations to come.

The legislature immediately rolled up its sleeves and got to work to get the ball rolling to put our state back on the right track. Together, we could save funding for critical resources to combat rising homelessness, prevent businesses from shutting their doors, prevent mass evictions, and much more.

This was your success. Thank you for all your emails, phone calls, and letters, keeping me updated on what you believe is best for our community and our state. I could not have survived this session without your input on various pieces of legislation. I'm sending you this newsletter to highlight some of our accomplishments in this past legislative session.

As we move forward, please continue to stay engaged with my office and me. We are always happy to hear from you. I look forward to working with you to better our home.

Sincerely,

Adrian Tam
State Representative



Representatives Adrian Tam, Patrick Branco, & Jackson Sayama volunteering at a food drive for hurting families.



Representative Tam & the Waikiki Lion's Club present art awards to the students of Jefferson Elementary School.

Serving Our Community