

# Hawaii State Representative Adrian K. Tam

House District 24



# NEWSLETTER

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Aloha neighbors,

The past month, our commitment to protecting marriage equality was reaffirmed as HB2802 HD1 advanced to the Senate. The critical importance of addressing the opioid crisis was underscored by the recent life-saving intervention on Kauai, highlighting the urgent need for support for HB2253.

In a recent townhall, we delved into vital updates on condo insurance and premium increases, which we're addressing through bill HB2686. Stay tuned for more updates and progress as we continue to work for the betterment of our communities.

Warm regards,



## OUR OFFICE AT WORK



Condominium Insurance Townhall featuring Rep Scott Saiki, Senator Moriwaki, Rep Nishimoto, and Rep Tam.



Paying tribute alongside California Congressman Mark Takano to the late Hawaii Congressman Mark Takai.



Honoring the Global Federation of Chinese Business Woman-Hawaii Chapter and the World Taiwanese Chamber of Commerce - Hawaii Chapters.



7th Annual Tourism Day, hosted by HLTA, at the Hawaii State Capitol.





Discussing local issues and sharing insights at the Ala Moana Neighborhood Board meeting



Remembering Sara Yara: A year after her tragic loss, family, friends, and MADD Hawaii gather to honor the 16-year-old's memory.




Rep. Tam reiterating the importance of art and artists at Hawai'i Regional Scholastic Art Awards which honors students from all islands.

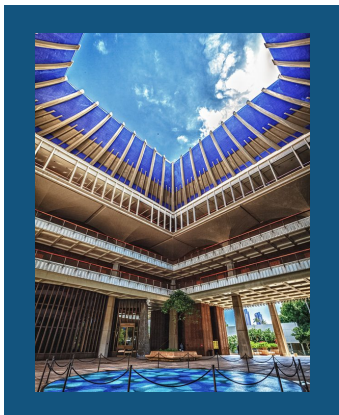


Honoring Bretman Rock at Hawai'i State Capitol

**DON'T MISS MAYOR BLANGIARDI'S 2024 TOWN HALL MEETING**  
 Thursday, April 25, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. at Mānoa District Park  
 Gymnasium, Mānoa, Urban Honolulu, Waikīkī



## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE



- **House Bill 2802 HD1, safeguarding marriage equality, passes its third reading** in the House of Representatives! It is now headed to the Hawai'i Senate for consideration.
- **Hawai'i has officially become a trauma-informed state**, committing to values like safety, trust, and empowerment in both state workplaces and services.
- The **district survey** has yielded the following results: **54%** of respondents are **in favor** of marijuana legalization, 38% are in disagreement, and 7% are unsure, with a total of 607 responses. The top three ranked issues identified by respondents were **homelessness/mental healthcare, crime, and affordable housing**.

# LEG CORNER



Every month we will be giving you a view into how and what we do at the Capitol to make your voice be heard and pass laws that enhance the lives of our constituents. This month we will focus on:

## The Executive Budget

Crafting the Executive budget involves multiple entities.

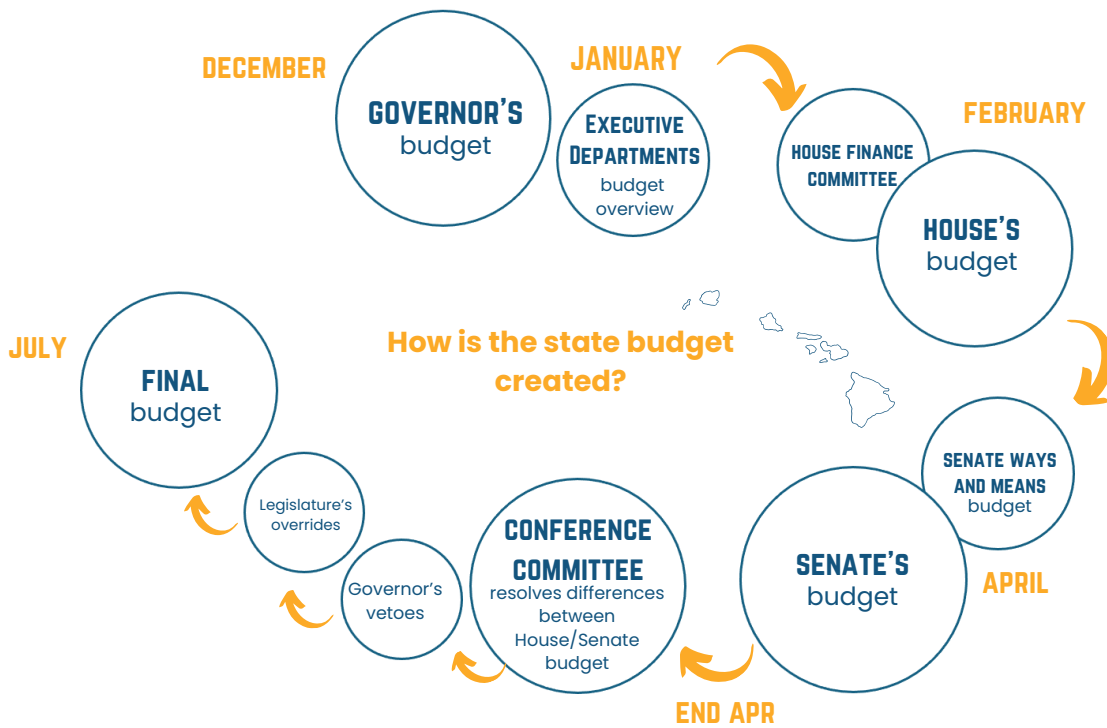
The **Council on Revenues** plays a crucial role by preparing revenue estimates four times annually, aiding fiscal forecasting.

The **Governor**, through the Department of Budget & Finance, initiates the "budget bill" in collaboration with Executive departments.

The **Legislature** receives the Governor's draft budget, amending and ratifying it using legislative procedures, involving multiple voting stages and potential gubernatorial vetoes.

**Senate Ways and Means (WAM)** and **House Finance (FIN)** serve as the pivotal "money committees," generating and managing numerous reports, estimates, and calculations. They conduct informational briefings, receiving input from Executive departments, agencies, and leadership.

Additionally, the committees collaborate with the **Department of Taxation** and prepare amended versions of bills, along with budget worksheets. Public engagement remains essential, influencing budget deliberations through advocacy and testimony on various topics.



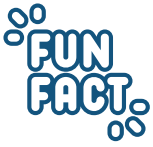
# ART AT THE CAPITOL



Join us for the 15th Annual Art at the Capitol event, themed "Ao & Pō," exploring Hawaiian culture and the Capitol building's juxtapositions. The collaboration with the State Foundation Culture and the Arts and Hawaii State Art Museum supports public access to art and many state supported arts organizations.

You can look forward to a poetry reading by Brandy Nālani McDougall, music by Honolulu Youth Symphony, performances by Ballet Hawai'i, films from Hawai'i International Film Festival, and a Meet & Greet with Hawai'i Contemporary artists, light refreshments and much much more!

Stop in, grab a bite to eat, and meet your Legislator and take a look at the wonderful art from the state collection on display in their offices-- a brochure with art locations will be available.



### About Hawai'i

- The official State motto, **Ua Mau ke Ea o ka 'Āina i ka Pono**, is written at the bottom of the State seal. It means *The life of the land is perpetuated in righteousness*.
- The people of Hawai'i consume the **most Spam per capita in the U.S.**
- Hawai'i is the only state with **two official languages**, English and Hawaiian.
- There are **twelve letters in the Hawaiian language** – five vowels and seven consonants. The 'okina mark (similar to an apostrophe) and kahako mark (line above a vowel) are used to clarify pronunciation.

## ADVISORIES - WAIKIKI ROAD CLOSURES

(All times are approximate.)

**April 3, 2024 Wednesday** **SALUTE TO YOUTH PARADE** -Start at Ft. DeRussy, to Kalakaua Ave., kkhhd on Kalakaua Ave., to Monsarrat Ave to end at Kapiolani Park.  
 6:00 PM Road Closes  
 8:00 PM Road Reopens

**April 7, 2024 Sunday** **HAWAII PACIFIC HEALTH WOMEN'S 10K RUN** - Start at Kapiolani Park Band Stand, to Diamond Head Rd., to Kahala Ave., to Paikau St., to Diamond Head Rd., to 22nd Ave., to Kilauea Ave., to Elepaio St., to Kahala Ave., to Diamond Head Rd., to Kalakaua Ave., to end at the Honolulu Marathon finish line. KEIKI RUN: Start west of Marathon Finish Line on Kalakaua Ave., to Monsarrat Ave., to Paki Ave. jogging path, to Kalakaua Ave., to finish at Marathon Finish Line.

**April 14, 2024 Sunday** **HAPALUA HONOLULU MARATHON HALF MARATHON** - Start on Kalakaua Ave., near Dukes Statue, head Ewa on Kalakaua Ave., to Kapiolani Blvd., to Atkinson Dr., to Ala Moana Blvd. mauka side, turn around at Fort St. Mall, to Ala Moana Blvd., makai side, to Kalakaua Ave., to Monsarrat Ave., to Paki Ave., to Diamond Head Road, to Paikau St., to Kahala Ave., to Diamond Head Rd., to Kalakaua Ave., to end at Honolulu Marathon finish line.

**April 27, 2024 Saturday** **WAIKIKI SPAM JAM STREET FESTIVAL** - Lane closures begin at 12:30 pm for setup. The event will close Kalakaua Avenue, all traffic lanes/sidewalk areas, from Seaside Ave. to Liliuokalani Ave. from 1:30pm.

## CONDO CORNER

All condominiums associations are governed by two primary documents: the Declaration and the Bylaws. Some condominiums also have House Rules. It is important to read these documents and understand what they contain as they govern the ownership and use of your unit.


The **Declaration** is the legal document which creates a condominium. It includes legal descriptions of the condominium and each individual unit and describes the allowable use of the units and the common areas.

The **Bylaws** establish how a condominium is governed. They address elections, meetings, budgeting, and insurance requirements.

The **House Rules** govern day-to-day condominium living. They may establish quiet hours and rules for guest parking and set fines for rule violations.

To learn more, check out the Real Estate Branch's short video at <https://youtu.be/OUWZDdrLcWM>

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