



Hawaii State Representative Adrian K. Tam



House District 24

NEWSLETTER

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The 2026 Legislature is Officially in Session!

I'm thrilled to welcome in my wonderful new team, who are diligently filing legislation, preparing for hearings, attending to constituent concerns and working to keep you abreast of the legislation that will most impact our District and Community. Your participation in our democratic process is more important than ever-- and I hope you will be moved to make your voice heard. I urge you to make 2026 the year you testify on the measures that impact you and our community. As always I welcome your letters, emails, calls and now text messages-- or make an appointment to stop by the District 24 Office-- my office is here to serve you!

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE



OPENING DAY

The House of Representatives and Senate kicked-off the 33rd legislative session with Opening Day at the State Capitol on January 21, 2026. It was great to reunite with my fellow legislators and to greet constituents, friends and family at the office. This year my focus will be to pass bills that affect our communities and state such as the continued development of the vehicular Noise Detection Program (HB 1588), training for businesses to provide dementia friendly service (HB 1589) and stronger enforcement against short-term illegal vacation rentals statewide (HB 1590). As head of the Tourism Committee, I have introduced HB 1944 that will transition the Hawaii Tourism Authority into statewide councils that are community-driven as a reset to increase public accountability and reporting. I will be posting hearing notices on social media for the bills and invite you to testify in person or through writing so that your voice can be heard.



REP TAM AT WORK



On January 8, state representatives were invited to tour a Princess Cruises ship as a response to the lawsuit filed by Cruise Lines International Association (CLIA) in opposition to the Green Fee which went into effect in January 2026. The federal appeals court (9th circuit) issued a preliminary injunction that pauses Hawaii from collecting the Green Fee on cruise passengers while the case is litigated. The Green Fee is a 11% Transient Accommodation Tax (TAT) which raises funds for environmental protection, climate resilience and sustainable tourism projects for Hawaii. Hotels and vacation rentals are complying with the new law along with one major cruise line (Norwegian Cruise Line).



Above: Princess Ruby workers sort through passenger trash for recycling and incineration.



On January 13th I attended the Heart of the House tour held at the Outrigger Reef Resort. The tour included a walk to view and discuss the beach erosion, a stop at the resort’s A’o Cultural Center and a meeting about issues about the future of tourism.



The 2026 Safe Roads Challenge is a statewide initiative designed to reduce crashes, save lives, and promote safer driving habits across Hawai’i. Whether you’re on O’ahu, Maui, Kaua’i, the Big Island, Moloka’i, or Lāna’i, this challenge is for you and your whole ‘ohana.

To participate, drivers download the Safe Roads Challenge app which tracks behaviors like speeding, braking, and phone usage and rewards drivers with scores of 80+ with monthly gift cards (\$25–\$250). It is aimed at reducing 2025’s record high of 129 traffic fatalities, the program is free, voluntary, and designed for all Hawaii residents.

For more information please visit the Department of Transportation website at: <https://hidot.hawaii.gov/highways/hawaii-safe-roads-challenge/>

CONDO CORNER



Tenant Obligations in a Condominium

Tenants living in a condominium association have certain obligations under the Hawaii condominium law.

Tenants’ behavior is regulated by the condominium’s governing documents, which are the declaration, bylaws, and house rules. Tenants must abide by all rules, regulations, restrictions, and conditions of the association.

Rules for living in the association, such as quiet hours, usage of the property, parking, pets, etc. apply equally to tenants and owners. Fines may be levied against a tenant for violating the rules of the association.

Prior to signing a rental agreement, a tenant should carefully review the rules of the association to make sure there are no deal breakers.

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TIME: 06:00pm - 07:30pm

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February 1, 2026 Saturday
5:30 AM Lanes Close
9:30 AM Lanes Reopen

JOHNNY FAERBER 10K RUN sponsored by Mid Pacific Roadrunners Club. The event is expected to have 250 runners. It will start on Kalakaua Ave., 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 finish at Honolulu Marathon finish line area.

My office can now receive text/SMS messages (and photos!) to the fax line: (808) 586 - 8524

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