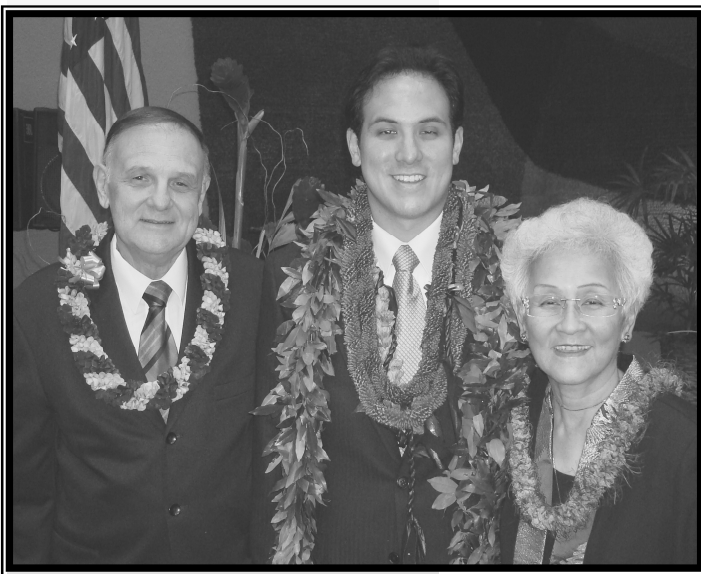


# Representative Aaron Ling Johanson

District 32 • Aiea, Lower Pearlridge, Pearl Harbor, Hickam, Foster Village,  
Halawa Valley Estates, Aliamanu, Moanalua Gardens, Mapunapuna, Kalihi •

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### 2011 Opening of the Hawaii State Legislature



The 26th Hawaii State Legislature opened in celebration on Wednesday, January 19, 2011 and Representative Aaron Ling Johanson was sworn into office. Thank you to members of the community and everyone who stopped by. Committee assignments were made shortly thereafter and Rep. Johanson is pleased to be a member of the following Committees:

- Education
- Higher Education
- Transportation
- Public Safety and Military Affairs
- Labor and Public Employment

## Rep. Johanson's Bill Introduction

- HB1614 to create a "Silver Alert" system for seniors, in conjunction with the Maile Amber Alert.
- HB 1615 would establish a Sunset Advisory Commission to improve effectiveness of state laws.
- HB875 which limits the use of Power of Attorney to circumvent school district boundaries.

See the next page for more information on each bill, or go to the legislative website at (<http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session2011/>) where you can read any bill by searching for the bill number. Our office is always available if you have questions or would like help in submitting testimony regarding these bills. Please call us at (808) 586-9470 or email at [RepJohanson@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:RepJohanson@capitol.hawaii.gov)

## In the News

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### Speech to pave state's path

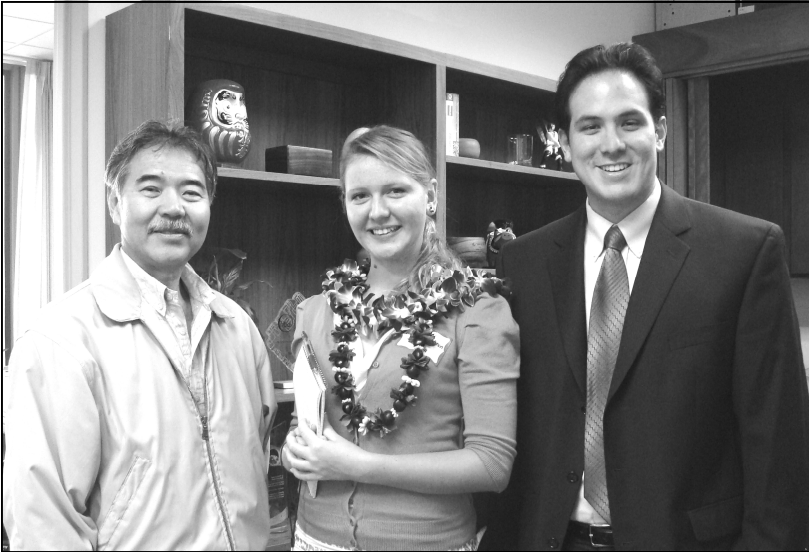
By Derrick DePledge POSTED: 01:30 a.m. HST, Jan 23, 2011

Gov. Neil Abercrombie will give his first State of the State address tomorrow, a platform where he is expected to clarify his vision for retooling state government and provide more details about how he would balance the budget. ...

Rep. Aaron Johanson (R-Lower Pearlridge-Aiea-Halawa) said these would be challenging times for any chief executive. "These are challenging times for everyone, and I think it reinforces the nature of us all needing to work together to fix what are collective problems." -Rep. Johanson

Johanson, a freshman in the GOP minority, said he would welcome a message of bipartisanship from the governor.

"It is a new beginning and a new day, and I would love to hear a call for unity and a spirit of bipartisanship to start us all out," he said. "These are challenging times for everyone, and I think it reinforces the nature of us all needing to work together to fix what are collective problems."



Tatyana Zasheva, an Aiea High School student, meets lawmakers from her district, Senator Ige and Representative Johanson.

### International Exchange

Rep. Aaron Ling Johanson hosted Tatyana Zasheva, an exchange student at Aiea High School, for a day at the Capitol. She was one of twenty students who took part in the Freedom Support Act Shadowing program. Tatyana is from Russia and is in Hawaii for the 2010-11 school year. One of the main purposes of the program is for students to gain an in-depth understanding about American government and its rules of law. Rep. Johanson helped Tatyana understand all the steps a bill takes on its way to becoming law. Tatyana and her co-participants were introduced during the House Session.

## Rail Information

The City and County of Honolulu is asking for public input on the Aiea-Pearl City Rail Plan. The TOD (Transit-Oriented Development) Plan is available on the city website ([www.honolulu.gov/planning](http://www.honolulu.gov/planning)). Comments should be submitted by Monday, Feb. 28 to:

Department of Planning and Permitting  
City and County of Honolulu  
650 South King Street, 7th floor  
Honolulu, HI 96813  
Attn: Renee Espiau

Or:

Email: [respiau@honolulu.gov](mailto:respiau@honolulu.gov)  
Fax: (808) 768-6743

## More Information on Bills of Interest

### **Silver Alert - HB 1614 [introduced by Rep. Johanson]**

This bill allows for the current system of quick public notification that is in place for missing children (Maile Amber Alert) to be used when seniors are missing. *The bill was deferred by the Public Safety Committee on Thursday Feb. 3, 2011.*

**KGMB interview on the Silver Alert Bill HB 1614 on Feb. 3, 2011.**



### **Sunset Advisory Commission - HB 1615 [introduced by Rep. Johanson]**

This bill creates a Commission that will work with State Auditors to evaluate and recommend changes to the structure and workings of our state government. *Senate companion bill was deferred on Saturday, Feb. 12, 2011.*

### **Using Power of Attorney - HB 875 [introduced by Reps. Ichiyama and Johanson]**

In an effort to help schools maintain their district residence requirement for students, this bill allows for proof of residency beyond just submitting a Power of Attorney document. *The bill was heard in the Education Committee on Wednesday, Feb. 9, 2011 and was deferred.*

### **Taxation on Pensions - HB 1092 [introduced as part of the Governor's Package]**

This bill proposes changing various aspects of the tax code. It proposes taxing pensions that are currently not taxed, with changes taking effect over 2 years for lower incomes and immediately for those in higher tax brackets. It also includes making adjustments to the standard deductions, rate brackets and personal exemptions based on a cost-of-living adjustment, as well as significantly increasing taxes on time shares. *This bill has been referred to the Finance Committee and has not been given a hearing date yet.*

### **Identity Theft - HB 1220 [introduced by Reps. Takai and Johanson]**

Provides a private cause of action for a victim who, as a result of an information security breach, suffers a risk of harm from identity theft. Amends the type of notice that must be given to a person affected by a security breach. Defines identity theft. *This bill has been referred to three Committees and was heard by the Consumer Protection & Judiciary Committees on Monday, Feb. 7, 2011.*

### **Appointed Board of Education - SB 8 SD1 HD1 [introduced by Sen. Tokuda]**

Establishes the implementation of the appointment of the Board of Education. *This bill has passed from the Senate to the House and has been heard by the Education Committee and is now scheduled to be heard by the Finance Committee on Wednesday, Feb. 16, 2011.*

### **Death With Dignity - SB 803 [introduced by Sen. Ige by request]**

This bill allows for terminally ill, competent adults to receive medication to end life. *This bill was held by the Senate Health Committee on Saturday, Feb. 7, 2011.*

If you have any questions or comments about any of these bills please contact our office at 586-9470.