

Office of

### **Representative Adrian Tam**

February 2023

# 2023 Legislature is Officially in Session



Mahalo to everyone who came on Opening Day to see me and celebrate!

### February in District 24

Saturday, February 4 : Phoenix Dance Group 5:00 - 5:30 pm at the Royal Hawaiian Hotel

Sunday, February 5 : Wah Ngai Lion Dance 6:00 - 7:00 pm at the Royal Hawaiian Hotel

Tuesday, February 7: Better Tomorrow Speaker Series at University of Hawaii, Manoa 6:30pm Robin Kimmerer on "Land Justice" Free tickets on Eventbrite

Friday, February 17: Malama Makers Market Royal Hawaiian

#### All Month- Hawaiian language | Mahina 'Ōlelo Hawai'i (mahinaolelohawaii.org)

## **Bills to Watch this Session**

**HB177** -Relating to Noise Control: Makes unlawful for any person to play, use, operate, or otherwise permit a sound amplifier that creates a noise disturbance within thirty feet of a hotel, detached dwelling, or multi-family dwelling in Waikiki between the hours of 7:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. Establishes civil fines and criminal penalties for violations.

**HB175** -Relating to Emergency Vehicles: Makes it discretionary for authorized emergency vehicles to use sirens when responding to an emergency or in other specified situations if the siren is not reasonably necessary under the circumstances.

**HB208** -Relating to Criminal Activity: Appropriates funds to the department of the attorney general to collect data and conduct a study on how to reduce criminal activity in Waikiki.

**HB209** -Relating to Tourism: Requires the department of agriculture to include a statement on desecration laws in the plants and animals declaration form.

**HB421** -Relating to Mental Health: Amends the definition of "dangerous to self" as used in State law governing mental health, mental illness, drug addiction, and alcoholism. Defines the terms "gravely disabled" and "psychiatric deterioration". Broadens the term of "imminently dangerous to self and others" to persons who will likely be dangerous to self or to others within the next ninety days, rather than within the next forty-five days. Increases the maximum period of emergency hospitalization from forty-eight hours to seventy-two hours.

**HB467** -Relating to Social Work: Requires the department of public safety, in collaboration with the department of human services, to develop and establish a social work training program to assist nonviolent incarcerated individuals in the area of social work. Requires progress reports on the program to the legislature. Appropriates funds.

**HB468** -Relating to Transportation: Specifies that a certificate of inspection shall be issued if a vehicle is not equipped with a noisy muffler or exhaust system. Requires rules regarding safety check inspections to ensure that a motorcycle, moped, or motor vehicle is not equipped with a noisy muffler or exhaust system. Suspends, revokes, or refuses renewal of a permit for an official inspection station upon a third or subsequent wilful violation of any rule regarding inspecting a noisy muffler or exhaust system. Makes violating the noisy muffler laws a petty misdemeanor. Includes repairing or installing a noisy muffler or exhaust system as a prohibited practice for motor vehicle repair regulations.

**HB471** -Relating to Excessive Noise: Appropriates funds for the department of transportation, in conjunction with the city and county of Honolulu, to develop a pilot program to use noise detection traffic cameras to address excessive traffic noise in urban areas on the island of Oahu. Requires report to the legislature. Sunsets 12/31/2025.

**HB1122** -Relating to Health: Requires certain patients subject to emergency hospitalization to be assessed to determine whether a surrogate or guardian is needed to make appropriate health care decisions for the patient.



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