

Hawaii State Representative Adrian K. Tam



House District 24

NEWSLETTER

Aloha neighbors,

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Now that we are more than half way through the 2025 Legislative Session, I want to encourage you to continue to participate by voicing your concerns through testimony. To track the progress of measures, and to testify in support or against a bill, please visit www.capitol.hawaii.gov. You can also learn more about the legislative process through the Public Access Room located at the state capitol. Their website is https://Irb.hawaii.gov/par/. Additionally, please feel free to email me at reptam@capitol.com. Your input makes a difference!

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE



- HB97 HD2: RELATING TO TRAVEL INSURANCE. Establishes a new regulatory framework for the sale of travel insurance in the State, including licensing and registration requirements for limited lines travel insurance producers. Effective 10/1/3000. (HD2)
- HB212 HD2: RELATING TO HOMELESSNESS. Requires the Statewide Office on Homelessness and Housing Solutions to establish a permanent Return-to-Home Program to return homeless individuals in the State to families and relatives in their home states. Requires the Office to report to the Legislature. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)
- HB613 HD1: RELATING TO HOMELESS YOUTH. Makes the Safe Spaces for Youth Pilot Program permanent within the Office of Youth Services. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)
- SBI044 SD2: RELATING TO THE STABILIZATION OF PROPERTY INSURANCE. Expands the powers of the Hawai'i Property Insurance Association and reactivates the Hawai'i Hurricane Relief Fund to help to stabilize the property insurance market in the State. Requires the Hawai'i Property Insurance Association and the Hawai'i Hurricane Relief Fund to contract with domestic private insurers to act as a servicing facility by 10/1/2025. Establishes the Condominium Loan Program and the condominium Ioan program special fund, to be administered by the Hawai'i Green Infrastructure Authority on behalf of the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism, for the purpose of providing funding for essential repairs and deferred maintenance to condominium associations organized under chapter 514B, HRS. Requires the Insurance Commissioner to conduct a study to develop long-term solutions to stabilize the property insurance market in the State. Requires reports to the Legislature. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)

REP TAM AT WORK



Rep. Tam with University of Hawai'i at Manoa Shidler College of Business, School of Travel Industry Management Ho'oilina Scholarship recipients at the 8th Annual Tourism Day event held at the Capitol on Friday, March 7, 2025



Rep. Tam and Lt. Gov. Sylvia Luke with members from Maui Hotel and Lodging at the 8th Annual Tourism Day event.







Serving as the House Tourism Committee Chair, I had the honor of hosting Tourism Day at the Capitol alongside Senator Lynn DeCoite, bringing together cultural industry leaders, tourism professionals, and organizations to discuss the future of Hawaii's tourism industry.

Tourism continues to be the backbone of our economy, and this event provided a valuable opportunity for policymakers to engage directly with key stakeholders, including Hawai'i Tourism Authority, Hawai'i Lodging and Tourism Association, Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement, Hawai'i Visitors & Convention Bureau, and the Native Hawaiian Hospitality Association.

As your District 24 Representitive, I remain committed to supporting a sustainable and thriving tourism industry that balances economic growth with cultural, environmental, and kama'āina responsibility.















Thomas Jefferson Elementary School



Mahalo to Jefferson Elementary Principal Garret Zakahi for allowing us to use the school's library for the Town Hall. About 30 people showed up to participate.



Waikiki District 6 police officers listened to concerns from residents in the area.

Over the five day recess in February, Senator Sharon Moriwaki and I held a Town Hall meeting at Thomas Jefferson Elementary School. Joining us were Waikiki District 6 Community Policing Team, representatives from Waikiki Health Center, along with concerned constituents. Mahalo for those who attended to share their concerns about our neighborhood and community.

Major topics of discussion included noise from large groups of motorists to trespass and sanitary issues with homeless individuals. Your input and attentiveness to the issues in our district is imperative to improving our community.



Representative Adrian Tam and Senator Sharon Moriwaki led the Town Hall.





CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS UPDATE!



State funding for the following Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) has been released.

Waikiki Community Center

Description: To provide construction funds to build a certified commercial kitchen. This project qualifies as a grant pursuant to Chapter 42F, HRS.

Amount Released: \$350,000.00

<u>Ala Wai Elementary School, Covered Play court</u> Description: To finance the design and construction for a covered play court Amount Released: \$4,600,000.00

ADVISORIES WAIKIKI ROAD CLOSURES





SALUTE TO YOUTH PARADE The event will have 500 marchers, 15 vehicles, 5 floats, 10 bands. It will start at Ft. DeRussy, to Kalakaua Ave., kkhd on Kalakaua Ave., to Monsarrat Ave to end at Queen Kapiolani Park.

April 7, 2025 Sunday 5:00 AM Lanes Close 9:00 AM Lanes Reopen

HHAWAII PACIFIC HEALTH WOMEN'S 10K RUN

The event is expected to have 2,000 runners. The event will start near Kapiolani Park Band Stand 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 end at the Honolulu Marathon finish line. 5K RUN: Start near Kapiolani Park Band Stand on Kalakaua Ave., to Diamond Head Rd, uturn at last lookout, finish at Marathon Finish Line.

> April 14, 2025 Sunday 3:00 AM Lanes Close 11:00 AM Lanes Reopen

HAPALUA HONOLULU MARATHON HALF MARATHON The event is expected to have 10,000+ runners. It will 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, 2025 Saturday 1:30 PM Road Closes 12:00 AM Road Reopens

WAIKIKI SPAM JAM STREET FESTIVAL The event is expected to have 25,000+ participants. 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.



FOLLOW THE MONEY!





2025 Executive Budget Resources



Suggested resources for following the Executive Budget

HB300 (2025) - Executive Budget

Legislature's Budget Worksheets

Budget & Finance: 2025-2027 Executive Budget

PAR's Budget Process webpage (with link to recent budget workshop recording)

January 2025 Info Briefings (Briefings by Departments to money committees)

FIN - look at 'News' for department briefing materials WAM - look at Summary Agenda, then look up individual agenda

Contact PAR if you have questions! 808 / 587-0478 • <u>Irb.hawaii.gov/PAR</u> • <u>par@capitol.hawaii.gov</u>

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CONDO CORNER

Condominium Fines

The board of directors of a condominium association governs the project on behalf of the owners. This includes maintaining the buildings and amenities, managing finances, and enforcing the house rules. Associations often impose fines when owners, their tenants, or guests violate the rules of the association.

The board of directors is mandated by law to establish a clear fining procedure that states the basis for a fine and allows an owner to appeal the fine. An owner has thirty days from the date of the written notice to contest the fine and file a demand for mediation pursuant to §514B-146(g), HRS.

A condominium association often hires various employees, vendors, and agents to help manage the property. These may include a resident or on-site manager, a condominium managing agent, an insurance agent, and an association attorney. What do these agents do?

- A resident or on-site manager is responsible for the day-to-day operations of a condominium project. Their duties include overseeing maintenance and repairs, handling residents' concerns, and enforcing house rules.
- A condominium managing agent performs certain tasks which can range from simple accounting to complete management depending on their contract.
- An insurance agent is the point of contact for the insurance policies that cover the association.
- An association attorney provides legal advice and guidance to the board on association matters.

You can learn more about the duties of association agents at https://cca.hawaii.gov/reb/files/2019/09/Powers-Duties-of-Agents-of-the-Association.pdf

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