Hawaii State Senator Bennette E. Misalucha

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Report to the 'Aiea Neighborhood Board No. 20 June 2021

Dear Neighbor,

Our office has had a busy start to summer with many celebrations and happenings that serve to benefit our community.

On May 13, our office partnered with area legislators and the local office of the U.S. Small Business Administration to put on an informational meeting on the Restaurant Revitalization Fund (RRF) Grant. This has been a collaborative effort that aimed to outreach to restaurant owners in our district, especially those with language barriers, who may not have otherwise applied and taken advantage of the program. Mahalo to all those who have helped to put this on, which I know has made a huge difference in the lives of many we serve.

With the school year coming to a close, we have also celebrated the graduations of students across the district. Congratulations to all graduates, and know there is more to look forward to in your immediate futures. Although summer has just started, our office has already begun working with community organizations to put on the 2nd Annual 'Aiea Complex School Supply Drive in July 2021. Please see page 4 for more information.

I hope you will find the rest of our monthly report resourceful. As always, please let me know if there are any issues you see facing our community that I can help to address. Mahalo for the opportunity to serve you.

Very Truly Yours,

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Senator Bénnette E. Misalucha Senate District 16

Calendar of Events

<u>June 2021</u>

- King Kamehameha Day Holiday
- **19** Juneteenth Day
- 21 'Aiea Community Association Meeting, 7:00pm

<u>July 2021</u>

- 4 Independence Day
- **5** Independence Day (Observed)
- 10 'Aiea Complex School Supply Drive, 8:00am - 12:00pm
- 12 'Aiea Neighborhood Board Meeting, 7:00pm
- **19** 'Aiea Community Association Meeting, 7:00pm

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CAPITOL UPDATES

Senator Misalucha Welcomes New Members to Senate District 16 Office

Senator Misalucha recently welcomed new members to her office. Bernadette "Bernie" Caalim, who started in June 2021 as Office Manager, will oversee the daily operations of the office and be responsible for communications and social media and other special projects. She most recently served as a legislative aide with our office during the 2021 Legislative Session. Bernie is a lifelong 'Aiea resident and earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in English from the University of California at Berkeley.

Chase Urasaki is an Office Volunteer for the summer who will assist with legislative research and analysis, community relations, and other special projects. He most recently served as a legislative aide for the Office of Representative Justin Woodson during the 2021 Legislative Session. Chase is a lifelong Pearl City resident and graduate of 'Aiea High School. He earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Astrophysics and Mathematics from the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, and will be returning this fall to pursue a Master of Science degree in Electrical Engineering.

The Senate District 16 Office is comprised of: Richard Mizusawa (Legislative Director), Bernie Caalim (Office Manager), Chase Urasaki (Office Volunteer), Ryden Iwamoto (Intern), and Isaiah Burch (Intern). Senator Misalucha is proud to announce that all have ties to the 'Aiea and Pearl City communities and looks forward to working with them to serve all of Senate District 16.

Bernie Caalim



Chase Urasaki

COMMUNITY UPDATES

Informational Meeting on the Restaurant Revitalization Fund (RRF) Grant

On May 13, 2021, Senator Misalucha along with other area legislators collaborated with the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) - Hawai'i Pacific Islands District Office to hold an informational meeting on the Restaurant Revitalization Fund (RRF) Grant. Many restaurant owners from the community and throughout the state joined them virtually or in-person at 'Aiea Elementary School. Mahalo to all who partnered with us, helped with outreach to restaurant owners, and are assisting them with their applications. This has and will continue to make a difference in the lives of many.



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Recognizing 'Aiea Neighborhood Board Chair William "Bill" Clark For His 30 Years of Service to the 'Aiea Community

On June 9, 2021, Senator Misalucha was joined by area legislators to recognize William "Bill" Clark for his over 30 years of service on the 'Aiea Neighborhood Board. He was first elected to the Board in 1991, and voted in by his fellow members as Chair in 1998. Chair Clark has been instrumental in many of the key issues that came to the Board, and served as a strong mediator for the community. Mahalo for your service and we wish you, Bill, good health and prosperity in your next journey.



Congratulations, Class of 2021!

On May 19, 2021, Senator Misalucha attend 'Aiea High School's Graduation Ceremony at Aloha Stadium. She was joined by area legislators and special guests who waved and congratulated the graduating seniors as they exited the stadium after receiving their high school diploma. Although it was not how they envisioned it, they finished the year strong and more resilient than ever. Congratulations to the Class of 2021, and good luck in all of your future endeavors!



Drive Through with DOT Director Jade Butay



On May 27, 2021, Senator Misalucha participated in a drive through of the 'Aiea community with state Department of Transportation Director Jade Butay. Accompanied by Representatives Johanson and Kong, they drove to different parts of 'Aiea to identify state roads that can be included by the DOT in next year's improvement priorities and to see if there are any potential projects in the district that they could work on together.

COMMUNITY UPDATES

Aiea Complex School Supply Drive

(honoring Senator Breene Harimoto)

"Keeping our schools safe and clean from COVID-19"

DRIVE-UP/DROP-OFF DONATION EVENT



Date: Saturday, July 10, 2021 Place: St. Timothy's Episcopal Church 98-939 Moanalua Road, Aiea Time: 8:00 am to 12:00 pm

Senator Harimoto was a strong advocate for education and this event seeks to honor his legacy by supporting our Aiea Complex schools in time of need

Face masks required & social distancing will be enforced

Mahalo to the following sponsoring organizations:

Aiea High School PTSO Aiea Community Association Aiea High School Alumni Assoc. Chaleh Brown HomeStreet Bank Jene Dezigns Kawaii Clothing & Accessories KZOO Radio Mana-Loa Nimitz Lions

Mocha's General Store Office of Councilmember Brandon Elefante Office of Representative Aaron Johanson Office of Representative Sam Kong Office of Senator Bennette Misalucha Office of Senator Donna Mercado Kim St. Timothy's Episcopal Church 808 Craft and Gift Fairs



The 2nd Annual 'Aiea Complex School Supply Drive will take place on Saturday, July 10, 2021 from 8:00am—12:00pm at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church. The following school and cleaning supplies will be accepted: all school supplies, disinfecting wipes, hand sanitizer (60% alcohol and higher), antibacterial liquid soap, paper/cloth face masks, face shields, non-latex disposable gloves, paper towels/tissue papers. Monetary donations are also accepted and can be sent to: 'Aiea High School PTSO, P.O. Box 1312, 'Aiea, HI 96701. If you have any questions, please call (808) 382-7713 or email: <u>AieaHSPTSO@yahoo.com</u> or visit <u>https://aieaschoolsupplydrive.weebly.com</u>.

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