# Hawaii State Senator Bennette E. Misalucha

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## **Report to the Aiea Neighborhood Board No. 20**

#### June 2022

Dear Neighbor,

We are almost at the halfway point of the year, and here at the Capitol, Governor David Ige has until June 27 to notify the Legislature if he intends to veto a bill and deliver the veto by July 12, 2022. If the Governor signs the bill by that date, then the bill becomes law and it is assigned an Act number. I have more details on the process in this report.

During the interim, I have been meeting with constituents, especially those residing in Newtown Estates where residents are gravely concerned about the sprouting of homeless encampments in their neighborhood. An ad hoc task force to address the homelessness issue has been formed to seek a resolution. The task force includes not only myself, but also the Governor's Coordinator on Homelessness, state and city agency representatives, community leaders, Honolulu Police, and other area legislators.

During the interim, I hope you will keep in touch and please share any ideas with me on how we can make our community better. As always, if there is any way I can assist you with any concerns, please let me know at (808) 586-6230 or email me at <u>senmisalucha@capitol.hawaii.gov</u>.

At Your Service,

Bennette & Mionlucha

Senator Bennette E. Misalucha Senate District 16

#### Calendar of Events

#### <u>June 2022</u>

- 10 Kamehameha Day Holiday (Observed)
- 11 Kamehameha Day Holiday
- 13 Aiea Neighborhood Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 20 Aiea Community Association Meeting, 7:00pm
- 20-21 Special Session

#### <u>July 2022</u>

- 4 Fourth of July Holiday
- 11 Aiea Neighborhood Board Meeting, 7:00pm
- 18 Aiea Community Association Meeting, 7:00pm

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### **STATE & CAPITOL UPDATES**

#### Tracking Bills That Were Sent to Governor David Ige

More than 320 bills passed by the Legislature were sent to Governor Ige to sign. The process is a series of steps as shown in the graphics below. The current list of all 2022 Acts can be found by clicking on the "<u>Acts</u>" link found at the bottom of the <u>Reports and Lists</u> page of the Capitol website.



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#### COMMUNITY UPDATES

#### Scam Alert

Scammers are impersonating state and federal officials and are taking the deception one step further by spoofing the state Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs' (DCCA) Professional and Vocational and Licensing Division's phone number on caller ID to make the call more convincing. The scam involves intimidating the licensee into divulging personal information, accepting information through a fax machine, and/or wiring funds internationally for fees, by claiming that an out-of-state incident involving their license has placed their license in jeopardy, and that they are under investigation by both the State and Department of Justice. The Professional and Vocational Licensing Division recently received reports of fake calls to a licensed massage therapist and dentist using the Licensing Branch phone number. Visit https://cca.hawaii.gov/pvl/contact/



Homelessness Issues in Newtown Estates

The ad hoc task force on homelessness was created after numerous complaints by Newtown Estates community members about the growing number of homeless encampments in their neighborhood. On June 3, 2022, The group conducted a site visit . Members included Sen. Misalucha, area legislators, Scott Morishige (Governor's Coordinator on Homelessness), state and city agency representatives, Newtown Estates Community Association members, and the owners of Newtown Golf Driving Range. Its mission is to ascertain where encampments are exactly located and who owns the relevant properties, to understand access points, to gain a perspective on the gravity of the situation, and to discuss further on possible resolutions.

To report homeless encampments or request services , the Statewide Homelessness Help Line is available: Phone: (808) 586-0193 | Email: gov.homelessness@hawaii.gov

## COMMUNITY UPDATES

#### **Graduation and Awards Ceremonies in the Community**

Last month, Senator Misalucha attended many of the graduations happening in the district. Congratulations to all the students who are moving on to their next academic journey and we hope you and your ohana have a fun, restful summer.



Aiea High School Senior Commencement Ceremony at Aloha Stadium, May 19, 2022.



Aiea Intermediate School Pride Night Awards Ceremony, May 18, 2022.



Alvah A. Scott Elementary School Completion Ceremony, May 24, 2022.



Waimalu Elementary School Graduation, May 25, 2022.



Aiea Elementary School 6th Grade Graduation, May 26, 2022.

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