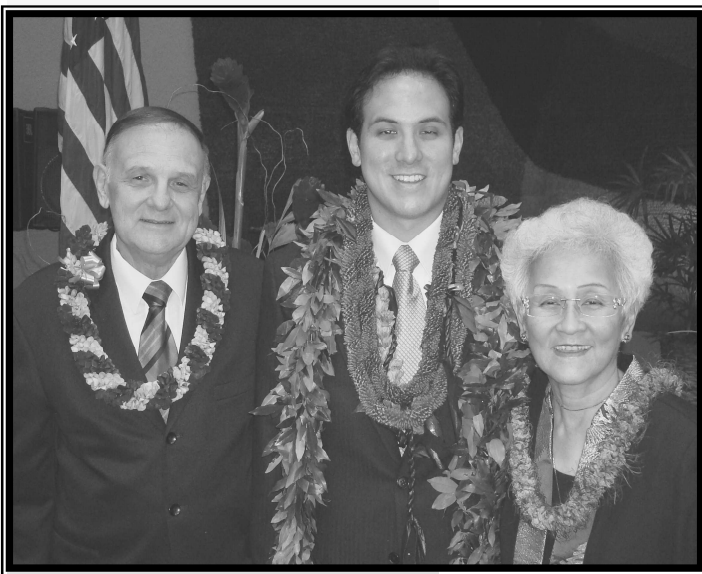


Representative Aaron Ling Johanson

District 32 • Kalihi, Moanalua Gardens, Mapunapuna, Aliamanu, Foster Village, Hickam,
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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

- HB 1614 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.
- HB 1263 increases the terms of the Commission on Fatherhood to four years with a limit of two terms.

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

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. "He's assembled a Cabinet quickly," he said. "I've been really pleased at how that Cabinet has been fairly forthcoming with news that most administrations don't necessarily want to share coming right out the gate."

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"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

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House Filipino Caucus 2011 - Members pictured from the Kalihi - Palama District: Representatives Johanson, Manahan, Mizuno, and Ching.

Rep. Johanson helps at New Hope's Farrington Beautification Day.



Farrington News

**Aloha Aina Earth Day
Farrington High School
Saturday, March 19, 2011
9:00am - 1:00pm**

Bring your recyclable waste, help clean up our environment, and turn trash into cash for Farrington! Some of the accepted items are:

- Scrap metal, bicycles, appliances
- Beverage containers
- Cellular phones, batteries
- Computers, printers, printer cartridges

And much more. Call Rene Mansho for more information 306-1876.

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 Reps. Johanson and Manahan]

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.*

Commission on Fatherhood - HB 1263 [introduced by Reps. Manahan and Johanson]

Increases the terms of the Commission from two to four years. Also limits the members to two terms. *This bill has passed out of the Human Services Committee and has been referred to the Finance Committee.*

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 Rep. Johanson, co-sponsored by Rep. Rhoads]

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.*

Civil Union - SB 232 [introduced by Sen. Galuteria]

Allows for Civil Unions. Extends the same rights, benefits, protections and responsibilities of spouses in a marriage to partners in a civil union. Takes effect January 1, 2012. *This bill was passed by both the House and Senate.*

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