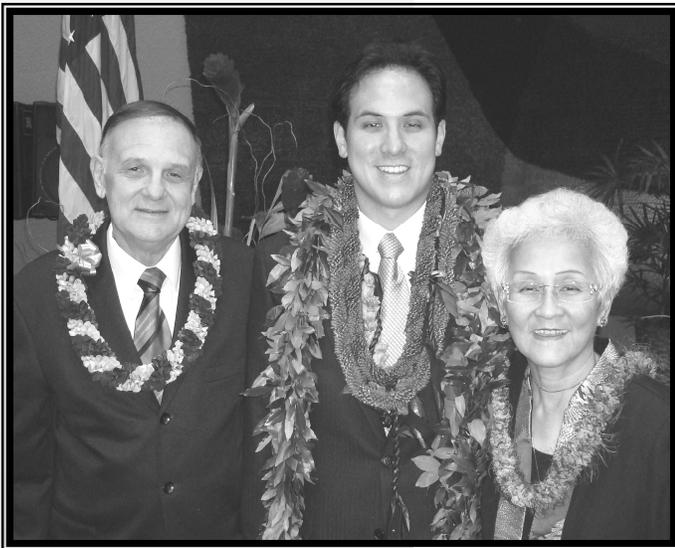


Representative Aaron Ling Johanson

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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 Introduces Four Bills This Session

- HB 1343 which requests funding for Capital Improvement Projects in District 32
- HB1614 to create a "Silver Alert" system for missing seniors with impaired mental conditions, in conjunction with the Maile Amber Alert.
- HB 1615 would establish a Sunset Advisory Commission to improve effectiveness and efficiency of state agencies and regulatory structures.
- HB875, with Rep. Linda Ichiyama, which limits the use of Power of Attorney to circumvent school district boundaries.

See reverse 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



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

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



Sunset Advisory Commission - HB 1615 [introduced by Rep. Johanson]

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 to be heard.*

Capital Improvement Funding House District 32 - HB 1343 [introduced by Rep. Johanson]

This bill requests funding for 12 schools, the Honolulu Airport and Aloha Stadium Capital Improvements. Radford complex schools are included.

Using Power of Attorney - HB 875 [introduced by Reps. Ichiyama and Johanson]

In an effort to help schools maintain their district residence requirement for students, this bill allows for proof of residency beyond just submitting a Power of Attorney document. *The bill was heard in the Education Committee on Wednesday, Feb. 9, 2011 and was deferred.*

Taxation on Pensions - HB 1092 [introduced by 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 yet.*

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.*

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