



# Hawaii State Senator Bennette E. Misalucha

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## Report to the Pearl City Neighborhood Board No. 21 February 2022

Dear Neighbor,

The Legislature is in full swing and so much has happened since my last report. After Opening Day, I filed and introduced 57 bills for the 2022 Legislative Session. For a full listing, please see the attached addendum. I also signed on to many of my colleagues' bills that address a variety of issues from economic development, broadband and digital equity, education, and more.

Last week Friday was the First Lateral deadline, which was the last day for Senate Bills to move to its final committee in the Senate. Next month, I hope to give you an update on the status of my bills that are still moving along the legislative process. If you would like to share your thoughts or concerns on legislation, please contact my office at (808) 586-6230 or e-mail at [senmisalucha@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:senmisalucha@capitol.hawaii.gov).

In light of the recent corruption charges by the U.S. Department of Justice against two former legislators, the Hawaii State Senate has announced plans to address this corruption. I also reaffirm my commitment to serve you and our beloved district — to me, service is joy. I will continue to serve you with integrity, with humility, and with love.

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.

At Your Service,

Senator Bennette E. Misalucha  
Senate District 16

### Calendar of Events

#### February 2022

- 21 Presidents' Day Holiday
- 28 Pearl City Neighborhood Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

#### March 2022

- 10 First Crossover (Bills)
- 16 Budget Crossover
- 25 Prince Kuhio Day Holiday
- 28 Pearl City Neighborhood Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

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## STATE & CAPITOL UPDATES

### Senator Misalucha Introduces 57 Bills for the 2022 Legislative Session

Senator Misalucha introduced 57 bills for the 2022 Legislative Session, which propose to address a variety of issues related to the following topics:

Early Childhood Care  
Kupuna  
Broadband & Digital Equity  
Cryptocurrency  
Consumer Protection  
Affordable Housing  
Tourism

In addition to being the first primary introducer on the above bills, Senator Misalucha signed on to several hundred other bills introduced by her colleagues that also address a wide spectrum of issues and ways to improve the quality of life for all residents.

For a full listing of the bills Senator Misalucha introduced, please see the attached addendum, which provides the bill numbers, titles, descriptions, and current referral. Please note that information on this list may change due to amendments throughout the legislative process. To access this list online and see a bill's current status, go to [https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/advreports/advreport.aspx?report=intro&year=2022&leg=Misalucha&rpt\\_type=first\\_pri](https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/advreports/advreport.aspx?report=intro&year=2022&leg=Misalucha&rpt_type=first_pri)

### Hawaii State Senate Announces Plans to Address Corruption

In light of the recent corruption charges by the U.S. Department of Justice on two former legislators, the Hawaii State Senate has announced plans to advance legislation that would address fraud, white collar crime, political corruption and sex and human trafficking. [SB 2930 SD1](#) would establish and fund two new units within the Department of the Attorney General. The measure would appropriate \$834,000 for the operations of the Special Investigation and Prosecution unit and \$754,000 to operate the Sex and Human Trafficking unit.

The bill is scheduled to be heard by the committees on GVO/JDC/WAM on Thursday, February 17, 2022 at 3:00pm via Videoconference.

### Senators Send Letter to Navy Secretary about Red Hill Navy Fuel Tank

On Tuesday, February 8, 2022, 24 Hawaii State Senators including Sen. Misalucha signed a letter addressed to U.S. Navy Secretary Carlos De Toro calling for the Navy to end legal challenges to the State Department of Health's Emergency Order and to defuel the Red Hill tanks.

**To view the full letter**, visit: <https://www.hawaiisenatemajority.com/post/state-senators-call-for-navy-to-end-legal-challenges-and-defuel-red-hill-tanks>

## COMMUNITY UPDATES

**Free Tax Help For Eligible Filers at Aiea Public Library**

The Hawaii Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA) is offering its Free Tax Return Service in our district at Aiea Public Library for Eligible Hawaii Residents

**Where: Aiea Public Library – Meeting Room | 99-374 Pohai Place | Aiea, HI 96701**

**Drop Off Date:**

Saturday, March 5, 2022

10:00 am to 1:00 pm

You will need to show photo ID and Social Security Card for every person listed on the tax return form

Leave copies of all your tax documents

Completed intake form with tax preparation volunteers at the site (<https://secureservercdn.net/198.71.233.229/pzk.bd3.myftpupload.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/f13614c-Intake-Form-2022.pdf>)

**Pick up Date:**

Saturday, March 12, 2022

10:00 am to 1:00 pm

A tax preparation volunteer will review your tax return with the tax filer

If everything is correct, then the tax filer will be given a hard copy of the tax return

The tax filer will need to sign the approval for electronic filing

**COVID-19 Vaccinations and Masks Required | Unvaccinated individuals will be serviced outside**

**Appointment Required**

Call Hawaii Tax Help at (808) 450-4351 or

Email: [stamanaha@hawaiitaxhelp.org](mailto:stamanaha@hawaiitaxhelp.org)