



Hawaii State Senator Bennette E. Misalucha

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Report to the Pearl City Neighborhood Board No. 21 July 2022

Dear Neighbor,

This month, Governor David Ige announced he signed 311 out of 349 bills into law, vetoed 26 bills, and allowed two measures to become law without his signature. I want to especially note in this report about that the Governor's line-item vetoes in the state's supplementary budget bill - [HB1600 CD1](#). He also signed other bills into law including a package of measures introduced by the Women's Legislative Caucus. See more in State & Capitol Updates.

The Annual Pearl City Complex School Supply Fund Drive on July 16, 2022 was yet again another success as well as the 2nd Annual Community Day in Our Schools on July 23, 2022 where more than 100 volunteers joined me to help spruce up public school campuses before the start of the new school year on August 1, 2022. Mahalo to all the volunteers for their labor of love at these two community events!

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 senmisalucha@capitol.hawaii.gov.

At Your Service,

Senator Bennette E. Misalucha
Senate District 16

Calendar of Events

July 2022

- 4 Fourth of July Holiday
- 16 3rd Annual Pearl City Complex School Supply Drive, 9:00 am
- 23 2nd Annual Community Day in Our Schools, 8:00 am
- 26 Pearl City Neighborhood Board Meeting, 7:00 pm

August 2022

- 19 Statehood Day Holiday

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STATE & CAPITOL UPDATES

Governor David Ige Crosses Out Line-Item Vetoes

In a [press conference](#) held on July 6, 2022, Gov. Ige informed that he has [line-item vetoed](#) funding in the state supplementary budget that he plans to sign into law ([HB1600 CD1](#)). The measure appropriates funds for Fiscal Biennium 2021-2023, to fund operations and capital improvement projects of Executive Branch agencies and programs. The Governor's statements of objections can be viewed at [GM1349](#) to learn more about the objections regarding HB1600 CD1.

Five Women's Legislative Caucus Bills Signed Into Law

On July 6, 2022, Gov. David Ige signed into law a package of bills designed to further improve the well-being of women:

[SB2641](#) - Appropriates \$200,000 for residential programs that allow minor children to remain with their mothers while participating in the program, to reduce the risk of trauma and multigenerational incarceration, including community-based furlough programs, residential drug treatment programs, therapeutic community programs, and mental health programs.

[HB1775](#) - Requires annual reporting by the University of Hawaii, Department of Education, and State Public Charter School Commission to the Legislature on the number and types of Title IX cases and employee training on Title IX and related policies. Includes \$350,000 in funding for equity training for DOE schools and public charter schools.

[SB2637](#) - Requires a community-based work furlough program for incarcerated women in the State and includes an appropriation of \$1 million to Department of Public Safety.

[HB2312](#) - Establishes a Women's Corrections Implementation Commission in the Judiciary, includes a \$10,000 appropriation.

[HB2421](#) - Creates a three-year pilot program for a Women's Court in the First Circuit. Appropriates \$695,236.



Gov. Ige (center) with members of the Women's Legislative Caucus. L to R: Sens. Moriwaki, DeCoite, Baker, Kidani, San Buenaventura, and Misalucha, July 6, 2022.

STATE & CAPITOL UPDATES

Governor David Ige Signs More Bills Into Law

On July 7, 2022, Gov. Ige signed the following bills relating early education into law:

[HB2000](#) - Appropriates funds to the School Facilities Authority to expand access to pre-kindergarten

[SB2182](#) - Establishes a school garden coordinator position

[SB2818](#) - Establishes a summer learning coordinator position

[SB2862](#) - Appropriates funds to install air conditioning units

[HB1561](#) - Establishes a workforce readiness program within the Department

Amendments to Keiki Car Seat Requirements

The Hawaii Department of Transportation (HDOT) notifies Hawaii parents and others responsible for transporting keiki of the passage of [Act 122 \(22\)](#). Act 122 amends requirements for child passenger restraint by requiring rear facing child safety seats for children less than two years of age, increases the age through which a child must use a child passenger restraint or booster seat to 10 years old, and raises fines for certain violations.

“Unrestrained children are three times more likely to be injured in a crash,” said Gov. David Ige. “Even one injured keiki is one too many. That’s why I signed Act 122. The new child passenger safety law addresses gaps in the previous statute and aligns Hawai‘i with the latest research and national recommendations.”

Act 122 Overview

- (1) If the child is under two years of age, the child must be properly restrained in a rear-facing car seat with harness.
- (2) If a child is two years or older but less than four years old, the child must be properly restrained in a rear-facing or forward-facing car seat with harness.
- (3) All children under ten years old must be properly restrained regardless of how many seat belt assemblies are in the vehicle.
- (4) Violators of the law will be required by the court to attend a child passenger safety class approved by the Hawaii State Judiciary.

For more information on child passenger safety and for information on local child safety seat inspection sites, please visit the [Keiki Injury Prevention Coalition website](#).

COMMUNITY UPDATES

Pearl City School Complex School Supply Fund Drive

In Honor of the late Senator Breene Harimoto

Congratulations to the Pearl City Community Association (PCCA) for a successful school supply fund drive on July 16, 2022 at the Central Pacific Bank Pearl Highlands branch. Generous donations from reams of paper, notebooks, pencils to backpacks as well as monetary donations were collected. PCCA will distribute to each of the public schools in Pearl City.



L to R: Jits Fujimura, Patti Rabacal, Sen. Misalucha, Kelsey Poaha, Alvin Fukuhara, Ashley Brodeur and Alika Poaha



Kelsey Poaha sorting donated school supplies.



Ashley Brodeur and Pattie Rabacal organizing the donated school supplies.

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2nd Annual Community Day In Our Schools

An annual event started by the Office of Sen. Misalucha, this district-wide event on July 23, 2022 gathered more than 100 community volunteers to clean up Pearl City and Aiea public school campuses before the new school year begins on August 1, 2022. Mahalo to all the volunteers who pitched in to help spruce up campuses at Pearl City Highlands Elementary as well as at Waiau Elementary. See collage below of the Community Day in Our School activities at Waiau Elementary and Pearl City Highlands Elementary (PCHES).

