

Office of

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Aloha,

As we begin the 2022 Legislative Session, I want to express my sincerest gratitude to you for the opportunity to represent you at the Hawaii State House of Representatives. I am excited to work with my colleagues to do the work of the people.

Highlighted in this news letter are bills that may be of interest to you and District 22. These bills cover topics such as noise pollution, public safety, environment, homelessness, and government accountability. Thank you to everyone who wrote to our office regarding the issues that they care about. There are many other bills introduced this legislative session, and I encourage you to track them and submit testimony.

Thank you again for the opportunity to serve you at the Legislature.

Mahalo,

Adrian Tam
State Representative



Rep. Tam with Rep. Greggor Ilagan on Opening Day

2022 Bills

HB1648 RELATING TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Requires state agencies to report annually to the Governor's Coordinator on Homelessness on any vacant state land that could be utilized for construction of affordable housing

HB1854 RELATING TO NOISE CONTROL

Enhances control of low-frequency noise from establishments regulated by liquor commissions, sets a max permissible noise level in dBC. Clarifies emissions of noise exceeding the max permissible noise level constitutes a noise violation. Allows noise violations to be enforced by summons/citation issued by law enforcement. Allows liquor commissions to adopt rules to issue fines for noise violation. Allows liquor commissions to revoke or suspend a liquor license, deny the application, renewal, or transfer of a license, or withhold issuance of a license when the licensee or applicant fails to take corrective action to address noise complaints or violations.

HB1856 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION

Increases the minimum and potential maximum fine for violating certain provisions relating to the installation of a noisy muffler

HB1669 RELATING TO SEA LEVEL RISE ADAPTATION

Establishes a pilot program to convene a working group to develop a Waikiki adaptation and resilience plan to address climate change and sea level impacts in Waikiki

HB1672 RELATING TO SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS

Expands the purpose and rationale for which counties may create special improvement districts to include environmental research, restoration, and maintenance; natural resource management; and natural hazard mitigation to improve environmental conditions and provide community benefits

HB1648 RELATING TO HOMELESSNESS

Establishes the Office of Homelessness and Housing Solutions and the Homelessness and Housing Solutions Special Fund

HB1927 RELATING TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS (CIPs) FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE 22nd REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT

Appropriates funds for CIPs in House District 22

2022 Bills Cont.

HB 1501 RELATING TO THE HAWAII NATURAL ENERGY INSTITUTE

Establishes the research partnership program within the Hawaii natural energy institute that allows businesses or private entities to partner with or utilize research conducted by the institute.

HB 1502 RELATING TO SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS

Allows a defendant who has been convicted of four misdemeanors in any business district or resort zoned area to be sentenced to a probationary term of geographic restriction, during which the defendant shall be prohibited from entering the district or area in which the acts occurred. Mandates imprisonment of thirty days for violation.

HB 1542 RELATING TO LEGISLATIVE ACCESS THROUGH REMOTE TESTIMONY

Requires each house of the legislature to establish procedures that enables the legislature to use remote testimony at legislative committee hearings, enable the public to present oral testimony at legislative committee hearings through remote testimony, and accommodate persons with disabilities through remote testimony. Defines "remote testimony".

HB1543 RELATING TO SOCIAL WORK

Develop and establish a program to train incarcerated nonviolent individuals in the area of social work.

HB1544 RELATING TO GOVT. ACCOUNTABILITY

Requires state departments and agencies to submit a report to the legislature on certain information of funded state programs enacted into law within a year of that law's passage.

HB 1545 RELATING TO NOISE POLLUTION

Directs Department of Health to adopt rules for the control, prevention, and abatement of noise pollution emitted by vehicles in the State. Prohibits the use, ownership, and sale of excessively loud vehicles

HB1546 RELATING TO AIR POLLUTION

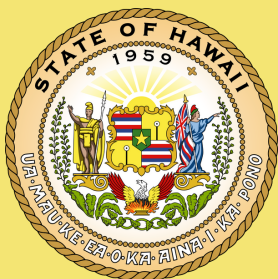
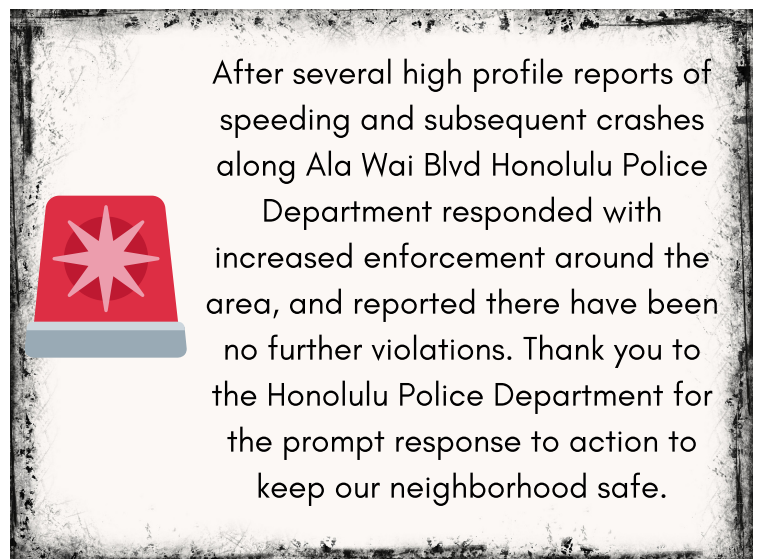
Requires DOH to, consistent with federal law, adopt cost-effective and technologically feasible regulations to prohibit engine exhaust and evaporative emissions from new small off-road engines. Requires DOH to report to the legislature by December 31, 2023, with recommendations for funding for commercial rebates or similar incentive funding to support the transition to zero-emission small off-road equipment operations.

HB 1580 RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE

Specifies under the Hawaii Rules of Evidence that a court may order that the testimony of witnesses be taken through a live two-way video connection in certain circumstances.

HB1582 RELATING TO HOMELESSNESS

Requires the governor's coordinator on homelessness to collect and maintain a database of private property owners who give prior consent for homeless service providers to enter an owner's private property, for purposes of administering homeless services to a homeless individual located on that private property. Requires a report to the legislature. Exempts homeless service providers from civil and criminal liability that may result from the administration of homeless services. Appropriates funds.



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