

# Hawaii State Representative Adrian K. Tam

## 2023 LEGISLATIVE RECAP

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Aloha Neighbors,

Thank you for the honor and privilege of representing you as your State Representative. Over the course of four months, my colleagues and I worked cooperatively to introduce, hear, and pass measures that address many pressing issues and needs of our community and state.

When the Legislature adjourned Sine Die on May 4, 2023, we passed 274 bills focused on various matters impacting the state. Among these bills include: Providing Hawaii's working families with over \$703,000,000 in targeted tax relief for the next five years; Appropriating \$3,500,000 per fiscal year for the **Child and Adolescent Crisis Mobile Outreach Team Pilot Program**; Appropriating \$170,000,000 to plan and **build teacher housing across the State**; Appropriating \$194,200,000 to protect, manage, and restore the State's natural resources; **Appropriating \$10,800,000 each year for homelessness programs**; Appropriating \$38,800,000 for the **Preschool Open Doors program** and; Implementing firearms regulations that strive to balance individual rights with public safety.

District 24 also had a big win this session on the issue of quiet streets/noise. Together with Senator Sharon Moriwaki we passed SB588 "Relating to Excessive Noise" which creates a pilot program to install noise detecting traffic cameras to fight illegally modified mufflers.

I am committed more than ever to continue our mission to amplify and advocate for the needs of the neighborhood for a stronger community and state.

Sincerely,



Adrian Tam, Hawaii State Representative

## 2023 BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

*The most important bill passed this year is the State Budget (HB 300).*

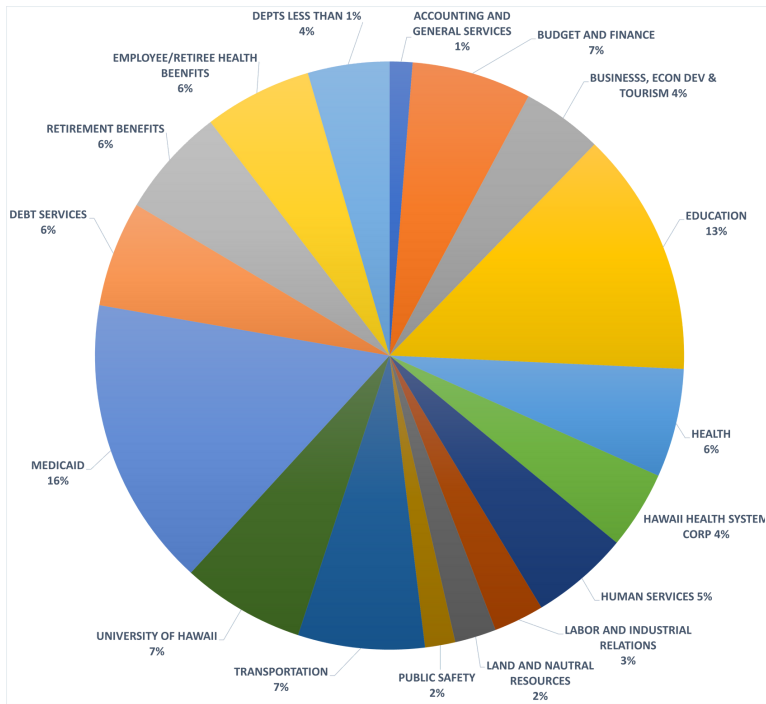
*Here are some of the highlights:*

- \$100,000,000 for the Hawaii Green Infrastructure
- \$280,000,000 into the Rental Housing Revolving Fund Authority to provide solar loans to low-income families
- \$280,000,000 into the Rental Housing Revolving Fund
- \$100,000,000 into the Dwelling Unit Revolving Fund to support affordable housing infrastructure
- Increasing the Medicaid reimbursement rates to 100% of Medicare rates
- Securing over \$93,000,000 in federal funds to expand broadband infrastructure
- Taxing vaping products similar to other tobacco products, projected to generate \$15,000,000 per year in revenue and disincentivize use among youth and young adults
- Strengthening the State's reproductive health care services and protections
- Improving the standards of conduct for public officers and employees.





# 2023 BUDGET BREAKDOWN



## HB300 EXEC BUDGET BY DEPT. (ALL FORMS OF FUNDING)

DEPARTMENT	AMOUNT	%
ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES	245,371,332	1%
BUDGET AND FINANCE	1,286,191,917	7%
BUSINESS, ECON DEV & TOURISM	866,499,622	4%
EDUCATION	2,639,605,541	13%
HEALTH	1,169,504,286	6%
HAWAII HEALTH SYSTEM CORP	837,908,325	4%
HUMAN SERVICES	1,057,539,448	5%
LABOR AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS	540,786,587	3%
LAND AND NAUTRAL RESOURCES	445,089,801	2%
PUBLIC SAFETY	325,147,637	2%
TRANSPORTATION	1,361,602,667	7%
UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII	1,322,134,614	7%
MEDICAID	3,125,990,579	16%
DEBT SERVICES	1,138,771,074	6%
RETIREMENT BENEFITS	1,182,674,986	6%
EMPLOYEE/RETIREE HEALTH BENEFITS	1,160,450,475	6%
DEPTS LESS THAN 1%	876,177,575	4%
TOTAL	19,581,446,466	100%



## 2023 CIP/GIA FOR THE DISTRICT

This year, my fellow legislators and I were able to secure major funding for Capital Improvement Projects and State Grants for state facilities, state projects, and community organizations. Here is a breakdown of that funding for our district:

### Capital Improvement Projects (CIP)

#### Ala Wai Elementary School

- Construction for re-cabling and upgrades to bells and paging speakers

#### Kaimuki High School

- Communication systems improvements for bells and paging system
- School Safety
- Improvements for on-line learning

#### McKinley High School

- Design and construction for full campus perimeter fence
- Plans, design, construction for athletic facility, including new bleachers

#### Waikiki Master Plan

- Improvements in the Sheraton-Halekulani, Royal Hawaiian and Kuhio Beach sections including
  - Sand dredging and restoration
  - refurbishment of groins
  - construction of new groins

#### Ala Wai Small Boat Harbor

- Design and construction for resurfacing of existing access roads and parking areas

### Grants-In-Aid (GIA)

- \$25k - VFW Post 8616 Diamond Head
- \$190k - Hawaii Health & Harm Reduction Center
- \$500k - Institute for Human Services
- \$400k - Moiliili Community Center
- \$400k - Project Vision Hawaii
- \$350k - Waikiki Community Center
- \$300k - Weed and Seed of Hawaii



Opening Day with friends from the Waikiki Community Center



# 2023 LEGISLATIVE HIGHLIGHTS

**SB821 Illegal Fireworks Task Force.** Establishes an Illegal Fireworks Task Force within the Department of Law Enforcement to stop the importation of illegal fireworks and explosives into the State, promote compliance with state fireworks control laws

**SB729 Real Estate Commission; Condominium Associations; Boards of Directors; Leadership Training.** Requires the Real Estate Commission to develop a curriculum for leadership training for members of boards of directors of condominium associations.

**SB346 Emergency Vehicles; Siren Use.** Permits authorized emergency vehicles, except police vehicles, to use sirens at their discretion when responding to an emergency or in other specified situations if the siren is not reasonably necessary under the circumstances.

**HB954 Household and Dependent Care Services Tax Credit; State Earned Income Tax Credit; Food/Excise Tax Credit.** Increases the maximum amount of employment-related expenses that may be used to calculate the Household and Dependent Care Services Tax Credit allowed to a taxpayer for the taxable year. Increases the refundable state Earned Income Tax Credit from 20 to 40 percent of the federal Earned Income Tax Credit. Increases the income thresholds and credit amounts of the refundable Food/Excise Tax Credit. Sunsets December 31, 2027.

**HB485 Certificates of Marriage; Changes; Gender and Sex Identifiers.** Beginning January 1, 2024, provides for the replacement of certificates of marriage for individuals who have changed their gender and sex identifiers, and, if applicable, name.

**HB948 Crisis Mobile Outreach Team Pilot Program.** Establishes a two-year Child and Adolescent Crisis Mobile Outreach Team Pilot Program on Oahu and one neighbor island site, at a location determined by the Department of Health, to expand existing crisis response services.

**SB941 School Facilities Authority; Housing for Teachers, Educators, and Staff.** Appropriates \$170,000,000 out of the School Facilities Special Fund for the construction of housing prioritized for teachers, educators, and staff and personnel and other related expenses. Requires housing developed under this measure to be prioritized for teachers, educators, and staff.

**SB898 State Rent Supplement Program for Kupuna.** Establishes the State Rent Supplement Program for Kupuna to provide state rent supplement assistance and other services to qualified kupuna who are 62 years of age or older and are homeless or at imminent risk of becoming homeless.

**SB588 Noise Detection Cameras Pilot Program.** Requires the Department of Transportation to develop and implement a pilot program to use noise detection traffic cameras to address excessive traffic noise in urban areas in each participating county.

**SB1417 Climate Change; Sea Level Rise; Climate-resilient Development** Requires the Hawai'i Community Development Authority to consider the impacts of climate change, sea level rise, and climate-resilient development in the design and siting of buildings in the Kakaako and Kalaeloa community development districts.



## CONDO RIGHTS RESOURCES

**Here are some of the key rights for owners:**

- Participate and have their voices heard in governance decisions.
- Access to documents and records pursuant to §§514B-152, 153, 154, and 154.5, HRS.
- Proper notice regarding elections,
- fines, maintenance fee increases, borrowing, bylaw changes, special meetings and other decisions.
- Honest and respectful treatment by their association and managing agent.

**Have questions???**

Where do I file a complaint against my association?  
What laws apply to my condominium association?

For questions, contact:

Real Estate Branch Department of Commerce and  
Consumer Affairs

Condominium Hotline: 808-586-2644

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## 2023 END OF SESSION NEWSLETTER



Rep. Tam with students from McKinley High School "American Problems" class.



Rep. Tam speaking at the Hawaii State Capitol.



Rep. Tam was honored in April by the Hawaii Children's Action Network for his work advocating for Hawaii's keiki.



Unveiling of the Peace Pole at Jefferson Elementary School.



Meeting with members of AARP to discuss issues relating to our Kupuna.



Advocating for safe driving with Waikiki citizens and stakeholders.



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