



# Hawaii State Representative Adrian K. Tam

House District 24



# 2024 LEGISLATIVE RECAP

June 2024



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, debate and pass measures that address many pressing issues and needs of our community and state. These issues included addressing the recovery and rebuilding of Lahaina and Maui, ensuring the State was prepared for future disasters arising from the impacts of climate change, providing tax relief to the State's asset limited, income constrained, employed (ALICE) families, expanding services for mental health care, and addressing the State's housing crisis.

When the Legislature adjourned Sine Die on May 3, 2024, we passed 262 bills focused on various matters impacting the State. This newsletter serves as a brief overview and district highlights for the 2024 session, which I hope you find informative. I look forward to hearing from you over the interim with you ideas for future legislation.

Sincerely,

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## 2024 BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

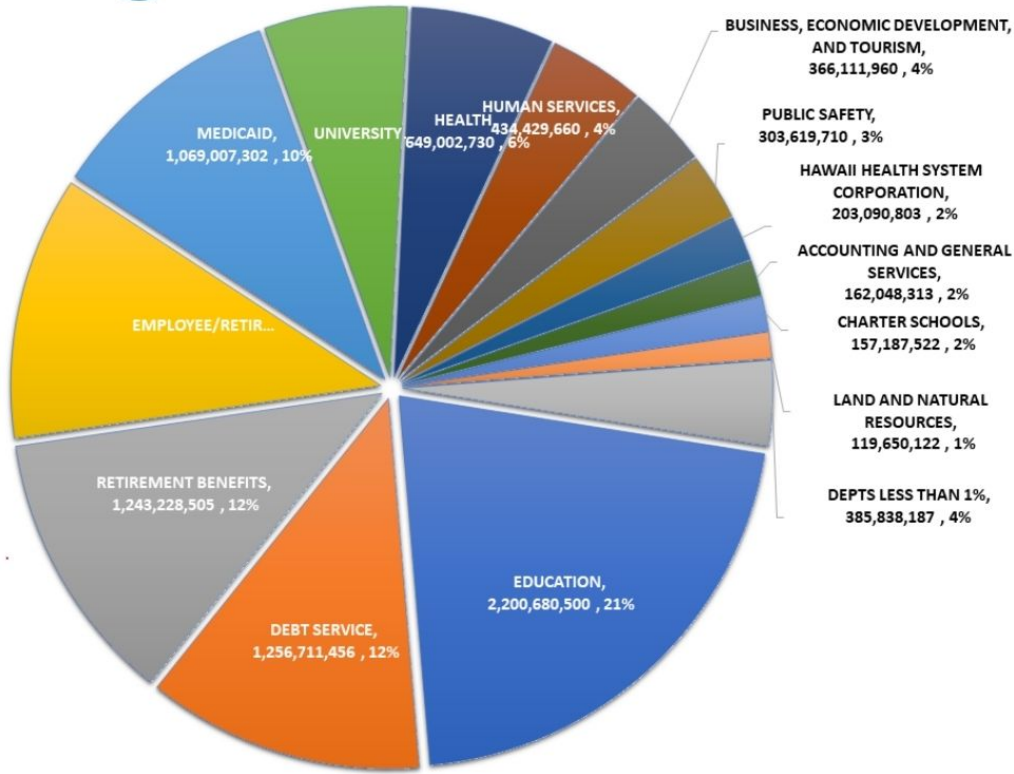
The most important bill passed this year is the State Budget (HB 1800). Here are some highlights:

- \$1,320,000 for Homeless Programs Office contract increases
- Increasing special fund ceiling by \$34,000,000 for the Hawai'i Convention Center
- \$2,150,665 and 4.0 positions to implement upgraded safety and security measures at the Hawai'i State Hospital
- \$6,800,000 for psychiatric in-patient services
- \$18,800,000 for contracts for the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Division
- \$6,657,400 for the 'Iwilei behavioral health crisis center and supportive housing services
- \$3,000,000 for Mobile Treatment Clinics in 'Ohana Zones
- \$1,000,000 for youth mental health services
- \$10,500,000 for Hawaii Public Housing Authority for repair and maintenance
- \$15,525,000 for Medicaid Home and Community Based Service contract increase
- \$3,700,000 for Community College Hawai'i Promise Program
- Increasing special fund ceiling by \$3,000,000 for roadside maintenance
- Increasing special fund ceiling by \$244,370 for security at harbors
- \$8,880,000 for new and existing group home services
- \$1,500,000 for the Law Enforcement Training Division at the Department of Law Enforcement
- 30.0 positions and \$63,000,000 for the Hawai'i Tourism Authority
- 5.0 positions and \$525,796 for the Criminal Justice Division

# 2024 BUDGET BREAKDOWN

Department	FY25 Totals	%
EDUCATION	2,200,680,500	21.17%
DEBT SERVICE	1,256,711,456	12.09%
RETIREMENT BENEFITS	1,243,228,505	11.96%
EMPLOYEE/RETIREE HEALTH BENEFITS	1,195,320,896	11.50%
MEDICAID	1,069,007,302	10.28%
UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII	650,018,331	6.25%
HEALTH	649,002,730	6.24%
HUMAN SERVICES	434,429,660	4.18%
BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM	366,111,960	3.52%
PUBLIC SAFETY	303,619,710	2.92%
HAWAII HEALTH SYSTEM CORPORATION	203,090,803	1.95%
ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES	162,048,313	1.56%
CHARTER SCHOOLS	157,187,522	1.51%
LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES	119,650,122	1.15%
DEPTS LESS THAN 1%	385,838,187	3.71%
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,395,945,997</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

Less Than 1%	FY 25 Totals	%
BUDGET AND FINANCE	52,241,912	0.50%
ATTORNEY GENERAL	49,179,206	0.47%
PUBLIC LIBRARIES	45,798,553	0.44%
DEFENSE	41,151,369	0.40%
TAXATION	38,944,859	0.37%
LAW ENFORCEMENT	37,296,775	0.36%
HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT	27,497,547	0.26%
AGRICULTURE	27,220,112	0.26%
LABOR AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS	26,919,749	0.26%
HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS	26,796,100	0.26%
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR	5,426,774	0.05%
TRANSPORTATION	5,000,000	0.05%
OFFICE OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR	2,365,231	0.02%
<b>Total</b>	<b>385,838,187</b>	<b>3.71%</b>



# 2024 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)



### McKinley High School

- \$2m - Plans, design, and construction for improvements to athletic facilities, including resurfacing of tennis courts; equipment and appurtenances
- \$4m - Design and construction for architectural barrier removal (phase 3) for ADA requirements

### Hawaii State Public Library System, Health and Safety, Statewide

\$10m - Construction and equipment for health, safety, accessibility, and other code requirements. Projects may include, but not limited to, the removal of hazardous materials, renovations for library patrons and employees, environmental controls, fire protection, improvements to buildings and grounds, and others; ground and site improvements; equipment and appurtenances



### Ala Wai Elementary School

\$4.6m - Design and construction for a covered playcourt; ground and site improvements; equipment and appurtenances

## Grants-In-Aid (GIA)

- \$350k - Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii
- \$75k - Alzheimer's caregiving & the caregivers
- \$200k - Moiliili Community Center
- \$200k - Waikiki Business Improvement District Association
- \$50k - Waikiki Community Center

### Ala Wai Small Boat Harbor

\$3m - Finger piers, docks, restroom facilities, electrical infrastructure, sewer and general repairs





# 2024 LEGISLATIVE HIGHLIGHTS



Below is a selection of bill highlights that will have significant impacts on our district and community. Many of the measures included in this publication are pending (approval or potential veto) by the Governor.

For an up-to-date status of the bill please check the Capitol Website

Bill Status: <https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/>

**HB2404 RELATING TO INCOME TAX.** Incrementally increases standard deduction amounts and widens income tax brackets for specific taxable years beginning after 12/31/2023.

**SB2350 RELATING TO NOISE POLLUTION.** Establishes a separate prohibition on driving motor vehicles with noisy mufflers on public highways in high density population areas. Establishes separate fines for violations of motor scooter and motor vehicle muffler laws. Defines "high density population areas".

**HB2726 RELATING TO CONDOMINIUMS.** Requires the Legislative Reference Bureau to conduct a study on certain condominium subjects and report to the Legislature before the Regular Session of 2026. Extends until June 30, 2026, the deadline for the final report and the cease date for the Condominium Property Regime Task Force established pursuant to Act 189, Session Laws of Hawaii 2023. Appropriates \$200,000 out of general revenues and \$150,000 out of special funds for the Legislative Reference Bureau to conduct the study. Allows the Legislative Reference Bureau to contract the services of a consultant, without regard to the Hawaii Public Procurement Code, for purposes of conducting the study.

**HB1577 RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLE TOWING FEES.** Increases the statutory caps on certain towing charges. Authorizes tow operators to charge a towing surcharge of no more than \$35 if the tow involves overturned vehicles. Requires that a towing company that charges fees to tow vehicles left unattended on private and public property to accept payment from the vehicle owner by cash, credit card, and debit card and not direct an individual to use an on-site automated teller machine in lieu of accepting payment by credit card and debit card.

**SB3011 RELATING TO NOISE.** Makes it unlawful for any person to operate a weed whacker in or within one hundred feet of a residential zone during certain times of the day. Extends the time for the legal use of leaf blowers and weed whackers within or near residential zones by one hour. Provides exceptions for government entities and agents acting on behalf of government entities during emergencies.

**HB470 RELATING TO MINORS.** Clarifies the definition of "provider" as it relates to the entities eligible to provide no cost emergency shelter and related services to a consenting minor to include certain organizations who are not considered child placing organizations or child caring institutions. Sunsets 6/30/2029.

**SB2347 RELATING TO CRIME.** Establishes the class C felony offense of habitual violent crime. Requires the Department of the Attorney General to report to the Legislature before the Regular Sessions of 2025 and 2026 on the number of convictions for the offense of habitual violent crime. Requires the prosecuting attorney of each county to submit data to the Department of the Attorney General for the purposes of the reports no later than December 1 of 2024 and 2025. Sunsets June 30, 2027.

**HB2090 RELATING TO HOUSING.** Beginning January 1, 2025, permits residential uses, including multifamily uses, in areas zoned for commercial use, under certain circumstances. Requires, no later than January 1, 2025, each county to adopt or amend its ordinances to allow for adaptive reuse of existing commercial buildings. Specifies requirements for the adaptive reuse ordinances that must be adopted by each county.

**HB2315 RELATING TO CONDOMINIUMS.** Repeals the laws relating to the use of electronic voting devices in condominium association meetings. Clarifies the procedures for condominium associations to conduct electronic meetings, electronic voting, and mail voting.

**SB2600 RELATING TO CONDOMINIUMS.** Authorizes the use of electronic mail for the delivery of certain documents when purchasing condominium units.

**SB2687 RELATING TO ELECTIONS.** Prohibits a person from recklessly distributing, or entering into an agreement with another person to distribute, materially deceptive media to impact elections, subject to certain exceptions. Establishes criminal penalties and civil remedies for distributing materially deceptive media.

**HB2159 RELATING TO MENTAL HEALTH.** Providing a mechanism for nonviolent petty misdemeanor defendants whose fitness to proceed in criminal proceedings remains an outstanding issue to be automatically screened for involuntary hospitalization or assisted community treatment. Authorizing the courts to require a probation violator to undergo a mental health evaluation and treatment program as a condition of continued probation whenever there is reason to believe that the probation violation is associated with a mental disease, disorder, or defect of the defendant. Authorizing the courts to appoint an attorney to represent the subject of a petition for assisted community treatment if the court determines the interests of justice require one to be appointed and making permanent the administration of treatment over the patient's objection when the patient has been involuntarily hospitalized at a psychiatric facility.





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# FOR OUR NEIGHBORHOOD

Rep Tam at his desk on the chamber floor.



Rep Tam and House Member gathered in the chamber on Sine Die to sing "Hawaii Aloha"



Kahuli advocates with Gov Green signing HB1899 into law



Food Drive Fest Hosted by Lt. Gov Luke



Students from Ala Wai Elementary School visit the Capitol



## 2024 END OF SESSION NEWSLETTER

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