

# COMMUNITY UPDATE

Representative Aaron Ling Johanson

District 31 • Moanalua, Foster Village, Aiea, Lower Pearlridge, Fort Shafter, Red Hill, Aliamanu •

Aloha Neighbors,

As new school year starts with in-person learning, and a rise of the Delta variant, please take precautions to keep you and your family safe. Should you have any questions, concerns, or require assistance on an issue, please don't hesitate to contact me at my office by phone at 586-9470, or email [repjohanson@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:repjohanson@capitol.hawaii.gov). Please take care!

Mahalo,



## EXTENSION FOR RENEWAL OF DRIVER'S LICENSES

Governor David Ige has signed an emergency proclamation related to the COVID-19 response on August 5, 2021. This emergency proclamation extends the deadline to renew driver's licenses and state IDs which have expired. Residents now have until **October 4, 2021** in which to renew and/or update these documents which include driver's licenses, state IDs, and instruction permits.

If your driver's license, instruction permits and/or state identification cards have an expiration date between March 16, 2020 and October 3, 2021, and you have not been able to renew them, these documents will be valid until October 4, 2021. However, you must download and print, and carry with you, a letter issued by the City and County of Honolulu, granting a 60-day extension for expired driver's licenses, state IDs and instruction permits. This letter provides proof of eligibility for the automatic extension through October 4, 2021. You may download and print this letter at [60-day extension letter](#).

This extension allows the counties to conduct in-person operations safely and allows residents to renew their license or IDs which have expired, without having to restart the application process.

The City and County of Honolulu has announced extended hours at certain driver licensing centers. The Kapalama, Kapolei, Ko'olau and Waianae driver licensing centers will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. The Downtown, Hawaii Kai, Pearlridge and Windward City satellite city halls are offering extend services from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., on Saturdays for those who need to renew driver's licenses, instruction permits or state identification cards. For a complete list of the extended hours for the driver licensing centers and satellite city halls, please visit [C&C extended hours](#).

It is recommended that you make an appointment for extended hours services at the driver licensing centers and satellite city halls. Stand-by service is also offered, but is not guaranteed that you will receive service on the same day. To make an appointment, please go to [AlohaQ](#).

The deadline for obtaining a gold star on your ID (either driver's license or state ID) has been extended to **May 3, 2023**. Officials also are encouraging residents to consider getting the gold star on their documents which indicates that it is a Real ID. Having a Real ID allows residents to board domestic flights and access federal facilities. For more information about the gold star on your ID or driver's license, please click on [RealID](#).

## FEDERAL CHILD TAX CREDIT AVAILABLE

Beginning July 15, and running through December, taxpayers with eligible children will be receiving advance Child Tax Credit payments from the Internal Revenue Service. (IRS), which are equivalent to half of the total amount of credit you would have received and you will receive the second half of the tax credits when you file your 2021 income tax returns.

To qualify for the Advance Child Tax Credit., you must have:

- File an income tax return for 2019 or 2020 and claimed the Child Tax Credit on your return; **or**
- Given the IRS information in 2020 to receive the Economic Impact Payment using the Non-Filers , Enter Payment Info Here tool; **and**
- A main home in the United States for more than half a year or file a joint return with a spouse who has a main home in the United States for more than have a year; **and**
- A qualifying child who is under the age of 18 at the end of 2021; **and**
- Make less than certain income limits.

The IRS will automatically make the payments to your checking account. If you end up receiving more credits than you are allowed to claim at tax time, you may need to repay some of the tax credits to the IRS. For example, this may occur when you were able to claim 2 qualifying children on your 2020 tax return, but no longer can claim 1 of them on your 2021 income tax return. For additional information, please go to: [AdvanceChildTaxCredit](#).

## SELF SERVICE PORTAL LAUNCH

Beginning September 2021, the Board of Water Supply is launching a refreshed self-service portal, where you may check, manage and pay your water bill online at anytime. The refreshed self-service portal will have a mobile-friendly display, and you will soon be able to manage and pay your water and sewer bill from mobile phone. If you have any other questions, please call the Board of Water Supply at (808) 748-5000 from 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday; or email them at [CustomerService@hbws.org](mailto:CustomerService@hbws.org).

## IN OUR COMMUNITY



On July 31, 2021, Representative Johanson joined other volunteers in preparing Aiea Elementary School for the start of the 2021-2022 school year.

