



Hawaii State Senator Bennette E. Misalucha

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Report to the Aiea Neighborhood Board No. 20 September 2022

Dear Neighbor,

Last month, the Hawai'i State Senate confirmed the judicial nomination of Annalisa M. Bernard Lee to the District Court of the Second Circuit (County of Maui). Her term expires in six years.

I also recently attended The Hunt Institute's Early Childhood Leadership Summit at the Arizona Grand Resort & Spa in Phoenix, AZ. I was part of Hawai'i's state team that participated in various discussions, activities, and presentations aimed at addressing our most pressing early childhood policy needs with peers from across the nation.

I participated in a ceremonial signing where the Hawai'i State Department of Education (HIDOE), University of Hawai'i System (UH) and Amazon Web Services (AWS) announced a new collaboration to increase access to cloud computing education. This initiative will be piloted at our district's two high schools. Our office has been working on this for almost two years and I am happy to see it begin here in our district for our students.

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

September 2022

- 5 Labor Day Holiday
- 12 Aiea Neighborhood Board Meeting, 7:00pm
- 19 Aiea Community Association Meeting, 7:00pm

October 2022

- 10 Aiea Neighborhood Board Meeting, 7:00pm
- 17 Aiea Community Association Meeting, 7:00pm

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STATE & CAPITOL UPDATES

HIDOE, UH and Amazon Web Services Announce New Collaboration to Increase Access to Cloud Computing Education

The Hawai'i State Department of Education (HIDOE), University of Hawai'i System (UH) and Amazon Web Services (AWS) announced a new collaborative effort to train, upskill and certify students in cloud computing skills over the next three years to create pathways to technical jobs. This initiative will provide access to cloud computing education courses that align with certifications through high schools and higher education.

The initial AWS education programs will be piloted at 'Aiea and Pearl City high schools.

The collaboration was made official during a ceremonial signing on Tuesday, August 30, 2022 at the Michael D. Nakasone Cultural Center at Pearl City High School.

"Providing workforce development opportunities for our students will allow them to enter competitive career pathways and live right here at home if they want to," said Senator Misalucha, who has been advocating for this collaboration to provide access to AWS education programs.

For more information, click [here](#).



*Photo Courtesy: HIDOE
Sen. Misalucha with state educational leaders, and Amazon Web Services
L to R Front Row: Keith Hayashi, Mark Ronaldson, David Lassner
Back Row: Garrett Yoshimi, Joe Halfmann, David Tanuvasa, Sen. Misalucha, Deidre Holmberg, and Carlos Penaloza, Aug. 30, 2022.*

Hawai'i State Senate Confirms Judge Annalisa Bernard Lee



L to R: Chief Justice of the Hawai'i Supreme Court Mark Recktenwald and Judge Annalisa Bernard Lee at the Hawai'i State Capitol, August 23, 2022.

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State Health Department Releases Updated Navy Red Hill Defueling Plan

The Hawai'i Department of Health received a supplement to the Navy's Red Hill defueling plan on September 7, 2022.

“We are focused on ensuring that defueling takes place as quickly and safely as possible,” said Deputy Director of Environmental Health Kathleen Ho. “There is a continued threat to our aquifer and residents every day that fuel remains in the Red Hill tanks.” DOH staff are reviewing the submission and will provide further comment after review. [Click here to read a redacted version of the defueling plan supplement submitted by the Navy.](#)

Senator Misalucha Attends The Hunt Institute's Early Childhood Leadership Summit



L to R: HIDOE Asst. Superintendent Heidi Armstrong, Sen. Donna Mercado Kim, Early Learning Executive Director Yuuko Arikawa Cross, DHS Child Care Regulation Program Administrator Dayna Luka, and Sen. Misalucha, Aug. 25-26, 2022.

Senator Misalucha attended the Hunt Institute's Early Childhood Leadership Summit in Phoenix, AZ. The meeting was attended by state teams comprised of senior elected officials, gubernatorial staff, and key early childhood system leaders with presentations by some of the nation's leading early childhood experts. Participants took part in facilitated state team goal setting and discussed their most pressing early childhood policy needs with peers from across the nation.

COMMUNITY UPDATES

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Location: Aiea Public Library

Saturday, October 1, 2022

9:00 am – 3:00 pm

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Introducing Intern Vea Marie Oliver



Vea Marie Oliver joins the Office of Senator Bennette Misalucha as an intern for the Fall 2022 semester. She will work on legislative research, constituent relations, and other community projects. Veal Marie graduated from 'Aiea High School where she was the Class of 2019 valedictorian (Go Na Ali'ii!). She currently attends the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa and is majoring in Political Science with a minor in Psychology and Philippine Language and Culture. She is expected to graduate in December 2022 and aspires to attend law school.