

COMMUNITY UPDATE

Representative Aaron Ling Johanson

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

Aloha Neighbors,

All of the schools are now back in session, and that means the high schools will be holding their homecoming celebrations and football games. As always, take care while on our roads and keep an eye out for our students celebrating not only the return to school, but also the many activities that come with the school year.

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. Please take care!

Mahalo,



TAX REFUND DISTRIBUTION

Governor David Ige announced the distribution schedule for the highly anticipated, one-time, constitutionally required, tax refund to Hawaii residents who filed income tax returns for 2021. In the first round of refunds, approximately 100,000 taxpayers will receive their refund by direct deposit or mail on or about September 12. Two additional distributions are scheduled for September 9 and September 13, completing the bulk of the direct deposit refunds.

For those taxpayers who are receiving paper refunds, paper check refunds will be sent out in patches of 2,000 until additional check stock is received. Once the additional check stock is received, paper refunds will be sent out in batches of 90,000 per week.

If you have elected to receive your refunds by direct deposit, when you filed your 2021 income tax return you will receive this tax refund by direct deposit. If you have elected to receive your refund by paper check, you will receive this refund by paper check. You may not switch methods of receiving this tax refund.

If you filed your income tax return by July 31, and are expecting a paper check, you should receive your refund by the end of October. If you filed your tax return after July 31, you should receive your refund about 10 weeks after your tax return is accepted by the Department of Taxation. If you would like to receive this tax refund, but have not filed your 2021 state income tax, you have until December 31 to file your tax return in order to be eligible for the refund.

- Taxpayers who earn up to \$100,000 per year, or couples who earn up to \$200,000 per year, will receive \$300 each, including each dependent.
- Taxpayers who earn over \$100,000 per year, or couples earning \$200,000 or more, will receive \$100 each, including each dependent.

In addition to qualifying for the tax return, besides filing your 2021 State of Hawaii income tax return in a timely manner, you must also have been a resident of the State of Hawaii for at least 9 months.

DMV ROAD TESTS ON SATURDAYS

If you or your child are having a difficult time scheduling road tests, there is some relief. You may schedule AlohaQ appointment services or road tests for certain Saturdays until the end of the year. Services include license/ID renewals and duplicates, out-of-state transfers, road tests and written exams.

- **Kapalama Driver Licensing Center:** September 10, October 8, November 5, and December 3.
- **Sheridan Park Road Test Office:** September 17, October 1, November 19, and December 3.
- **Kapolei Driver Licensing Center:** September 17, October 22, November 17, and December 17.

Road tests are by appointment only at the Kapolei and Sheridan Park Centers. There will be stand-by services during the Saturday hours at Kapolei and Kapalama, but **same day service is not guaranteed**. The stand-by service is offered to off set the no-shows and cancellations for appointments.

For more information, go to 808ne.ws/satapp.

IN OUR COMMUNITY



Representative Johanson was honored at AARP's Advocacy Celebration on August 23, 2022, for his work with AARP both as Labor Committee Chair, and Consumer Protection and Commerce Committee Chair to help pass SB3289. The purpose of this measure is to establish the Hawaii Retirement Savings Plan. This is the voluntary, state-facilitated payroll-deduction Individual Retirement Account for private sector employees who do not have access to employer-sponsored retirement savings plans. Governor Ige signed this into law on July 12, 2022.

