



## Hiram Leong Fong

**Party:** Republican • **Chamber:** Senate

**State:** HI

### Biography

A Senator from Hawaii. Born in Honolulu, Hawaii, October 15, 1906. Attended public schools. Graduated from the University of Hawaii in 1930 and Harvard Law School in 1935. Admitted to the bar in 1935 and commenced the practice of law in Honolulu. Deputy attorney for city and county of Honolulu 1935-1938. During the Second World War served as judge advocate of the Seventh Fighter Command of the Seventh Air Force with rank of major 1942-1945. Member of the Territorial legislature 1938-1954, serving four years as vice speaker and six years as speaker. Vice president of the Territorial Constitutional Convention in 1950. Chairman of the board and president of several insurance and financial institutions. Engaged in banana farming in Honolulu. Elected as a Republican to the United States Senate in 1959 upon the admission of Hawaii as a State. Reelected in 1964 and again in 1970 and served from August 21, 1959, to January 3, 1977. Was not a candidate for reelection in 1976. Returned to private enterprise, and served as chairman of Finance Enterprises, Ltd. Was a resident of Kahaluu, Hawaii, until his death due to kidney failure on August 18, 2004. Interment in Nuuanu Memorial Park and Mortuary, Honolulu, Hawaii.

### Legislative Activity (–)

**Bills sponsored:** 0

**Bills cosponsored:** 0