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SENATOR GLENN WAKAI

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Improving Our Schools

Improvements to the Farrington HS campus are moving forward. The state recently released \$58 million for the design and construction for phase two of the master plan which includes classrooms, music building, physical education facilities and school gym.

The Governor recently released \$500,000 for repairs and improvements for Kalihi Kai Elementary's parking lot. Regular improvements like these keep our keiki and community safe and sound.



Rendering of Farrington HS campus wide master plan

Attempt to Lower the Cost of Groceries and Medicine



Chair Wakai and members of the Energy, Economic Development, & Tourism Committee hear HB2414

In an effort to reduce the high cost of living in Hawaii, Sen. Wakai amended a bill to exempt food and drugs from the state general excise tax.

Residents requested this exemption for years and it was finally inserted into House Bill 2414, which was initially only for diapers. The amended bill passed out of the Energy, Economic Development and Tourism Committee unanimously, but did not make it through its next committee.

Facelift for Sand Island Park

Governor Ige recently released more than \$165 million for capital improvement projects (CIP) to fund critical public infrastructure projects that contribute to building a better home for Hawaii residents. This includes \$2.5 million for the remediation and hazard mitigation of Sand Island State Park's shoreline areas. Sand Island Park is a favorite of many locals where people can camp, take a stroll on the walking path, fish, and bodyboard.



Sand Island State Park