**APRIL 2023** 

## **SENATOR GLENN WAKAI**

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## **SURFING OLYMPIC TRAINING CENTER**

With the addition of the Wai Kai Surf Park comes renewed calls to designate Hawai`i as the official Olympic training site. Brian Keaulana, son of Buffalo Keaulana (one of the founders of surfing), supports Senator Wakai's proposal to bring the training site to Hawai`i.

Carissa Moore's gold medal victory at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics serves as an example of how talented our Hawai`i surfers are. To celebrate her accomplishments, Senator Wakai sponsored an Honorary Certificate recognizing Carissa Moore for being the first Olympic Gold Medalist in surfing during a Senate Floor Session.



Carissa Moore and her family met with Sen. Wakai before she was presented with an Honorary Certificate from the Senate, March 20, 2023.

## ALOHA STADIUM UPDATE

On April 5, 2023, the Senate passed Senate Concurrent Resolution 172, which urges the Department of Accounting and General Services and the Stadium Authority to procure a developer to design, build, operate, and maintain the new Aloha Stadium facility.

Legislators are pushing to keep taxpayer costs within the \$400 million allocated for the new stadium.

Under the New Aloha Stadium Entertainment District plan, the state could make an annual profit after eight years from the contributions of the private builders, depending on ground leases around the stadium which housing, includes plans for new restaurants, shops, and other attractions.

## SENATOR WAKAI HOSTS STUDENTS AT THE STATE CAPITOL

Last month, Senator Wakai had the opportunity to speak with students from Moanalua Middle School and Boy Scouts Troop on their visits to the Capitol. He was joined by Senator Donna Mercado Kim and Representative Micah Aiu, who each spoke about the legislative process and encouraged them to get involved with issues they care about.

